

Community

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Cooperative Program

Dear Oak Lane Parents:

From its inception, Oak Lane has been a cooperative program that relies on parent participation both to control costs and build community. While voluntary, parent participation is an expectation, as described in your child's contract. Outlined below are a number of ways you can get involved and help make Oak Lane a wonderful place for all the children in our care. Please use the sign-up sheet provided to decide how to fulfill your cooperative commitment of 6 hours for this coming year. Many thanks in advance!

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Director

Classroom Parent

The classroom parent is responsible for following tasks: 1) assist the classroom teachers with organizing special events or holiday celebrations; 2) collaborate with other parents on how to thank the teachers at Oak Lane for their wonderful work (e.g. holidays, Teacher Appreciation Week in May, or at the end of the school year).

Classroom Visitor

This option gives you the opportunity to fully emerge yourself in a classroom and interact with the children in many ways. You may want to read books to the children or engage them in an art, science or cooking project. Or may be you are really talented at putting on a puppet show or building block structures. Do you have a job the children might want to know more about? The choice is yours and the sky is the limit! Our teachers will assist you in any way necessary, which allows you to either work with the entire class at once or in small groups. Activities can range anywhere between 30 and 60 minutes.

Toy Cleaning

This task ensures that our toys stay clean throughout the year. It is especially important during the cold season when germs seem to be everywhere. Simply let us know when you would be able to take some toys home and we will get some ready for you to clean. You also have the option of cleaning toys at the day care. You may sign-up for one or more months a year.

Fruit for Snack

We strive to provide the children at Oak Lane with nutritious snacks and you can help by providing fruit for the children to enjoy. You may sign up for one or more months a year and provide snack twice per month for approximately 15 children. Fruits that have worked well in the past include watermelon, cantaloupe, grapes, strawberries, bananas and apples.

Fundraising

We need one fundraising coordinator to oversee and organize the fundraising efforts of the year. It includes arranging meetings and working with the director to coordinate events. As the coordinator you are NOT responsible for coming up with all the fundraising events. Parents will share ideas and we will decide as a group, which fundraisers to go forward with. This school year is an off-year, which means we will not be hosting an auction or other major fundraising event. Instead we hope to focus on some smaller fundraisers throughout the year.

Morning Meeting Book

We need a parent that can type up the questions and the children's answers from Morning Meeting and then put them together in a simple book. You will work together with the Director to arrange for printing and putting the booklets together at the end of the year.

Playground Maintenance

Keeping the playground clean is a year-round task and it would be great if we could have 4 families adopt the playground for 3 months each. Included in this task would be the care and maintenance of our beautiful flower box at the front door.

Clean-Up Days

Organize a fall and spring clean-up day. The director can be of assistance in announcing the event to parents. Oversee the work on clean-up day, which has traditionally been a Saturday morning. This task can be shared by two people, so that one is in charge for the fall clean-up day and the other one for the spring clean-up day.

Other

Be Creative! Think about what skills and interests you have that could benefit the Oak Lane community and enrich our program.

Thank You!