



VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



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COORDINATOR REMINDERS

- If you were not able to make it to the fall coordinator meeting, make sure you review the materials that were mailed to you at the school and ask the VITAL Office about anything you don't know about such as the new **Colorado Clean Slate Law** and how it affects TSD volunteers.
- Remember that in March you will be asked to choose a **TSD staff** person at your school for an **award** for supporting the volunteer program. Start thinking about what staff bolster volunteers.

Upcoming Events



CLASSIFIED STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

October 14, Monday – October 18, Friday

Thompson School District will celebrate all classified staff. These are TSD employees who are paid hourly such as paras, secretaries, and custodians. Take time to thank these people who make a difference in our district.



READ ALOUD DAY

November 12, Tuesday

Thompson School District will celebrate Read Aloud Day again on Tuesday, November 12. This is a day when community members volunteer to read books to students in elementary schools. All signups are online. If interested in volunteering, please click [HERE](#).



THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 25, Monday – November 29, Friday

No school. District offices will be open Monday and Tuesday, November 25 & 26.



VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR HOLIDAY PARTY

December 5, Thursday, 9:30 AM – 11:00AM

Epic Egg, 1477 E. Eisenhower Blvd., Loveland

We want to thank coordinators for their time helping schools by providing a fun break for a delicious breakfast to de-stress during the holidays.



WINTER BREAK

December 23, Monday – January 7, Tuesday

No school. Students return Wednesday, January 8. Staff return Monday, January 6.

Helpful Hints

• Texting Volunteers

Don't forget that you can text and email volunteers at the same time by using the "Notices" module. At the bottom of the notice on the right-hand side, click the box for "Send" in the SI Text row. If you don't want to use the notices email message you created, mark "No" or "Send Default Text Message" and type your text message in the box below. You can put a link to a sign up in this NON-Default Message by marking "Custom URL" and typing in the website address in the box below.

• Reactivating Deleted Volunteers

If a volunteer registration has been deleted and needs reactivated, please email Lisa.



The Positive Side of Social Media

It's easy to think about all the negative aspects of social media, especially in relation to our students who can be negatively affected by it. However, there are some good aspects to social media. One of those aspects can positively affect students and may have been overlooked. Social media is a great way to get attention and spread information about a topic. In this case, volunteer needs, including sign-ups for events, as well as public relations about the volunteer program are topics that can be promoted on Thompson School District's social media. Posting information on your school's website is a start, but TSD's Facebook, Twitter, and Snapchat are also options. Schools are often looking for items and pictures to post. Have you thought about posting photos of volunteers at events and sharing information about future volunteer needs? If not, there is a TSD staff person at every school that has an extra duty contract as the school's social media coordinator. Those people are listed below. Try reaching out to these people to utilize social media as a positive influence for helping students. It might be the bright spotlight your volunteer program needs.

Early Childhood	Stacy Gallegos	Namaqua	Denise Hessler
High Plains	Nancy Payton	Ponderosa	Nicolle Dvorak (I)
Peakview Academy	Amy Huckaby	Sarah Milner	Jill Date
Riverview	Jana Lewis	Truscott	Todd Bessey
Berthoud	Angie Adair	Winona	Sarah Bruder
BF Kitchen	Heidi Kimble-Jennings	Bill Reed MS	Kimberly Secord
Big Thompson	Stacey Faykosh-Burtis	Lucile Erwin MS	Deidra Vinzant
Carrie Martin	Lucy Stredde	Turner MS	Merri Hocker
Centennial	Stephanie Peterson	Walt Clark MS	Clare Middlehurst
Cottonwood Plains	Jennifer (Jen) Hougnon	Berthoud High	Emmie Bauer-Sanchez
Coyote Ridge	Kim Opfer	Ferguson HS	Sarah Rosenberry
Garfield	Caity Carr	Loveland HS	Wendy Frost
Ivy Stockwell	Sandra Adamson	Mountain View HS	Suzy Hass
Laurene Edmondson	Deanna Muniz	Thompson Valley HS	Debby Groover
Lincoln	Kaila Kocer		