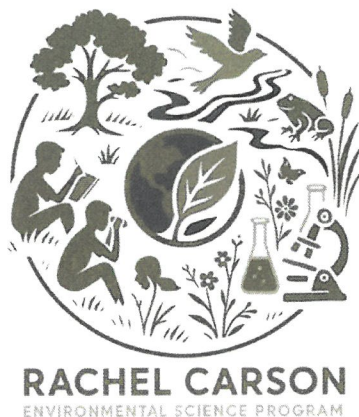




## **Communication and Volunteering at Rachel Carson**

We are so glad you are here! Rachel Carson is a unique program and prides itself on strong community involvement, which extends beyond the students and teachers. Your students' experience at RC will be greatly enhanced by what you, as their guardian, put into it. Two areas that we'd like to highlight are communication and volunteering.

### **COMMUNICATION**

PLEASE get VERY familiar with ParentSquare, if you are not already. Communication from staff to the RC community will come via this platform. It is critically important that you read these posts and familiarize yourself with the goings on in the program. The more you know, the more you can do to be a supportive and engaged community member.

Rachel Carson has two volunteer coordinators that are here to help ensure the success of the program, support the staff and communicate all volunteer opportunities to the RC community. The coordinators will use two modes for communication:

**Email:** You will receive emails from them from the [rlc.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:rlc.coordinator@gmail.com) address. If you don't hear from them by the first day of school, please send them an email and request that your email address be added.

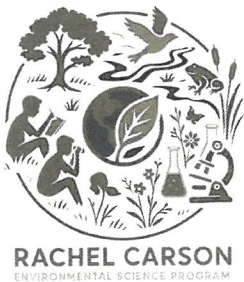
**ParentSquare:** Posts will be sent to parents of RC students (we are working on a way to get these messages out to community members as well.) Again, it is crucial that you read these posts and learn how you can be a contributing community member.

## **VOLUNTEERING**

This program is fueled by the adults that volunteer at the many events that make Rachel Carson so amazing. During the 2025-2026 school year, community members completed more than 8,000 community service hours! Our goal is to have each family complete at least one volunteer shift in an academic year, and we encourage signing up (and will need many folks) to volunteer as much as you can! Some of the many ways to complete this goal are to volunteer at Site Visits and/or After Site Visit Classes (all year long), Science Fair (December/January), Oxbow (May/June), Friends of Rachel Carson (ongoing) and many more.

To volunteer at Rachel Carson, the person MUST be approved by Raptor, the BSD safety management system. If you need to fill this application out, please visit [www.beaverton.k12.or.us](http://www.beaverton.k12.or.us).

**Any questions about volunteering can be directed to the Volunteer Coordinators, at [rlc.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:rlc.coordinator@gmail.com)**



# Friends of Rachel Carson Volunteers Needed!

Our school thrives because of dedicated parent volunteers. We're looking for a few people to step into important roles that keep our community strong.

## Open Volunteer Positions

### **Fundraising & Communications**

- Time Commitment: 1 hour / week (first 6 weeks of school), then occasional help in the summer
- Jump in to support our fundraising launch and parent communication efforts!

### **Grant Writer**

- Track grant opportunities, application requirements, and submission deadlines while maintaining organized records and reporting timelines to support ongoing funding efforts.
- Collaborate closely with school leadership and staff to identify program funding needs, gather supporting information, and develop compelling grant applications that reflect the mission and goals of the RC program.

### **Incoming Friends of RC Board President + Secretary - Elect**

- Shadow outgoing President and Secretary roles during the transition process by attending meetings, assisting with administrative responsibilities, and learning day-to-day operational procedures.
- Work closely with board members and school staff to ensure continuity of leadership, maintain organized records and communications, and support a smooth transfer of responsibilities into the incoming role.

✨ These are low-hour, high-impact roles, perfect for busy parents who want to make a difference! Training and support provided — you won't be on your own!

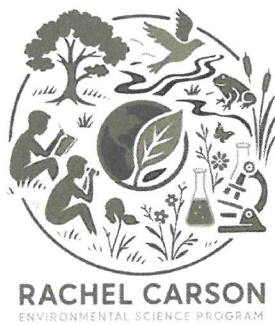
 Interested? Reach out to [rc20more@gmail.com](mailto:rc20more@gmail.com) to learn more or sign up!

## **RC Quick Facts - We are so glad you are here!**

- Approximately 180 students attend Rachel Carson Program of Environmental Science
- Friends of RC Non-Profit raises 100% of the operating budget for the RC program.
- The cost per year of the unique and amazing RC experiences is about \$250 per student and includes: site visits, science fair, garden work, dogs at school, and so much more!
- 100% of all funds raised go directly to RC and support the school experience and mission, and donations are tax deductible and receipts are available.
- Many regional employers will match your donation.
- One time per year fundraising drive, ongoing opportunity to support the school in other ways.
  - o Volunteer: At School; At Home; On Site Visits; with Friends of RC NP
  - o Collect cans for Bottle Drop
  - o Volunteer at Science Fair
  - o Volunteer in the Garden
- During the summer of 2025 the RC Garden has donated over 250 pounds of produce to local food banks.
- Every year, RC Students and families volunteer in the community thousands of hours
- RC is entering its 23<sup>rd</sup> year and is unique in the BSD system as the only 100% self-funded "option" middle school program.

Want more information? Find a volunteer with an "Ask me about RC" button or visit our website:





## Rachel Carson Environmental Science Program Fundraising Initiative

**Help us meet our fundraising goal of \$250 per student by**

**Friday, September 4th, 2026!**

The RC Community and Non-Profit organization raise 100% of the annual operating budget. And 100% percent of the money raised goes toward direct support of the school experience and mission, including: Science Fair, Site Visits, Transportation, Oxbow Day Camp, the RC Garden, Classroom and School Supplies, Curriculum Augmentation and Community Building activities.

During the 2025-2026 school year, the Friends of Rachel Carson fundraised and spent **\$44,800** for the benefit of the students attending Rachel Carson Program of Environmental Science. We're excited to add brand-new dissecting microscopes and binoculars to our program, while also fulfilling several important RC garden supply needs. Thank you for your support!

This is equivalent to **\$250** per student. We appreciate contributions for your students at any level. Please consider what you can give to help make your student's experience as rich as possible.

If your employer participates with a donation match, thank you! See below.

**100% of the money raised goes directly to support our students' school experience!**

**HOW IT WORKS:** We have one fundraiser per year, the fall check writing campaign! **Our goal is \$250 per student!**

### **THREE WAYS TO DONATE AND GET INVOLVED:**

1. Encourage your students to collect donations from **friends and family**.
2. Post a video on social media with our Venmo! **@RC20more**
3. Many employers will match charitable donations. We can provide receipts and accept donations through matching sites like Benevity.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

1. Donations are tax deductible. The Friends of RC Tax ID is: 83-4472358
2. You can request a receipt for your donation from Friends of RC via email.

**If you have any questions feel free to contact us at: [rc20more@gmail.com](mailto:rc20more@gmail.com)**