

PTA Volunteer Program Opportunities 2015-2016

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1. **Advanced Academics Liaison (Contact Jennifer Wharton at jenwharton@earthlink.net for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer provides support to the FHES Advanced Academics Program and works with Ms. Stephens to secure PTA funding for enrichment programs such as Word Masters and Continental Math League. This volunteer may also organize a parent meeting between Ms. Stephens and parents so that information about the Advanced Academics Program can be shared with the Flint Hill community.
2. **After School Classes Program (Contact Katherine Brown at kmbrown09@gmail.com for more information about this committee)**-This committee recruit and organize outside providers of enrichment programs ranging from art to athletics. The PTA is committed to providing a variety of programs for students in all grades. This program requires three or four volunteers.
3. **Ambassador Program for Kindergarten (Contact Gayle Schlueter at gschleuter2000@yahoo.com for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer attends the Kindergarten Orientation in the spring and provides an Informational Packet to parents. This volunteer also sets up several play dates in the summer so that rising kindergarteners and their families can get to know one another before school begins.
4. **Ambassador Program for New Families (Contact Stephanie Schubring at smschubring@fcps.edu for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer welcomes new families to Flint Hill Elementary School and provides support for them as they transition into their new school.
5. **Copy Room Coordinator (Contact Eliza Morss at eliza.morss@gmail.com for more information about this committee)**-This coordinator works with a committee of dedicated parents who support our teachers.

6. **Cultural Assemblies (Contact Margaret Herbold at herbold@cox.net for more information about this committee)**-This committee organizes 3 to 4 assemblies each school year that support Flint Hill's curriculum.
7. **Depositor (Contact Monica Greer at mjagr@hotmai.com for more information about this position)**-This volunteer works closely with the treasurer and other PTA volunteers to deposit money collected for PTA programs.
8. **Family Events (Contact Susan Whittle at swhittle@ratnerco.com or Gizelle Gorkowski at gmgorkowski@verizon.net for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer organizes fun, family-centered events throughout the school year to encourage a sense of community at our school. Events include Family Movie Night, Skate Night, and Bingo Night.
9. **FHES Student Newspaper Editor (Contact Sarah Bohn at snsnbohn@verizon.net for more information about this committee)**-This editor works with a team of volunteers to collect student work to create a monthly newspaper to share with our community.
10. **Flint Hill Cares (Contact Denise Schottenstein at dmoran@gmail.com for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer chair organizes volunteers to lend support to Flint Hill families and the Flint Hill staff experiencing a challenging event such as the birth of a child, an injury, or an illness. This volunteer can lend support by assisting with meals, grocery shopping, or providing gift cards during times of need.
11. **Garden and Courtyard Committee (Contact Melissa McShane at mcshanecrew@gmail.com for more information about this committee)**-The courtyard and garden provide outdoor classroom space for our students. Volunteers help coordinate the maintenance, upkeep, and beautification of the FHES courtyard, gardens, and grounds. In addition, committee members assist with curriculum opportunities for teachers in the courtyard and gardens, in support of FHES becoming an "Eco-School." Committee members coordinate with room parents to maintain a frequent presence in the courtyard throughout the year. Parents with an interest in native plants, birds, composting, carpentry, vegetable gardening, and landscape design can also be resources and projects are available for community service groups such as the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.
12. **GRACE Art (Contact Sarah Helmicki at sbhelmicki@aol.com for more information about this committee)**-GRACE Art volunteers teach art appreciation and complete art projects with students in the classroom. This is a monthly program, and takes approximately one hour of volunteer time in the classroom. Docents are asked to attend short, monthly training sessions during the school day to learn about the featured artist and related art project. The GRACE Art committee includes: Sarah Helmicki (co-chair), Lisa Eaton (co-chair), Lisa Faulkner (Scheduler), Eliza Morss, Brynn Pacitti, and Kristen Wills.

