

## North Barrington PTO Volunteer Opportunities for 2007-2008

*Please complete one form per family*

The North Barrington PTO provides a wide range of activities that supplement and enrich your child's school experience. Through fund raising events, we also make significant contributions of materials and equipment. Working as a volunteer is a great way to get to know other parents and help our school. Please take a minute to read the list below and sign up for the activities that interest you. The committee chairperson will contact you as the events approach to explain how you may assist.

*Thank you in advance and you do make a difference!*

(2007-2008)

Parents Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Mothers Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Fathers Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (847) \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Fund Raisers***

- Book Fair:** Annual three-day book sale of children and adults titles held each year.
- Box Tops:** Collection of General Mills Box Tops and labels for education.
- Car Wash:** (*Sponsored by Character Counts Committee*) Parents and children participate in a car wash at the school one Saturday each fall.
- Gift Wrap:** Sale of gift wrap and other items done each fall.
- Jog-a-thon:** (*As needed fund raiser*) Children run laps at school, raising money for each lap completed.
- Market Day:** Monthly sale of frozen, refrigerated, and non-perishable food products throughout the school year. Ten-percent of each sale is profit for the PTO.
- Original Works:** Organize in conjunction with the Art Teacher this fundraiser in which students' artwork can be reproduced on notecards, mousepads, magnets, etc....in the Fall.
- Pancake Breakfast:** (*Sponsored by Character Counts Committee*) One Saturday each spring a Pancake Breakfast is held in the school cafeteria.
- Poinsettia Sale:** Sale of poinsettia plants in November/December.
- Spirit Clothing:** Assist with periodic sales clothing and other items with the NBS logo and motto at Back-to-School Night and other PTO sponsored events.

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## *Program and Service*

- Bank at School:** Program allows students to bank at school. It is designed to give students in grades (1-5) some real life banking and saving experience. Bank representatives come in to the school one Friday each month, banking hours of 8:45-9:00 am. Fourth and fifth grade students also help by serving as tellers.
- Bowling:** Join the PTO's Tuesday morning bowling league. A great way to make new friends!
- Character Counts:** Parents and school staff work together to integrate Character Education into the curriculum and school community. The Character Education Committee (CEC) provides teachers with discussion topics, and books that are easy to implement into their curriculum. The CEC organizes two fundraisers each year: the car wash and pancake breakfast. The CEC allocates some of the money raised to worthwhile organizations, as well as encourages school and classroom service projects. Students and their parents are invited to walk in the Barrington Homecoming Parade with the Student Council Representatives and their parents. Together with the Assemblies Committee, the CEC sponsors school assemblies related to the six pillars of character. Each October NBS classes participate in the National Character Counts Week. The CEC has a liaison representing NBS at the Greater Barrington Character Counts Organization. New ideas are always welcome as the CEC encourages students to learn and live by the six pillars of character: *Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.*
- Emergency Committee:** Upkeep of classroom emergency backpack and emergency phone tree.
- Family Night:** A fun filled evening for the whole family, including music, food and much more.
- Field Day:** A special all school, all-day track and field events held at the end of the school year as the year-end-party.
- Fifth-Grade Activities:** For parents of fifth-grade parents only. Assist the Fifth-Grade Volunteer Coordinators in a variety of events including basketball, track, cross-country, field trip, video and recognition ceremony.
- Fun Fair/Art Fair:** One Saturday each spring the PTO hosts an all day event including games or art stations, cakewalk, food, etc.... (2008 will be Art Fair, 2009 will be the Fun Fair)
- Interactive Habitat/Earth Week:** Interactive Habitat is an ongoing program developed to enhance classroom curriculum, using the outdoor classroom environment including Living Science Court Yard, Prairie, Bird, Butterfly and Bug Garden, Fall Harvest Garden and Sensory Herb Turtles. Earth week promotes activities developed to raise student and parent awareness regarding environmental issues.
- Meet the Artist:** Classroom volunteers teach children about famous artists and techniques bringing their works to life. Training session and lesson plans are provided for volunteers.
- NBS Weekly Newsletter:** Distributed each Wednesday to our school families with information and flyers pertaining to upcoming events at our school and throughout District 220. Volunteers needed for newsletter assembly on Wednesday mornings, once a month for approximately 2 hours.
- Partners-In-Reading:** A two-week reading program hosted in the winter involving parents and other family members reading in your child's classroom. The program concludes with an assembly related to the program's theme.
- Roller Skating:** A family skate night held every winter.
- School Supplies:** Teacher requested school supply packs for each grade level offered for purchase in the spring and delivered to the classrooms by the first day of school.
- Staff Appreciation/Hospitality:** Staff appreciation is a special tribute to our school staff held each spring. Hospitality offers the staff a luncheon during the fall conferences.
- Sunny Hill Volunteer:** Volunteer at Sunny Hill School as a read-aloud parent in conjunction with Sunny Hill's reading fluency program. Coordinated by the NBS Sunny Hill School Coordinator.
- Tournament of Readers:** (*Third, Fourth and Fifth grade*) Yearly reading contest coordinated with the school librarian to help promote the fun of reading and love for books.
- Welcoming/Outreach:** Welcome new families to our school by hosting a coffee in the fall, support a family mentoring program and reach out to families in need at our school.
- Yearbook/Video:** School memories are captured in a book. Sold at cost and distributed at the end of each year.

### *Special Requests by Staff*

- Art Volunteers:** Help the art teacher with special projects.
- Health Assistant:** Help the school nurse on an as-needed basis in her office giving TLC.
- Library Volunteers:** Listen to children "share" the books that they have read, shelving books, and work on special projects.
- Math Volunteers:** Play math games in your child's classroom, training is provided by the gifted math teachers. Sort and maintain the math games in the PTO closet.
- Music Volunteers:** Help the music teacher with special projects.

\*\*\* *FYI: In order to gather more information the Room Coordinator Position will have a separate sign-up form.*

