

IKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2009-2010 SCHOOL-WIDE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please review the volunteer committees below that need your help. **To sign up to volunteer, please visit www.mysignup.com/kikercomets and click on the committees you would like to join.** You may volunteer with as many committees as you would like. Signing up in no way obligates you to volunteer, but rather gives us a database of names from which to request help as projects begin. The Coordinators will be in touch with committee volunteers once committees are formed. For specific questions about volunteer committees please contact the Committee Coordinator listed below. If you are interested in an open Committee Coordinator position, or for general questions about volunteer opportunities, please contact Anmarie Bochey, Kiker Volunteer Coordinator, at abochey@yahoo.com or 657-4288

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All signups should be done ONLINE at www.mysignup.com/kikercomets

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR SIGNUP BY 9/8/09

IMMEDIATE NEED COMMITTEES

These committees need volunteers *immediately* due to early fall start dates for events:

GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER –Keili Smith, Coordinator (keilismith@att.net) September 2009

The Sally Foster Gift Wrap Fundraiser will be held 9/11-9/25/09. Many volunteers are needed for various tasks from assembling sales packets 9/2/09 in the cafeteria & distributing sales packets to students 9/11/09, reconciling & tallying orders, and sorting orders for take home in mid-November. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved early in the school year and become acquainted with many Kiker parents! Please consider joining us for an hour or two to help the PTA "Wrap It Up" for Kiker!

CAMP READ – Christie Whittington, Coordinator (christie@whitting.org) October 2009 – school year

Camp Read is a program designed to help students strengthen reading fluency and comprehension. This is only a 30-min. to 1-hour commitment per week, working one-on-one with students. Starting in October, approximately 110 people are needed to run Camp Read effectively. Position requires a background check.

BOOK FAIR – Zonia Smith, Librarian (zsmith@austinisd.org) COORDINATOR NEEDED! October 2009

Proceeds from this event are used to purchase library books, educational materials and support library staffing. This year's fall theme is Destination Book Fair: Read Around the World! Volunteers are needed to help create decorations for the fair during the weeks prior to the fair (10/21-10/28), set up books for the fair (10/29) and help students locate books, restock and sales the week of the fair (11/2 - 11/6). Volunteers are also needed for one day of take down (11/9). Work a two-hour shift, or more. A Book Fair Volunteer Coordinator is also needed.

BIKE FEST – Leta Deithloff, Coordinator (ldethloff@austin.rr.com) September 2009 Volunteers needed to help run this event. Bike Fest is a fall family event providing our kids the opportunity to learn and practice their safe riding skills in a fun, non-competitive atmosphere. Experienced riders will also be able to tour the Veloway with six-time Tour de France finisher Kevin Livingston. Event takes place Saturday, September 19th!

SCIENCE LAB – Donna Poveda & Margit Higgins Co-Coordinators (dkgap@austin.rr.com) September 2009 – school year

Our science lab is designed to introduce elementary age children to all aspects of science in an exciting and hands-on fashion. Through experimentation students learn scientific methods/theories that will engage their minds and enhance their creative thinking and problem solving skills. We need parent volunteers in order for our lab to function! A science background is NOT required, only the desire to further your child's knowledge. Opportunities exist at all levels and time commitments. Examples: decorating the lab for upcoming theme(s), science kit check in/out, classroom science lab representative (parent liaison between teacher and science lab), experiment set-up for classroom visits, posting current events, etc.

SPELLING BEE – Nina Wasserburger, Coordinator (nwasserburger@yahoo.com) October 2009

Volunteers needed for a new event this year: 'Spelling Bee' Theme Night. This event will take place at the school as part of our November 5th PTA General Membership Meeting.

YEARBOOK – 2 COORDINATORS NEEDED! School Year 2009-2010

Two people would be ideal to manage this committee – one to coordinate volunteers for yearbook sales/distribution and one to coordinate picture-taking and assembly of class pages. Each class will have a designated yearbook volunteer to coordinate class page pictures, so our Coordinators will just need to “coordinate” the process. If you are creative and would like an opportunity to be part of the decision-making for next year’s yearbook, consider this great volunteer opportunity!

