

Kutz Home & School Association

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We welcome and encourage every parent to become involved with the Kutz Home & School Association. We are 100% dependent on our volunteers to be successful and have numerous committees ranging from fundraising to assisting in the library to event planning. There are a variety of opportunities for any skill, time commitment or interest. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated and can give as little or as much as possible to any committee. Getting involved is a great way to get to know other parents and to help enhance the Kutz experience for our children.

Please look over the list of our 2016-17 committees to see if there is anything that sparks your interest. If you are interested in getting involved in any way, please contact the committee head listed below or reach out to the Home & School board with any questions. Thank you in advance for your time and effort, the Home & School Association could not exist without you!

ASSEMBLIES (Sandy Hogenauer) – Home & School funds all the amazing school assemblies and this committee liaises with the Kutz faculty regarding assemblies throughout the year.

BOOK FAIR (Heather Yim, Andrea Callan, Kristy Swartz) – This committee runs the Scholastic Book Fair 1-2 times per year. The proceeds of the book fair are donated to the Kutz Library to purchase new books for our students. Scholastic provides necessary tools and guidance to run the fair and volunteers help host the fair over 3-5 consecutive days, including setting up, manning cash registers, breaking down/packing of books, and reconciling financials.

BULLETIN BOARDS (Suzanne Wisniewski) – Volunteers coordinate the decoration of some of the school bulletin boards throughout the school and make changes throughout the year.

COUGARS4CAUSE (April Masterson) – A service oriented committee/club open to students who wish to participate in various community service activities throughout the school year. Activities include supporting various outreach projects within our school, as well as within the larger community. Looking for committee members for the 2016-2017 school year to help organize, chaperone and/or run community-serviced based activities.

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES (Deb Dee) – This committee organizes and runs various family events throughout the school year (outside of school/work hours), encouraging positive family/school interaction. Activities in the past have included: Ice cream socials, movie night, bingo, Trenton Thunder night, etc. Volunteers plan & organize each event.

ACTIVE FUNDRAISING (Deb Marra) – Our active fundraiser is the most important one of the year as it generates the majority of funds to sponsor activities throughout the school year.

PASSIVE FUNDRAISING (Jessica Amend) - There are many FREE ways families can help raise money for Kutz.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – This committee collects box tops from students twice throughout the year (end of October and end of February). Volunteers help count and submit the box tops, as well as visit the website to learn new ways to earn.

REDNERS/ACME/GIANT/AMAZON SMILE – These businesses all donate a portion of certain sales to the Kutz Home & School Association. Volunteers assist with communicating how parents can participate, as well as coordinating with the donating businesses.

SPIRIT NIGHT - Volunteers organize and run spirit night events at local establishments. These organizations (including Chick-Fil-A, Yogurt Tree, Panera, Unos, etc.) donate a portion of sales to Kutz on designated nights.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE (Colleen Chuo) – This committee runs a holiday shop at Kutz during the school day, usually the week after Thanksgiving. Each child has the opportunity to browse for treasures to give to family and friends during the holiday season. The gifts are very reasonably priced and are selected for all ages and interests. Volunteers help the children shop for and wrap gifts.

HOMEROOM PARENTS (Karen Weidman, Stephanie Charran) – Every class has at least two “homeroom parents” who act as a liaison between the Home & School, and the teachers/families of students in their grade. The homeroom parents also help coordinate class parties and may be called upon to help with other classroom activities and field trips.

HOSPITALITY/WELCOMING (April Masterson) –This committee helps to organize various functions during the year to help welcome new families to Kutz and help promote Home & School volunteerism and awareness.

IRUN4LIFE (Bill Hogenauer, Sal Lentini) – iRun4Life is a fun, non-competitive running program designed to promote fitness and healthy lifestyles with our kids. iRun4Life focuses on exercise, healthy nutrition, and promoting Pay it Forward Good Deeds in our community. They combine running, stretching, and relay games. Training starts in April with our goal race being a kid’s only 3K race at Central Park in May. Volunteers assist each week with various aspects of the program.

KIDSTUFF BOOKS (Amy Majewski) – This fundraiser last two weeks at the beginning of September. Students sell Kidstuff coupon books. Volunteers box books for each classroom, and pick up books and envelopes at Kutz.

KUTZ KAPERS (Colleen Chuo) - Kutz Kapers is a six week after school program held during the winter months. The classes are one day a week for about an hour. The classes are geared towards enrichment in the arts and sciences as well as physical education. Some examples of past classes include: writing, acting, yoga, crafts, foreign language, sports and games. Parent volunteers are also encouraged to run these classes and share their unique talents and/or abilities with the children at Kutz.

LIBRARY AIDES (Suzanne Stratton) – Parents are needed in the library (on a weekly or bi-weekly basis) to shelve books, check books in and out and process new books. Volunteers are trained, so no experience necessary.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE (Deb Dee & Heather Yim) – This committee works with the school nurse and other school personnel to help families within the Kutz community in times of need and/or crisis. Volunteers help run a food drive in the fall and may also be called upon throughout the year to provide meals, gift certificates, and general support to families in need.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE (Sandy Hogenauer) – This committee coordinates a blood drive at Kutz Elementary School.

RED RIBBON WEEK (Stacey Miletto) – This committee organizes activities during National Drug Free Awareness Week. Volunteers plan, promote & coordinate various activities/games and order appropriate rewards for students through catalog at home.

SCIENCE FAIR (Held every other year) – The idea of the science fair is to make science interesting, accessible and real for each student. It is an optional activity and students participate on their own level and choose a topic of interest to them. Our next Science Fair will be in 2018.

SIXTH GRADE COORDINATORS– Sixth grade parent representatives plan various class activities, help the sixth grade teachers plan activities and keep track of class finances.

SIXTH GRADE HALLOWEEN PARTY – This party is held for 6th grade students and is organized by parents. Contests may be held for prizes and awards. Fifth grade parents serve as costume judges. Parent organizers oversee volunteer committees that provide decorations, food and prizes. Requires 4 committee members and one substitute. One committee chair must secure DJ and complete facility form the prior June of school year to reserve Kutz Cafeteria for dance.

SPRING FAIR (Colleen Chuo) The Spring Fair is a lot of fun...so we need lots of volunteers. We will hold this event every other year, 2018 is the next Fair. The Spring Fair needs volunteers to help with many different activities, such as basket raffles, securing vendors, running games/contests/booths, managing prizes, serving food, and many other fun tasks. This is an event our children love and look forward to.

STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE (Jessica Schaefer) – Volunteers will organize several events throughout the year that include: luncheons for staff, back to school breakfast, Bus Driver Appreciation Day, Fall and Spring conference dinners for staff and an annual staff luncheon. Volunteers also help organize activities for our teachers and staff for teacher appreciation week in May.

YEARBOOK – (Sandy Hogenauer) The committee creates, organizes, designs and sells the yearbook, including holding a fall yearbook cover contest. The members of this committee take photos during school related activities.