

2017-2018

## Volunteer Opportunities for Kinderhaven Parents



Please communicate your preferences in one of the following ways by August 17:

- 1) Visit the Kinderhaven Parent Board website and fill out your volunteer preference on line:

<http://kinderhavenparentboard.weebly.com>

or

- 2) Return the last page to Dr. Robbins along with your back-to-school forms (she will pass the volunteer forms along to us).

### A note about volunteering at Kinderhaven:

Parent involvement is an important part of a Reggio inspired classroom. We understand that some parents have more flexibility than others during classroom times but still want to volunteer – we can make that happen! Please reach out to us to ask questions about any of these roles described on the attached sheet as our teachers are very flexible and so are we. We do not want anyone to feel excluded from the classroom if they wish to volunteer. We are happy to chat with you to discuss time commitments, greater detail of these positions and will work with you. Keep in mind, the children also love to see our parents' (and grandparents) special talents and interests as well. If you can juggle, play the guitar or have a fun job you would like to talk to the kids about, please let us know!

We will be available to speak to you in person about volunteering at our back-to-school events, however, please feel free to email us in the meantime with any questions. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in the classroom.

Christine Gowski - Kinderhaven Parent Board Volunteer Chair

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**Classroom Opportunities** – These are volunteer opportunities for parents who would like to spend time in the classroom or make a direct contribution to the classroom by supporting the teachers from home.

**Room Parent** – Plan and organize class holiday and year-end parties. Plan a student made class project to give the teachers at holiday time and the end of the year. Work with other room parents and Parent Volunteer Chair to plan Teacher Appreciation Week.

**Story Reader** – Read a story, do a finger play or other literary activity in the classroom. Choose a story or activity involving reading and/or writing skills that will enhance children's learning experience in the classroom. It would be great if the story/activity has a connection to the class's current project or topic of study.

**Games & Recreation Parent** – Work with the children to teach them a game or lead them in an activity. Coordinate with the teachers concerning appropriate space and equipment needed for the game or activity. Incorporate an understanding of the rules of sportsmanship in the process.

**Art Project Parent** – Work with the teachers to create and/or implement an art project. Come into the classroom to work on an art project from set up to clean up. Assist the teachers to appropriately display the project once completed.

**Health & Wellness Committee** – Visit the classroom approximately once a month to provide mini lessons about physical wellness. Lessons will involve providing information about the health benefits of eating nutritious foods, engaging in fun fitness activities with the kids (yoga and more) as well as games and lessons that get our children moving and learning about the importance of growing up healthy!

**Teacher's Helper** – Parents on this list are available for teachers to call upon when they need help and/or resources for special projects. Parents may be called upon to help with in class tasks such as posting bulletin boards, taking dictation from students, printing photos or other such tasks. Parents may also be called on to help prepare materials at home involving cutting, gluing, or putting things together. Finally, parents may be called upon to do research about a topic or gather books or other such resources that may be needed for an upcoming project.

Parent Board Committee Opportunities – These are volunteer opportunities for parents who would like to participate in helping out with the work of the Kinderhaven Parent Board.

**Mission of the Kinderhaven Parent Board:**

**Community Development**

*We will support the efforts of the school in recruiting new families and providing parent education for current families. We will provide opportunities for our parents and families to gather socially in order to build a sense of community.*

**Parent Involvement**

*We will promote and facilitate parent involvement in the classroom. We will support open communication between home and school.*

**Fundraising**

*We will plan events to raise funds that may be used to support classroom activities, finance school projects, and provide staff development.*

**Social Committee** – This committee is responsible for planning the Purple Parent Night in the fall, the new parent coffee in the spring, and various other social events. The Chairs, who are members of the Kinderhaven Parent Board, lead this committee. It will meet on an as-needed basis for the purpose of planning these events.

**Giving Tree Gathering Committee** – This committee is responsible for planning our annual Giving Tree Gathering Fundraiser. It is an evening event for adults. This is Kinderhaven's major fundraising event. Co-chairs, who are members of the Kinderhaven Parent Board, lead this committee. It will meet on an as-needed basis for the purpose of planning this event.

# Kinderhaven Parent Volunteer Form 2017-2018



Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name(s)/Class(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your areas of interest. Dr. Robbins and the Parent Board's Parent Volunteer Chair will contact you with your assignments at the beginning of the school year. Thank you in advance for your participation!

## CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERING

Room Parent

Art Project Parent

Health & Wellness Committee

Games & Recreation Parent

Story Reader *\*please indicate here, however, please note that a follow-up email link will be sent to sign-up for specific reading dates for each class.*

Teacher's Helper List (Indicate preference if you have one)

In Class

At Home

Research

## PARENT BOARD COMMITTEES

Social Committee

Giving Tree Gathering Committee

Do you have any special talents or interests that you would be willing to share?

Please note any special time considerations that we should take into account when making your volunteer assignments.