

## Simple Ways Volunteers Can Help Your School

Volunteering time or donating quality equipment makes a big difference at your school. Volunteers bring a lot to your school in the form of positive energy, time, ideas, and/or donations.

Below are some simple ways to engage volunteers at your school:

- Join the club:

Ask parents to join groups such as the PTA, HTA, and various committees. Being a part of any of these groups, helps connect parents with other parents and community members. Achieve strength in numbers and unite people within the community to support the mission of your school.

- School board meetings:

Encourage community members to attend school board meetings on a regular basis. It is a great way to gain an outside perspective and added wisdom about important school matters in the community.

- School enrichment programs:

Ask for help from parents who have special skills and occupations. Many of these parents can help provide resources for academic and extracurricular activities.

- Technical support:

Ask for help from community members blessed with technical expertise. These people typically enjoy helping with Web site creation, network administration, upgrading computers and software, etc.

- Workplace tours:

Ask parents and/or community members to help organize field trips to their place of employment. This is a great and enjoyable way for students to learn outside of the classroom.

- Campus clean-up day:

Ask for help in beautifying the campus of your school in the fall and spring. Include parents, students, teachers and any community members who want to help. Participants will feel a sense of ownership and will be less likely to ignore litter in the future.

- School library:

Ask parents and/or community members to work in the library. These people can check out or shelve books, assist students, or donate money to buy books for the library. Volunteers in parent organizations can organize book fairs.