



## **NPA Programs, Events, and Committees**

The Nueva Parents Association (NPA) is pleased to announce their events and programs for the school year. Each NPA activity is impactful and greatly valued, whether it be an event that fosters community, supports faculty in the classroom, or celebrates the creative talent of our students. We hope that families will consider volunteering in some capacity. We offer jobs that are big, small, and can be done remotely to suit all schedules. All help and participation is appreciated and needed! Jobs will be filled on a first come basis. Remember that your volunteer efforts improve the quality of education that your children receive at Nueva and are a great way to maintain our vibrant and close-knit community!

### **Tea on the Plaza – First day of School, 9:00am at Hillsborough**

Join the Head of School and the Nueva community to celebrate the first day of school. Come hear the Board's and Head of School's vision for the school year, savor a light breakfast, enjoy student musical performances, and learn about our school's upcoming events, programs, and volunteer opportunities. It is a wonderful opportunity for Nueva parents to reconnect with one another after the long summer break. Tea on the Plaza is also staged as a 'volunteer fair' to recruit lower, middle, and upper school parents to work on fun committees, events and activities that enrich our school. Tea on the Plaza volunteers are needed to help plan, provide refreshments, arrange flowers, design invitations and posters, set up, and clean up.

### **Halloween Parade – Halloween Day**

One of Nueva's most cherished annual events, the Halloween Parade and festivities are not to be missed! Join us as students from all three divisions display their creative and entertaining costumes! Students will also enjoy various activities after the parade. Parents are welcome to attend!

### **Grandparents and Special Friends Day – Days before Thanksgiving**

This is a special morning at the Nueva San Mateo and Hillsborough campuses for guests and students alike! The events occur one or two days before Thanksgiving Day. All grandparents and special friends are invited to sample Nueva's exceptional programs for themselves. Grandparents and special friends will have an opportunity to visit classrooms and enjoy other activities especially planned just for them.

Volunteers are needed to help with the welcome reception and refreshments in the Café. Guest greeter, registration, classroom guide, and clean up opportunities are also available. If you have a guest attending, this is a great event to participate in.

### **Book Fair Hillsborough – Week after Thanksgiving**

Help foster our children's love of reading by assisting at our annual Fall Book Fair! This community building event provides four-days of on-campus bookstores at both Hillsborough and San Mateo, with visits by note-worthy authors to each grade. In addition, the Book Fair team hosts special events such as storytellers, Let's Book A Lunch, and a breakfast social. Proceeds from book sales go directly to support literacy at Nueva by providing children the opportunity to hear top children's authors and illustrators talk about their craft. Volunteer opportunities are available to assist in set-up, maintenance and take down of the fair, cashing, finance, participating in author's lunches, merchandising, and publicity.

### **Book Fair San Mateo - Week after Thanksgiving**

San Mateo Book Fair has moved to the Fall to make the book fairs a school wide affair! San Mateo has an additional purpose of helping populate the Writing and Research Center (WRC) at the Upper School with books and research tools through community donations. Of course, we will also have plenty of Young Adult Literature, Popular Adult Titles, Parenting Books, etc. We often have the teachers earmark selections of their favorite books for you to choose from and add online ordering capabilities with offline pick up. The week of the Book Fair coincides with grade specific on site parent events that will allow for in person browsing as well. Volunteer opportunities include set up, take down and running the cashier in 2 hour shifts

### **The Nueva Talent Show – February, every other year**

One of Nueva's most popular community events, the Talent Show is a great school tradition that only happens bi-annually. From group dances to magic tricks-- from student bands to amazing solos, from acrobatics to Broadway scenes-- this event is a fun, relaxed yet efficient, exciting, and highly entertaining event for all of Nueva. Whether you perform or attend, we keep the evening fun and engaging for all.

### **Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math (STEAM) Fair – Sunday in March**

Volunteer opportunities abound at the all-day event that provides something for everyone. The entire campus is opened up to visitors who immerse themselves in interactive exhibits created by students, families, classes, faculty and local companies. Over the years, we have busted myths, erupted volcanoes, launched catapults, and created hot-air balloons that soared over the campus. Parents are encouraged to volunteer at many levels from designing, leading, and hosting activities, to mentoring student projects prior to the event, to generating publicity in our community and beyond.

