



Volunteering at MSB

MSB works hard to cultivate an environment where a close-knit community of students, staff, and parents can thrive. Part of our success depends upon parent involvement. Volunteers help strengthen our community through their energy, enthusiasm, and ideas. In return, they gain a deeper understanding of MSB's mission and educational philosophy. This mutually beneficial relationship demonstrates to MSB students the importance of and the gratification that comes from giving back to their community the same way their parents do!

Volunteer Opportunities

Our annual **Auction** would not be possible without the support of volunteers. From data entry and procurement to working with children on classroom projects, there are many opportunities to volunteer. Volunteering for the classroom projects is an excellent way for parents to be in the classrooms working directly with children.

In the **Primary classrooms**, teachers look for volunteers to pick up books at the library, flowers at the market, or supplies needed for classroom projects. Typically, the Primary is less need for volunteers in the classroom because of the nature of this program.

The **Elementary classrooms** specifically offer numerous opportunities for parent involvement. Parents can support the classrooms by chaperoning on field trips, camping trips, small group outings, or supervising on campus with special projects. We also invite parents to share their interests or skills with the children. Last year, many parents came into the classrooms to talk about their professions, cultures, and passions. These were fantastic opportunities for all of us, and we are grateful to learn from those in our community.

The **Going Out** experience of the Elementary are extensions of the children's studies. These opportunities to pursue interests and ideas develop logical reasoning and open children up to the community in which they live. Going Out assists the development of social growth and responsibility as the children experience and are active in the broader environment. The children plan an outing into the community for more information about their research or supplies for a specific project. A group of children may plan a trip to the zoo or airport as an extension of their classroom research.

Field Trips, such as a performance or visiting an exhibit, are planned by the teacher and offer the chance for the Elementary children to explore interests off-campus. The children are less involved in the planning and execution of field trips than they are in a small group outing.

Look for more information at Back-to-School nights and the newsletter to learn more about volunteering at MSB.