13. **Green Team (Contact Jessica Csomay at bluecsomay@gmail.com for more information about this committee)**-This committee finds new ways to encourage kids and parents to compost, recycle and reuse. During the 2010-2011 school year, this committee installed a composter and parent volunteers taught kids how to “recycle” their lunch leftovers. During the 2011-2012 school year, this committee supported toner recycling with Office Depot, the electronics drive in the fall, and a sneaker drive during the Falcon 5K as well as added “Green Gems” to the PTA Tuesday Update.
14. **Health and Safety Committee (Contact VACANT for more information about this committee)**- This volunteer provides support to health and safety related events at Flint Hill such as the INOVA Blood Drive, programs supporting fire and traffic safety, and safe routes to and from school. One goal of this committee is to increase biking and walking to and from school.
15. **Healthy Kids Committee (Contact Stacy Ying at s_mariconda@yahoo.com for more information about this committee)**-This committee promotes the FCPS Wellness Policy. This committee also serves as a liaison for the Real Food for Kids initiative. Real Food for Kids is committed to working in collaborative ways to increase the quantities of healthy foods in FCPS and supporting programs that educate our students and their families on making healthier lifestyle choices. This committee works closely with the Health and Safety Committee to promote Walk and Wheels Wednesdays, the Parent Programs Committee to bring in speakers to discuss topics related to healthy alternatives, and the Gardens and Courtyard Committee to support teaching our students about planting, growing, and eating healthy food.
16. **Hospitality Committee (Contact Robin Kapalka at misswarren815@hotmail.com for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer organizes five events held during the school year including the New Families Get Together in September, the Patriot’s Day Reception in November, the Mentoring Program’s Kick-Off Breakfast, the Mentoring Program’s Renewal Luncheon, the Mentoring Program’s End of the Year Celebration, and the End of the Year Thank You Party for PTA Volunteers. This volunteer will work with Mrs. Judd to organize the Patriot’s Day Reception and Mrs. Andrews to organize the Mentoring Program Events. This volunteer will also work with the PTA officers to organize the End of the Year Thank You Party for PTA Volunteers in June.
17. **International Night (Contact Sarah Bohn at snsnbohn@verizon.net for more information about this committee)**-Flint Hill families represent scores of countries around the world. Our first International Night held in 2011 showcased more than 20 cultures in an evening of food, dancing, and entertainment. Our second International Night was held in 2012. This volunteer will ensure that International Night is a fun-filled annual event at FHES.
18. **Nominating Committee (This committee will form by February 2015)**-This committee works together to find six PTA officers to serve for the following school year and fill vacant PTA volunteer positions.

19. **Parent Programs (Contact Cameron Glahe at cameronmarie2000@yahoo.com for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer plans parent-education programs on various topics of interest to meet the needs and concerns of our school and parent community. Topics include nutrition, technology, special education, learning styles and learning differences, nurturing academic success in children, reading, grading, developing a positive self-concept in children, homework tips for parents, and bullying. This volunteer will also post articles on the PTA website to share information about relevant school related topics. Chairs from other committees can also suggest articles and topics for parent programs.
20. **Positive Behavior and Intervention Support (PBIS) (Contact Allison Hoak at achoak@fcps.edu for more information about this committee)** -This volunteer works with the FHES administration and staff to monitor the continued effectiveness of our school-based Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program as described in the FHES Falcon Handbook.
21. **PTA Membership (Contact Mimi Tom at mimi.tom@cox.net for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer encourages all parents to support the mission of the PTA which is “to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children” by joining the PTA.
22. **Reflections (Contact Stacy Sevy at stacy_sevy@yahoo.com for more information about this committee)**-Reflections is a National PTA program designed to recognize student creativity through a cultural arts competition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art based on a given theme in six areas: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. Visual Arts includes art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage. The 2015 theme is “Let Your Imagination Fly.” Volunteers will assist the chairperson in organizing the program, communicating with the FHES community, planning the FHES Reflections Awards Ceremony, and coordinating the submission of winning entries to the regional level of competition.
23. **School Directory (Contact Sarah Lundquist at directory@fhespta.org for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer provides all PTA members access to phone numbers, addresses, parent emails, and class lists through an online directory so that parents can set up play dates and students can reach out to others when they have forgotten their homework at school.
24. **School Supply Kits (Contact Anne Winters at annefwinters@gmail.com for more information about this position)**-This volunteer provides a convenient option for purchasing school supplies each spring for the following school year. This volunteer distributes order forms in the spring, collects orders and payments, and distributes the school supply kits during the Open House in September.

