

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – ALL SCHOOLS

PTO Welcome Committee - Multiple Languages

Do you fluently speak a language other than English? Help welcome new non-English speaking families to our District to answer both community and school-related questions. Duties may include helping a family register or translate school forms.

Hospitality (All Year)

There are many opportunities throughout the year to connect with parents, teachers, administration, and the local community at large when volunteering for the Hospitality committee. Some examples include, but are not limited to, Hero's Night at North Park (formerly the Back to School Bash) in August, chili lunch, and appreciation days. This is a "warm fuzzy" committee, dedicated to connecting with the school community and showing appreciation for our D103 staff and administration!

Camp Fair (January)

Assist with this fundraising event to be held in conjunction with the Learning Fund Foundation's STEAM Conference at Daniel Wright School. This event showcases camps in the area, ranging from tech camps to art camps, sports camps and drama camps, day and overnight camps. Help organize this event or assist on the day with set up, registration, and support for camp presenters.

Teacher Appreciation Week (May)

Help coordinate the special activities, raffles, lunches, and snacks for the whole week or volunteer during that week to help our kids show sincere appreciation for their teachers.

Run For D103 5K Run/Walk (May)

Join the 5K team to help organize this fun family-friendly, fund raising event or volunteer on the day. There are many volunteering roles to choose from and most do allow you to participate in the 5K.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT SPRAGUE

SP Room Parent (All Year)

As a room parent volunteer, you will be responsible for assisting your child's teacher with any ad hoc requests, recruiting volunteers for field trips, facilitating the Halloween Party, and volunteering to help out at all grade level events. A PTO Family Membership is required to fulfill this role. Room parent selection will be made at the beginning of the school year when class lists have been released. An orientation meeting will be held during the start of the school year. This is a fantastic way to develop a relationship with your child's teacher and class parents/guardians!

SP Library Aide (Flexible Days All Year)

Assist the Librarian with various tasks. Such as shelving books and helping students find books to check out, during days and times convenient for you.

SP Lunchroom Aide (Flexible Days All Year)

Students loving seeing their parents/guardians during school hours and our little ones sure could use your help during lunch to open milk cartons, water bottles, thermos containers, etc. This is a great opportunity for a quick visit with your child at school while helping out the lunch staff.

SP School Picture Day (September)

Volunteers assist the photographers and students for approximately one hour during picture day. Help our little ones look their best and smile their best smile for the camera by being there as a supportive chaperone!

SP Book Fair (December)

Volunteering at the Book Fair is one of the most fun and rewarding ways to get involved in helping children become better readers. Volunteers will help set up and/or pack up the fair, assist students in locating books and completing their wish lists, fulfill book orders, restock book re-order shipments, and assist parents/guardians in finding books for their child(ren) and/or favorite teachers.

EC & Kindergarten Game Night (September)

Help set up, serve pizza, clean up, and assist with game instructions on the Sprague playground. This event is a great opportunity for parents/guardians to meet the families in their child's classmates.

First Grade Game Night (September)

Volunteers are needed to assist with organizing this social event for students and their families.

Second Grade Game Night (October)

Volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up, assist with game instructions, and sell games. Most of these roles will allow you to still spend time with your family so bring the whole family for this night of fun!

Winter Carnival (December)

Volunteering opportunity for Room Parents only. Children will rotate through the carnival where they'll be able to play winter themed games, create fun crafts, and maybe even test their fine motor skills in building a snowman or shuffling a penguin.

Valentine's Dance (February)

Love is in the air at Sprague School. Students will bring their parent/guardian as their "date" to the inaugural Valentine's Dance. Volunteers are needed to help decorate, serve refreshments, chaperone, and clean up.

Explore The Arts Day (February)

Students have the opportunity to learn and perform an artistic activity – whether it is in art, music, drama, or another genre. Volunteer to lend a hand to the presenters and students. (No artistic ability is required!) You can also volunteer to be a Presenter that day! We are always looking for parents/guardians with a specific creative talent or craft to come in and share their knowledge with our students.

School Walk For Diabetes (April)

Show your support for our little ones and cheer them on as they complete their fundraising walk. Volunteers are needed to hand out water at the turn-around point and popsicles to students upon their return to the school playground.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT HALF DAY

HD Room Parent (All Year)

As a room parent, you will be responsible for assisting your child's teacher with any ad hoc requests, recruiting volunteers for field trips, facilitating the Halloween Party, and volunteering to help out at all grade level events. A PTO Family Membership is required to fulfill this role. Room parent selection will be made at the beginning of the school year when class lists have been released. An orientation meeting will be held during the start of the school year. This is a fantastic way to develop a relationship with your child's teacher and class parents/guardians!

HD Library Aide (Flexible Days All Year)

Show your love of the Dewey Decimal System. Assist the library staff with shelving books one day each week (approximately two hours) throughout the school year. Feel free to volunteer weekly or less often if you prefer.

HD Indoor Recess (Flexible Days All Year)

The only thing predictable about Chicagoland weather is that it's totally unpredictable. During inclement weather days throughout the school year, volunteers will supervise students in their respective classrooms during recess. This is a great opportunity to observe the social scene of your child's classroom and to get acquainted with his/her new classmates.

HD School Picture Day (August)

Volunteers assist the photographers and students on picture day. Come help our children look their best and smile their best for the camera!

