



Homeroom Parents Needed!

A Homeroom Parent is a volunteer position that the teachers sincerely appreciate! Duties include attending PTO meetings (first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the school), then distributing the meeting notes to your designated class (PTO Secretary will email you the notes within a few days after each meeting). Your classroom teacher can distribute copies in the children's folders. By attending the meetings, you also have a direct voice in what you'd like to see the PTO do for our parents, kids and the school in general. Let us know the needs specific to your child's grade.

Other duties include informing the parents of special events, volunteer opportunities, etc. which have been organized by the school, PTO, and /or your classroom teacher. In particular, helping organize classroom parties around the various holidays (i.e. games, crafts, snack, etc.), and recruiting other parents to help. New this year...we're asking Homeroom Parents to come in at least one time during the winter months for indoor recess. Whether its bringing a craft, doing some exercise, reading a book, anything to keep the kids occupied. And lending a hand at our many family-oriented events is encouraged! It's also fun, and a great way to meet new people! Talk to your classroom teacher directly if interested. Or, email me at karriebender@gmail.com.

Check out www.yswpcs.org/pto for upcoming events and additional PTO information.

Thanks in advance for your help!



P.S. We love growing our volunteer base overall, so send me a note if you'd like to be added to the Volunteer Group Email, keeping you updated on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities! karriebender@gmail.com.

Pennsylvania Code Regulations, Act 114

The Public School Code at 24 P.S. § 17-1724-A, requires criminal background checks for Volunteers in Charter Schools and Cyber Charter schools.

If you're able to volunteer at the school this coming year, please obtain your clearances from these web sites. Although it does take some time on your part, remember this process is vital for the overall safety of our children. Print out your confirmations, and bring into the school in an envelope that says "PTO Clearances". Please don't hesitate to contact Mr. B with any questions, thank you.

1) Access to Criminal History

<https://epatch.state.pa.us/>

Click on "Submit a New Record Check", select "Volunteer" for the reason. If your history check shows "No Record", click on the Control #, and print out Certification Form. As of right now (September 2015) there is no fee.

2) Child Abuse History Clearance Form

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/Public/Home>

Click on "Creat a New Account". Then "Next". Then create a user ID (Keystone ID). After that, follow prompts. As of right now (September 2015) there is no fee.

3a) FBI Clearances Update 2015: RESIDENT OF PA FOR 10 YEARS

http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/C_135249.pdf

"A fingerprint based federal criminal history (FBI) submitted through the Pennsylvania State Police or its authorized agent is NOT required as long as the position the volunteer is applying for is an unpaid position; AND the volunteer has been a resident of the Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania for the entirety of the previous 10 years. Volunteers who are not required to obtain the FBI certification because they are applying for an unpaid position and have been a continuous resident of Pennsylvania For the past 10 years must swear or affirm in writing that they are not disqualified from service based upon a conviction of an offense under §6344."

*PLEASE SIGN ATTACHED FORM, THANK YOU.

3b) FBI Clearances: RESIDENT OF PA FOR LESS THAN 10 YEARS:

https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_pde.htm

If you've been a resident of Pennsylvania for less than 10 years, follow these instructions for FBI Clearances:

Register online. Under "Reason Fingerprinted", select CHARTER SCHOOLS. \$27.50, pay online. (YSWPCS will reimburse you.) *You will be emailed a registration confirmation – print it out and take it to a fingerprinting site. No appointment necessary at most locations. Usually takes a couple minutes.

Thanks in advance for your willingness to help volunteer for school events! Specific tasks will be assigned closer to each event. See you soon!

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