

## What is the Parent Association?

**You** are the Parent Association (PA). Despite “Parents” being in the name, everyone supporting a child at SWS is automatically a member. SWS parents and guardians are an incredible group of interesting, energetic, enthusiastic people.

## Come Join the Fun and Get Involved!

The PA helps to enrich the SWS experience by building community and connection with families through parent socials, festivals, and family dances, and by organizing student activities like after-school team sports and ski club.

Over thirteen teams have been created based on parent interest. Our current teams are:

- Parent Association Fundraising
- After-School Sports
- Parent Involvement
- Crafting
- Farmers Market
- Michaelmas
- May Faire
- Winter Faire
- End of School Picnic
- New Parent Outreach (Buddy System)
- Parent and Family Social Life
- Service Club **NEW**



**Come join us at a Parent Association meeting, held the second Tuesday of each month.**

## Don't Have Much Time? Not Sure You Have Needed Skills or Talents?

Don't worry about your availability or skills. We welcome **you**. For more information about specific job and activity descriptions that might fit your life, see the *Parent Association Skills Survey*.

“THE HEALTHY SOCIAL LIFE  
IS FOUND WHEN  
IN THE MIRROR  
OF EACH HUMAN BEING  
THE WHOLE COMMUNITY  
FINDS ITS REFLECTION,  
AND  
WHEN IN THE COMMUNITY  
THE VIRTUE OF EACH ONE  
IS LIVING”

**RUDOLF STEINER**



## PARENT ASSOCIATION\* **GETTING INVOLVED**

### MISSION

THE PARENT ASSOCIATION  
SUPPORTS, EDUCATES AND CONNECTS  
THE PARENT BODY TO THE REST OF THE  
SCHOOL IN ORDER TO CREATE  
A HEALTHY COMMUNITY.



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Throughout history, in all civilizations, there are celebrations reflecting nature's rhythms. At SWS we celebrate these festivals to sustain and renew ourselves. Annual seasonal festivals of nature and humanity are celebrated in ways

that foster wonder, reverence and gratitude and that nourish the future capacity to respond; to be responsible for and among the human community.

Festivals serve to draw the wider community together. Celebrating festivals in the cycle of the year with our children helps parents align our lives with the rhythms of the earth and the seasons that our children experience in the classroom.

The PA coordinates the events shown here and needs your help to assure their success. In addition, some events are coordinated by the administration, such as open houses, for which you may be asked to lend a hand.

### Welcome Coffee

On the first day of school, the Parent and Family Social Life Team hosts an outdoor coffee and pastries table for parents to stop by and say "hello" to fellow SWS parents. New parents can ask questions and get information about the Parent Association. Enjoy a cup of coffee, some yummy treats and summer stories.

#### Volunteer Roles

- Baked Goods
- Coffee
- Display Table
- Set-up Lead
- Clean-up Lead

### Michaelmas

In the autumn harvest season we celebrate Michaelmas. In Celtic tradition, Michael represents the unconquered hero, fighting against evil and the powers of darkness. He is a model for valor and courage. Dragons and the color red predominate.

A parent-led family celebration, usually on a Saturday, includes a dragon play, outdoor potluck with parent-created soup and dragon bread, a cheery bonfire and a family dance in Huckleberry Hall.

Volunteer Roles Starting in August

- Michaelmas Grand Co-Masters

Roles Starting in September

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Promotion
- Dragon Play Coordinator
- Bonfire Coordinator
- Potluck Coordinator
- Soup and Bread Coordinator
- Decoration and Setup Lead
- Clean-up Lead

**30 Volunteer Hours Needed**  
Weekend of Event

### Winter Faire

Winter Faire is a chance for kids to create gifts for their loved ones while parents socialize at the café and shop at the Waldorf-inspired market place. The planning team key roles start in October with additional roles joining the team as the event draws nearer.

Roles Starting in October

- Grand Winter Faire Master
- Junior Winter Faire Master
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Promotion
- Craft Activity Coordinator
- Marketplace Vendor Coordinator
- Music and Entertainment

Roles Beginning in November

- Pocket Person Prize Collector
- Food Coordinator
- Decoration Lead
- Set-Up Lead
- Take Down and Cleanup Lead

**150 Volunteer Hours Needed**  
Weekend of Event

### May Faire

May Faire is an ancient festival welcoming spring. We raise the maypole, bedecked with fresh flowers and ribbons. The children make and wear floral wreaths and celebrate the arrival of spring by dancing and singing. Each class presents traditional maypole dances and other offerings. A barbeque and live music add to the gaiety of the day.

Roles Starting in February

- Co-Grand Masters
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Promotion
- Craft Activity Coordinator
- Music and Entertainment Coordinator
- Outside Performers Coordinator

Roles Beginning in March

- BBQ Coordinator
- Prize Coordinator
- Pocket Person Prize Collector
- Craft Supply Shopper

Roles Beginning in April

- Money Operations Manager
- Traffic and Parking Coordinator
- Decorations Lead
- Stage Manager
- Merchandise Booth Coordinator
- Set-Up Lead
- Take Down and Cleanup Lead

**250 Volunteer Hours Needed**  
Weekend of Event

#### Welcome Coffee

#### Michaelmas

#### Winter Faire

#### May Faire

AUGUST    SEPTEMBER    OCTOBER    NOVEMBER    DECEMBER    JANUARY    FEBRUARY    MARCH    APRIL    MAY