REFLECTIONS ARTS RECOGNITION & ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM – Carrie Keith, Coordinator (carriecita@yahoo.com) Winter 2009-2010

The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program. The theme for 2009-2010 is "Beauty Is...". Students can submit original works of art expressing "Beauty Is..." in six areas: Visual Art, Photograph, Literature, Musical Composition, Film/Video, Dance Choreography. Volunteers needed for a variety of positions, including checking in entries, judging entries, displaying artwork, promoting the event, planning the awards reception and more.

OTHER COMMITTEES THAT NEED YOUR HELP:

ANNUAL SCHOOLWIDE FUNDRAISER – CO-COORDINATOR NEEDED! "Golfin' and Groovin'" – Terry Lord, Coordinator May 2010

This "can't miss" end of year celebration and fundraiser which includes the Kiker Golf Classic and an auction/dinner/dance is held each May. Volunteers are needed for the silent auction/dinner/dance & the golf tournament. A great time is had by all - join the fun by volunteering!

ART FUNDRAISER – Amy Zahorik, Coordinator (amzahorik@usa.net) October 2009

This is a school-wide fund-raiser for the Art Department. This event occurs 10/5-10/9/09. We need 10 volunteers per day for morning shifts on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Helpers are also needed throughout the year to help hang and take down artwork in the Kiker hallways.

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB VOLUNTEER – Zonia Smith, Librarian (zsmith@austinisd.org) School Year 2009-2010

Volunteers needed to help coordinate and process Kiker Library Birthday Books in the library. Volunteers would be needed once or twice a month to help distribute notices, create personalized book plates and create hall signs and decorations. This is a year-long project that is very rewarding.

BOOK SWAP – COORDINATOR NEEDED! March 2009

Meet, swap and read with other families as we gather to exchange/recycle books. This event will take place March 30th in the library. 2-3 volunteers are needed to help organize books and coordinate the swap.

BULLETIN BOARD – Oddett Weatherspoon, Coordinator (oddett@att.net) School Year 2009-2010

We need a small group of volunteers to decorate and post information 3-4x year on our PTA bulletin board. This is a fun job because it allows one to be as creative/artistic as they please. Preschoolers can come with you while you work on the board and we have all the supplies you need at school and lots of ideas for themes/decorations.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN - Susan Karwoski, Coordinator (skarwoski@austin.rr.com) School Year 2009-2010

Volunteers are needed to assist with general maintenance of the garden as needed.

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION – COORDINATOR NEEDED! School Year 2009-2010

Volunteers are needed to help with the implementation of all aspects of landscaping and maintenance to help beautify the Kiker Campus.

CAREER DAY – Randie Fraser, School Counselor/Coordinator; Barb Hoisington, Organizer (Bhoisington@austin.rr.com) Winter 2009-2010

Volunteer to come speak with 5th grade students about your career. This event will be held in the winter for a half day of school.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT – COORDINATOR NEEDED! School Year 2009-2010

Our mission is to provide items (books, coats, shoes, clothing, etc.) to enrich the education of Allison Elementary School students, and to foster a spirit of community in our children. We also provide community support in times of crisis or natural disaster.

EARTH DAY – COORDINATOR NEEDED! April 2010

Volunteers are needed to help implement classroom activities that will increase student awareness of, and attention to, environmental concerns and to assist with collection and distribution of student-decorated paper shopping bags to local grocery stores.

GREEN APPLE SAVINGS PROGRAM – Christie Casteel, Coordinator (christiecasteel@hotmail.com) School Year 2009-2010

Volunteers needed to help with a membership drive at the beginning of the school year. Help with reminder notices by email every two weeks and then support the student tellers as students make deposits twice a month from 7:15-7:45 am at morning assembly.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT – Teresa Rodriguez, Coordinator (teresalino@sbcglobal.net) January 2010

Volunteers needed to organize this fun event. International night is an evening of celebrating the diversity of our Kiker families. A variety of countries and cultures from across the globe are highlighted with Korean and Chinese dancers, tunes of bagpipes, folk dancing, Indian dance, a worldwide pot luck supper and much more. Cultures and traditions showcased in 2008 were from: Canada, Colombia, China / Taiwan, Germany, India, Ireland, Iran, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Scotland and Syria. Volunteer opportunities include helping to organize the event, representing a country at the event, providing a dish, and more. Event scheduled for January 29, 2010!

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS – Zonia Smith, Librarian/Coordinator School Year 2009-2010

Provide assistance to library staff by shelving books and other tasks, as directed by the librarian. Volunteer shifts are one day every week or every other week with two hour shifts preferred.