### **Benefit Auction – Saturday evening in March/April**

Be part of the team behind the social event of the year! The Nueva Benefit Auction is our largest fundraising event of the year, and all proceeds support financial awards for students and professional development for faculty and staff. Financial assistance allows the school to broaden its reach, increase socioeconomic diversity, improve equity and access for community members, and provide support beyond tuition and trip fees.

There are many opportunities for volunteers to assist in planning, soliciting for live and online auction items, writing copy for the catalog, uploading items and descriptions for the online auction, coordinating class gifts and teacher treasures, and facilitating pre-event setup and logistics. Please consider joining our stellar team!

### **Art Showcase Week – April/May**

This school wide event celebrates and shares the sculpture, photography, painting, and mixed media artwork created by our talented students. Volunteers are invited to help with planning, publicity, and displaying the artwork across both campuses during the Spring. It's a lot of fun to bring the walls to life and see the students light up as their work is appreciated. Up to 20 long and short-term volunteers are needed! We also need the volunteer who can help someone who specializes in computer graphics for the pamphlet and another volunteer with PR skills to help promote the event.

### **Field Day - Last Week of School**

This most looked forward to event is held during the last week of school. The Field Day is one of the traditional closing events of the school year. Multiple mini-ice cream stands take shape next to the athletic field and students look forward to challenging and participating with the Nueva faculty and staff in sporting events. It is a fantastic afternoon! Volunteers are needed to serve ice-cream, set up, and clean up afterward.

### **Common Ground Speaker Series**

The Common Ground Speaker Series is a parent education consortium on the San Francisco Peninsula. Each year it presents a slate of cutting-edge speakers, topics and special events designed to inform, engage and inspire our school communities.

Currently celebrating our 18th season, Common Ground began with eight member schools in 2002. Today, we represent more than 10,000 families at 29 schools, stretching from Hillsborough to San Jose. Our events take place at a variety of venues on the Peninsula and showcase the most current thoughts on education, health and parenting.

An all-volunteer organization, Common Ground is led by representatives from each member school. Together, we work to provide a forum for parents and educators to learn, strategize, and develop a sense of shared community.

We invite you to join us this season to explore innovative ways to keep our families, schools, and communities strong in the 21st century.

## **Helping Hands**

Help Share the Care! We welcome any and all who would like to support Nueva families in need.

The Helping Hands program is a parent-organized effort created to provide coordinated support for parents, faculty, and staff within our community who find themselves facing an extreme medical crisis. Critical times often require a broad range of support. We look to the Nueva community to provide meals, transportation, playdates, connection to resources and other forms of help. Each case is different and can be customized to provide different levels of support.

To meet these challenges quickly, Helping Hands maintains a bank of volunteers who are willing to lend a hand, based on their individual expertise and availability. As cases emerge, we will reach out with specific requests for your help. Thank you!

## **I-Lab Design Engineering Classes and Recess Support** *I-Lab Staff*

The Innovation Lab is a vibrant 3,000 square foot laboratory where the design thinking process is taught, hands on, for a myriad of curriculum based projects from grade 2nd through 8th. The I-Lab is open three days a week during lunch and lunch recess for our student builders, tinkerers, designers, and problem solvers. Your help allows us to meet individually to guide children and build their skills. Please consider coming in even if you have no experience.

## **Internships Program** *Faculty Director - Katie Saylor*

We need the help of the **ENTIRE NUEVA COMMUNITY** to help bring internship opportunities to our high school students! This past summer, Nueva's internship task force helped place 1/3 of our rising senior class into summer internships. These internships enabled our students to pursue their areas of passion through real-life work experiences. This year, we will expand and improve the program.

Our students have diverse interests in business, community service, design, education, fine arts, engineering, media, non-profits, publishing, science research, sports, technology, and more!