HD Book Fair (November)

Volunteering at the Book Fair is one of the most fun and rewarding ways to get involved in helping students become better readers. Volunteers will help set up and/or pack up the fair, assist students in locating books and completing their wish lists, fulfill book orders, identify low inventory items for re-order, restock book re-order shipments, and assist parents/guardians in finding books for their child(ren) and/or favorite teachers during parent-teacher conferences. Delight in seeing the student's smiling faces when you arrive at their classroom to hand deliver their order.

5th Grade Fraction Café (November)

Help make Math FUN with this half-day program. Some volunteers are needed to help shop and prepare fruit and other ingredients, but most who volunteer for this committee will spend half a day helping teachers and students with the planned math activities. Volunteering for fraction café is a great way to witness and participate in fun classroom collaboration between PTO and our teachers.

5th Grade Colonial Day (January)

Help the 5th grade students learn about the Early American colonies and their contributions through a one-day, hands-on extravaganza. Students will have an opportunity to make their own candles, use a quill dipped in ink they will make out of charcoal, make and taste their homemade butter, and much more. We need lots of volunteers to help run stations!

3rd Grade Chicago World's Fair (April)

Students get the opportunity to attend a scaled-down simulation of Chicago's World Fair - World's Columbian Exposition of 1892, thanks to PTO volunteers like you. A few of you will be asked to help plan and coordinate the different "buildings" that were setup for the Fair. But mainly, volunteers are needed on the "day of" the event to help run the buildings, photograph the event, share cultural background and man the Midway. You will definitely want to be a part of this event.

4th Grade Illinois State Fair (May)

The Illinois State Fair comes to 4th Grade every year, thanks to PTO volunteers like you. The interactive booths and exhibits helps bring their Illinois State unit of study to life! The booths focus on the manufacturing, recreational, government and agricultural resources of Illinois. Assistance is needed to set up, guide the students through the fair booths, and clean up. EVERYONE ENJOYS A STATE FAIR!! Preparations begin in late March.

HD Teacher Appreciation Week (May)

Help coordinate the special activities, raffles, lunches, and snacks for the whole week or volunteer during that week to show the Half Day teachers your sincere appreciation.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT DANIEL WRIGHT

DW Pizza Lunch (Flexible Days All Year)

Tuesday pizza lunch is a fundraiser for both D103 Music Boosters and the PTO. Volunteers are responsible for serving pizza to DW students during one of two convenient shifts between 11 am and 1:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to observe the lunchroom social scene of every grade level and hang out with other parents/guardians. You will be able to pick your preferred date(s) and time.

DW Front Office Assistant (Flexible Days All Year)

Help cover the front desk during the school day. Volunteers sign up for shifts to help answer the DW front office phone, run items to students that have been dropped off, help make copies, and other small tasks. Work as frequently as you'd like or as occasionally as your schedule permits. It's a great way to feel like a part of your school community.

DW Library Aide (Flexible Days All Year)

Show your love of the Dewey Decimal System. Assist the library staff with shelving books one day each week (approximately two hours) throughout the school year to refresh your memory. Feel free to volunteer weekly or less often if you prefer. You might also occasionally be asked to help with a bigger project, like moving sections.

DW 6th Grade Microwave Help (August)

The use of a microwave may be new to some of our 6th graders. Volunteer to assist them during the 6th grade lunch period the first week of school only.

DW School Picture Day (September)

Volunteers are needed to help ensure an efficient and smooth operation on school picture day. Volunteers will be responsible for assisting students in finding their picture day information tag at check-in.

DW Mix It Up at Lunch (October)

Mix It Up at Lunch is an international campaign that promotes a safer, more inclusive school community by encouraging students to cross social boundaries. Volunteers are needed to guide students through the activities, encourage participation and to stay on task, and to remind students to remain seated at their assigned tables.

DW After Dark (Fall & Spring)

Formerly known as Lighted Schoolhouse, volunteers are needed to chaperone, sell candy, and hand out pizza at this fun after school party sponsored by the DW Student Council. This is a great opportunity for students to interact socially and to develop their interpersonal skills.

DW Book Fair (November)

Volunteers will help set up and pack up the fair, assist students in locating books, identify low inventory items for re-order, restock book re-order shipments, and assist parents/guardians finding books for their child(ren) and/or favorite teachers during parent-teacher conferences.

6TH Grade Social Dance (Winter)

Volunteers are needed to chaperone the social dance lessons for 6th grade boys and girls on Friday nights in January and February. Duties consist of helping students sign in as they arrive and waiting until all students are picked up at the end of the lesson. This volunteer shift is a unique opportunity to see how 6th graders handle themselves in a formal, social setting that involves the opposite gender.

6th Grade Spring Fling (May)

Volunteer to supervise and assist with this fun end of the year celebration of games and relays for our 6th graders! Shifts are available in the morning, afternoon, or all day.

8th Grade Graduation Committee (May/June)

Graduating from D103 is a big deal! Volunteers are needed to help with FOUR major projects: **1)** Baby Wall of photos to go up in Daniel Wright's display case in April/May; **2)** Video montage (DVD) containing kindergarten photos, current photos, and video of the dance & graduation ceremony to be distributed to all graduates; **3)** Coordinate 8th grade class gift to Daniel Wright school by gathering suggestions and coordinating 8th graders' vote; and **4)** the biggest project, **8th grade graduation dance**, held at the end of the school year. The dance traditionally includes a fun invitation assembly or reveal party in April. Planning begins late fall and continues in the spring, with the bulk of the efforts executed in late spring and end of the school year.