

2009 -2010 Parent Association Parent Skill & Interest Survey

Parent 1: _____

In a growing school such as ours, there are many opportunities for all parents to give of their time and talents and many wish to do so either at the community festivals, in the classroom, driving on field trips or making delicious treats for open house. Each contribution of your time is a valuable gift and helps make this school a vibrant community.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this Parent Association survey.

Please mark the skills you are willing to share with your community

First box=Parent 1: Second Box=Parent 2

When are the best times for you to lend your help/skills:

- Weekday mornings
- Weekday afternoons
- Weekday evenings
- Weekends

Office Help:

- Admissions Support Focal(s)
organizes parents to help w/ school tours, open houses, enrollment paperwork, mailings, etc.
- Typing
- Data Entry
- Stuffing Envelopes
- Preparing Packages
- Reception Relief – Answer phones & greet visitors
- Other: _____

Outreach/Advertising:

- Community Service Liaison(s) – Identify/detail community service opportunities to the school for grades 6-12
- Poster and flyer distribution
- Sign placement and pickup
- Other: _____

Parent 2: _____

Special Events:

- Baker home-baked goodies
- Decorator interior/exterior decorative talent for special events
- Entertainment actor comedy improv writer poet singer dancer musician other/details: _____
- Greeter at Open Houses/School Tours
- Housing Support for visiting lecturers, performers, facilitators & teachers
- Parking Attendant
- Setup/Cleanup
- Other: _____

School Grounds:

- All-School Work Party
- Carpentry
- Electrical work
- Landscaper
- Lazurer
- Painter exterior interior
- Plumbing Repair
- Other: _____

Classroom Help:

- Class Parent formerly Parent Rep
- Handwork Help in my child's class any class cross-stitch knitting crochet sewing clothing design felting-needle/wet willing to learn new skills other: _____

Special Skills/Interests:

- Computer Tech Skills
- Photography
- Video Production
- Sound Production
- Writing Skills & Experience grant proposals advertising copy
- Other: _____

A great way to get to know other SWS parents is to get involved in parent-inspired and lead teams and groups. Are you interested in joining any of the following groups?

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- After-School Sports:** Help organize after-school sports for the upper grades. Last year we had ultimate frisbee which is returning for the 2008-2009 school year.

 - Parent Involvement Team (formerly Community Commitment):** The team is looking into new ways to get parents involved in the school community. This team maintains a list of parent skills & community help commitments as a resource for the entire school.

 - Crafting Group:** This group of parents comes together to learn how to make new crafts or brush up on what they already know. Learn new skills, share, socialize or just work on one of your projects. This group is always open to everyone on a drop-in basis.

 - End-of-School Picnic:** Do you have ideas of how to create a festive, memorable End-of-School Picnic! Come join other parents to help create a fantastic social event to wrap up the school year and send us in to summer!

 - Farmers Market:** This team is planning a Farmers Market slated to open May 2009 on the SWS campus. This will be a farmers market focused on the Northeast Seattle neighborhoods with a unique focus on education and schools.

 - May Faire:** Come join a fun group of people to help plan the school's biggest parent-run festival. May Faire is the first Saturday in May.

 - Michaelmas Family Harvest Celebration:** Michaelmas is the opener of the festival season at the school. Join parents in creating this community celebration. Michealmas happens late September or early October.

 - New Parent Outreach (Buddy System):** This team is connecting new families to our school with a seasoned parent "buddy" for regular check-ins, information about school events and general support. Would you like to be a buddy? Do you have ideas on how to make new families feel more integrated?

 - Parent Association:** All parents make up the Parent Association. The Parent Association is working towards building a strong parent community at our school. Find out what is going on at the school, get your ideas heard, and make a difference.

 - Parent Association Fundraising:** This team manages and promotes fundraising programs such as PCC Scrip, eScrip, etc. This team manages the ordering/sale of SWS logo merchandise; develops fundraising opportunities for the Parent Association Fund.

 - Parent/Family Social Life:** This team is focused on enriching the social life of the parents and families in our community. Projects include family dances, parent socials & events, middle school dances, etc.

 - Service Club:** This club is brand new. The service club is working on ways to gather interested SWS parents (and possibly students) to volunteer their services as a group or individually at agencies and other groups in need in the greater Seattle community.

 - Winter Faire:** Join this great bunch of parents to help plan and organize Winter Faire, our early December event that offers craft and gift-making opportunities for children, fantastic vendors for the parents, and a café complete with entertainment.
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