- Are you interested to join our task force and help build this program?
- Can you think of an exciting organization - big or small - that might benefit from a Nueva Intern?
- Do you have ideas or referrals that might lead to future internships and/or outside mentors for Nueva students?

Please email [ksaylor@nuevaschool.org](mailto:ksaylor@nuevaschool.org) (using the email account where you receive Nueva emails) to help Nueva create lifetime experiences for our students through internships!

## **Literature Club Facilitators (grades 5-8)** *Staff Coordinator - Marilyn Kimura, Librarian*

If you love kids and books, Lit Club may be for you. We need volunteers to co-facilitate small group literature discussions from October to May. We will train and support you -- we couldn't support this 35+ year old tradition without volunteer help! Please contact Marilyn Kimura, [mkimura@nuevaschool.org](mailto:mkimura@nuevaschool.org) for information.

## **Math Circle Volunteers – 3 Fridays in the School Year**

Math Circles are Nueva community outreach events where we invite a number of distinguished mathematicians and educators in the Bay Area to lead and engage students at all grade levels in interesting mathematical activities, puzzles and problem-solving. Parents are invited to participate with their children and it is therefore always a fun-filled evening. Volunteers are needed for setting up, visitor registration, and pizza sales, as well as for support in the I-Lab. There are three Nueva Math Circles that occur on weekends and during the school year.

**Also – stay tuned for Nueva Humanities Circles in 2020-2021!**

### **Nueva Merchant Programs**

We are seeking volunteers and evangelists to assist with the Merchant Program. The program works with Amazon's affiliate program and eScrip (grocery club card) for Nueva families, to gift a percent of your spending on Amazon.com or in local Grocery chains (i.e. Safeway and Mollie Stone's). When you shop at participating merchants, Nueva receives a percentage of your purchases, which are used to help fund many of the great NPA events throughout the year including Diversity Events and the STEAM fair.

The success of Nueva's merchant programs is really driven by the total number of participants. We are seeking evangelists from each grade to help spread the word and improve participation. You can make a big difference with a very small-time commitment.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with basic account oversight in addition to ongoing communication to the community to encourage participation. Check the NPA website or contact the NPA Merchant Program Chairs for more information.

### **Family Community Service Learning Day**

Nueva families have helped with beach clean-ups and made lunches at Glide Memorial. We are always looking for new opportunities for the whole family to engage in giving back to our local community and meet other families. Volunteers are needed to research and coordinate our service possibilities and advertise and rally our Nueva families to join in!

### **Nueva Fund**

The Nueva Fund is our annual fundraising effort which takes place in the fall and is essential to funding the difference between tuition and the actual cost of operating the school. Current parents, alumni parents, alumni, grandparents, faculty, staff, and friends are all asked to participate. The Nueva Fund supports essential components of the Nueva education, including educational programs across the Lower, Middle and Upper Schools, faculty salaries, professional development, financial aid, and campus maintenance. In order to create the inclusive and cooperative community we value, we strive to have all families participate in the Nueva Fund. Volunteers contact families to solicit their support during one of the call nights in November and December.

### **Nueva Store**

Join these fun chairs to promote Nueva school spirit! Nueva has an online store and we need volunteers to staff the pop-up stores at Nueva events where store merchandise is sold: Tea on the Plaza, Grandparents and Special Friends Day, the Book Fair, STEAM Fair, and the NPA Volunteer Thank You Breakfast. There are also opportunities to help with the merchandising, planning, and scheduling of store activities for the year.

### **Staff Appreciation**

Please join us to help show our wonderful Nueva faculty and staff how much we all appreciate their skill, commitment, and caring. Sign up for the NPA's Staff Appreciation committee! This committee is dedicated to acknowledging and pampering our teachers and staff in various ways. Volunteer for the Staff Appreciation Week (likely a lunch and special snack delivery); Conference Day Set-Up, baked goods, drinks and/or snacks; World Teacher's Day treats; Valentine's Day treats, etc.

**Please note that an updated Program and Events Description will be available in September!**