25. **Service Projects Coordinator (Contact Ashli George at ashlimatusgeorge@gmail.com for more information about this committee)** -This committee supports the great work of the SCA led by Mrs. Amy Williams. Service projects in the past have included the canned food drive, a book drive, a diaper drive, and a backpack drive.
26. **Show What You Know (Contact Becky Lewis at beckyablewis@gmail.com for more information about this committee)**-Flint Hill's Fifth Annual Show What You Know was held March 28, 2012. Students choose topics of interest to them and create displays to educate the rest of us. Topics are limited only by students' imaginations, and can range from sports heroes to foreign countries, and from musical instruments to tornadoes. Anything is fair game. Show What You Know works well for volunteers who are short on free time but who love to see kids enthusiastically share their learning.
27. **Special Education Liaison (Contact Andrea Banyas at andreacroot@yahoo.com for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer organizes parent programs regarding special education, provides information about special education by adding relevant links to the PTA website, supports the celebration of Inclusion Week in December, and works with Flint Hill's special education teachers to utilize money from the PTA budget to support students.
28. **Spelling Bee (Contact Liza Morss at eliza.morss@gmail.com for more information about this committee)**-This committee organizes a spelling bee contest for our Flint Hill students. This year registration opens on January 2 and closes on January 11. The Junior Spelling Bee (K-2) will be held on January 24. The FHES Spelling Bee (3-6) will be held on January 25. An informational session for first-time participants will be held on January 17 and is open to no more than 30 students. The goals of the spelling bee include: to promote literacy, to develop study skills, to develop self-confidence, to develop communication and public speaking skills, and to learn to thrive under pressure.
29. **Staff Appreciation (Contact Gayle Schlueter at gschlueter2000@yahoo.com for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer coordinates staff appreciation events during the school year to show the FHES faculty and staff how much we appreciate them. Events include Teacher Appreciation Week, Custodian Appreciation Week, Bus Safety Week (bus drivers, safety patrols, and the crossing guard are all honored), Administrative Assistants Day, and Teacher Workdays.
30. **Summer Bingo (Contact Erinrose Velthuis at daisymae93_94@yahoo.com for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer purchases prizes for students who participated in Summer Bingo. The prizes are given to students during the Open House held before school starts.
31. **Technology Liaison (Contact VACANT for more information about this program)**-This volunteer works with the FHES staff to assess the technical needs of the school and find ways to support

those needs. This volunteer also keeps parents informed about technology issues related to schools and students. In addition, the volunteer provides support for the PTA website.

32. **Thoreau Liaison (Contact Stephanie Schubring at smschubring@fcps.edu for more information about Thoreau Middle School) and Luther Jackson Liaison (Contact Ameer Shah at emailamee@gmail.com for more information about Luther Jackson Middle School)**-This volunteer keeps sixth grade parents informed as their children transition to middle school whether it be Thoreau Middle School or Luther Jackson Middle School. This is a great volunteer position for a parent with children at Flint Hill Elementary School and at Thoreau or Luther Jackson Middle School. This volunteer can post information about middle school in the PTA Weekly Update or on the PTA website to keep parents up to date on what is happening in middle school.

33. **Treats for Troops Candy Collection (Contact Eliza Morss at eliza.morss@gmail.com for more information about this committee)**-This committee collects Halloween candy for Mover Moms in Bethesda, Maryland and transports the donations to this group. The donated candy is then shared with men and women serving in the military overseas.