LOST & FOUND – Charise Krupinski, Coordinator (CMHAK@aol.com) School Year 2009-2010

Help maintain this area (near the cafeteria). See that it is kept tidy so items can find their way back home! Organize items as needed.

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY – Kirsten Howren, Coordinator (khowren@austin.rr.com) February 2010

Volunteers needed to help run our Library Fundraiser. In 2009, student decorated hearts hung down our hallways and represented a campaign of giving towards a critical resource for literacy - our library. Jelly beans were counted, brownies were baked and chocolate strawberries were eaten by our dedicated students, parents and business partners in an effort that raised over \$6,000 for our library.

MENTOR PROGRAM – Randie Fraser, School Counselor/Coordinator School Year 2009-2010

Volunteers from the community, such as neighbors, co-workers or business associates, work with students to provide positive role models and help build student's self esteem. Volunteers commit to participate in the program for a minimum of one school year and meet with their assigned student on school grounds for thirty minutes to one hour a week. Volunteers submit a letter of personal recommendation, attend a two-hour Mentor Training Session and participate in a background check by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety. As we do not want to compromise or complicate your relationship with your own Kiker student, we are not targeting current Kiker parents for this program. Let us know if you have a neighbor, co-worker or business associate who is interested and available to make a difference in the life of a child at Kiker!

MISCELLANEOUS – Anmarie Bochey, Coordinator (abochey@yahoo.com) School Year 2009-2010

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks that arise throughout the year. You will be contacted at the time to see if you are available. This one can fit everyone's schedule!!

MUSIC AND KEYNOTES (School Choir) – Daryl Jones, Music Teacher/ Coordinator (djones@austinisd.org) School Year 2009-2010

Volunteers assist with activities related to Keynotes such as passing out and picking up bow ties before and after performances, preparations for the Keynotes party, chaperoning performance trips, copying sheet music, etc. May also assist with music activities during a music class while the teacher is in the room doing individual music assessments.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS – COORDINATOR NEEDED! School Year 2009-2010

Volunteers who are comfortable working with children will supervise a class/grade level of their choosing for no more than a two-hour block while teachers are conferencing with colleagues on campus. Volunteers are screened with a background check and trained by Principal Schneider. This is a great opportunity to work with your own child's class/grade level, and also provides a chance to learn about other grade levels as well. The Coordinator will simply send emails asking for committee volunteers signups when the teachers need help so this is a great Coordinator job to do from home!

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION (Adopt-a-School) – COORDINATOR NEEDED! School Year 2009-2010

Partners in Education (PIE) builds relationships with area businesses and individuals to enrich the student environment and to help them become well-rounded, confident individuals. Mentors and volunteers are needed to enhance the learning atmosphere of the Kiker Community. Coordinator will work with Terry Lord, Kiker teacher.

PAVERS – Becky Livingston, Coordinator (Rebecca@pedalhard.com)

PICTURE DAY - Angie Schuckle, Coordinator (aschuckle@earthlink.net)

STAFF AND TEACHER APPRECIATION – Ana McPherson, Coordinator (anamcpherson@earthlink.net) School Year 2009-2010

Volunteers are needed to help honor Kiker teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week and other special occasions. Volunteers may bring food or donations and/or help to host two special lunches (one Fall/one Spring) for the staff and teachers. These events are supported by the PTA budget and parent donations.

TEACHER’S WORK ROOM – Jennifer Smiley, Coordinator (jksmiley@austin.rr.com) School Year 2009-2010

Volunteers are needed once a week for a few hours to make copies, booklets, and laminating for teachers and administrators. Training on use of all equipment will be provided.

TRACK AND FIELD DAY – Caaren Skrobarczyk, Coordinator (caaren@austin.rr.com) Spring 2010

This is a school-wide spring fund-raiser for the PE Department to purchase new equipment. Volunteers are needed to help plan and organize this fun and popular event, as well as to bag popcorn and work concessions on the day of the event.

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING – Nancy Salley, Coordinator (nosalley@austin.rr.com) Fall 2009 & Spring 2010

Volunteers are needed once in the fall and once in the spring to escort students to and from the screening room and to help maintain crowd control during screenings.

THANK YOU! For volunteering at Kiker! Don’t forget to go to www.mysignup.com/kikercomets to sign up to volunteer! With your help we are looking forward to a great 2009-2010 school year!