34. **Webmaster (Contact Stan Ellis at vvfdeuph@gmail.com or Elsa Polo at elsapolo@gmail.com for more information about the PTA website)**-This volunteer works with the PTA officers and Committee Chairs to manage the PTA website.

PTA Volunteer Fundraising Opportunities

- 1. Falcon 5K Race (Contact Ashli George at ashlimatusgeorge@gmail.com for more information about race. Contact Paula Foley at paulajantz@yahoo.com for more information about sponsoring the race)**-This volunteer organizes a 5K race and fun run to promote fitness among our Flint Hill students. Families gather together for a morning filled with music, family friendly events such as hula hooping and face painting, and running. This event also raises funds for FHES through corporate sponsors.
- 2. Dining for Dollars Chair (Contact David Petersam at dpetersam@admissionsconsultants.com for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer organizes events at various local restaurants to earn money for our school.
- 3. Read-A-Thon (Contact Gayle Schlueter at gschlueter2000@yahoo.com for more information about this committee)**-This volunteer organizes a two week event that is designed to develop stronger, more enthusiastic readers. Students keep track of the minutes that they read and individual classes compete to see who can read the most minutes. Mrs. Rankin organizes a parade on March 2 which is Dr. Seuss Day. On that day, the winners of the class competition are recognized. Students can earn money for their school by asking parents and neighbors to sponsor them during the Read-A-Thon.
- 4. Rebate Programs for Box Tops, Amazon, Target, Giant, Safeway, and Harris Teeter-(Contact Meaghan Molinini at mfmolinini@gmail.com for more information about the Box Tops Rebates Program. Contact Melissa Molivadas at mmolivadas@gmail.com for more information about the Giant, Safeway or Harris Teeter Rebates Programs. Contact Susannah Chung at schungdc@gmail.com for more information about the Amazon Rebates Program. Contact Katherine Brown at kmbrown09@gmail.com for more information about the Target Rebates Program.)**-This volunteer encourages all parents to join the rebate programs listed to raise funds for PTA programs. For the 2011-2012 school year, one volunteer managed Box Tops, Amazon, and Target and one volunteer managed Giant. The Giant Rebates Program raised over \$10,000 for our school during the 2011-2012 school year.
- 5. Grants Program (Contact Gayle Schlueter at gschlueter2000@yahoo.com for more information about this program)**-This volunteer explores ways to access additional funding for FHES through grants.

Volunteer Opportunities not sponsored by the PTA

- 1. Grade Level Special Events**-The chairperson for each grade level event serves as the PTA liaison and oversees volunteers who will help plan and execute each event. The grade level events are as follows:
 - 3rd Grade Chinese New Year Celebration
 - 4th Grade Colonial Day
 - 5th Grade Renaissance Day
 - 6th Grade Farewell Party
- 2. Library (Contact Julie Littlejohn at julialittlejohn@hotmail.com for more information about this committee)** –This volunteer recruits parents to work in the school library. The volunteers who work with Carmen make a WEEKLY commitment to work in the library for an hour to an hour and a half shift. Volunteers are assigned to work a shift when their children attend library, and are responsible for helping children find and check out books, check in books, and shelve books. In addition, library volunteers help out with the Annual Flint Hill Book Fair which is typically held in early December.
- 3. Room Parents (Contact Gizelle Gorkowski at gmgorkowski@verizon.net or Laura Vallance-McMoil at lauravallancemcmoil@gmail.com for more information about this committee)**- Room parents are the strongest link between Flint Hill families and the school community. They support classroom teachers by planning celebrations around holidays and other events, coordinating classroom volunteers, recognizing teachers' birthdays, and planning classroom gifts. They act as the PTA ambassador to Flint Hill families by welcoming and including ALL students and their parents in the Flint Hill community, communicating PTA information to parents and then parents' needs back to the PTA, planning Teacher Appreciation activities, and recruiting classroom volunteers to support PTA activities.
- 4. Yearbook** -This committee creates a book of special memories each year for our students. Pictures of each Flint Hill student are included with their class and some school events are also highlighted.