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# Growing CCMS Together

## Jump Start Your Family's Volunteer Hours

The first half of the school year is quickly winding to an end, but that doesn't mean service-hour volunteer opportunities are drying up.

Please have a look at the enclosed signup sheets for opportunities to start adding up those service hours before the end of the year.

You can volunteer for these opportunities by contacting a PTO Officer or writing in your name and sending the form back to the school.

To find other opportunities, see Ms Debbie in the office or your child's teacher. It truly takes a community to make our world go round here at CCMS and your help is always appreciated.



## Save the Dates

**November 20**--Applebee's Dining to Donate Night for CCMS. Pick up a voucher in the front office and present it to your server with your bill from 5 pm-9 pm and Applebee's will donate an amount equal to 10% of your total to CCMS; so don't forget dessert!

**December 3 & 4**--Book Fair at Barnes & Noble. Watch for a schedule of events coming soon and join CCMS community members at Barnes & Noble for fun activities. All proceeds from sales for which our voucher number is presented will bring money into for the school library. And just in time, Barnes and Noble is back as a Box Tops vendor; so if you plan to buy online that weekend use our number and enter through the Box Tops site for double the impact!

**January 28**--Join CCMS members for our gala event: the 6th Annual Art Expo & Silent Auction "Art in Science" is scheduled from 6 pm-10 pm.

## Self-Service PTO Center Coming Soon

In order to make obtaining yearbooks and t-shirts easier for all, PTO officers and committee members will be creating a self-service center near the PTO Box. watch for more details soon.

There will be sign out binders where you can log out t-shirt/yearbook purchases, leave your money for these items and take your product right then.

T-Shirt coordinator Cristina Ortiz already has such a system in place for borrowing t-shirts on Field Trip Days. Teachers or students can sign out a gently used t-shirt from the loaner bag by signing it out in the binder on Ms Debbie's desk, taking a t-shirt and then washing/returning/logging it back in. Thank you for your efforts Cristina!

## Do You Have....

◇ a connection to someone who has patio heaters, banquet chairs/tables, linens, party tents, catering, a band/musical talent. The Art Expo committee would love to hear from you if you do. Contact Anna Wagner at [anwagner24@gmail.com](mailto:anwagner24@gmail.com) or leave a note in the PTO box.

◇ time to spare during the school day? Volunteers are always needed in the office, in the classrooms and especially for helping students with this year's art work. Just contact PTO or your child's teacher to see how you can help.

◇ Internet know how? PTO is still seeking people for a Website/New Media committee to develop a PTO website, help Ms Ada redesign the CCMS website and research alternative new media contacts. Interested? Please contact a PTO officer.

## Art Expo Committee Meetings

Friday, November 18 at 8:30 am  
Friday, December 2 at 3 pm  
every other Friday at 3 pm after

Please join the committee whenever you can. You don't have to be at each meeting to help.

## Room Parents Committee News

If you haven't received a flyer from your child's room parent, you should see one coming home soon. The room parent committee is moving full speed ahead. There is still an opening, however, for a room parent in Ms Jennifer's class. If your child is in that class and you would like to volunteer, please contact committee head Valerie Lopez at [vglopez0211@yahoo.com](mailto:vglopez0211@yahoo.com) or 739-9142.

Room parents will also be sending home a form to obtain contact info for patients who did not return directory forms. Please be assured that this information will be used for room parent use only and will not be published anywhere else.

The committee is currently in need of parent volunteers in each class to help with the classroom art and student's individual art projects for the Art Expo. If you have any time to spare, please reach out to Valerie as soon as possible (Fridays are the days that MOST help is needed). There was a flyer sent regarding the volunteer sign up information and all of head room parent contact information by Ms. Ada last week via email.

You will be happy to hear that this year the baskets are going to be moderately designed in order to make back what the basket is worth. (For new parents--in previous years, we have created beautiful baskets for the silent auction that were worth more than \$500 and sold for less than that). Head room parents will be finalizing a theme and a list of items that will be asked to be donated on a voluntary basis. More info to follow soon.

**"We especially need imagination in science. It is not all mathematics, nor all logic, but it is somewhat beauty and poetry."**

**--Maria Montessori**

## We Love To Hear From You

### In Writing

Feel free to jot a note and have Ms Debbie place it in the PTO box. Make sure to leave contact information; so we can get back to you.

### In Person

If you see one of us PTO officers around campus, feel free to stop us. We love to hear from parents, especially concerning ways to accommodate your participation.

### By E-Mail

Just send an e-mail to Katrina Hernandez at [mahernandezmd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mahernandezmd@sbcglobal.net). She'll make sure it gets routed to the correct person.

## 2011-2012 Officers

- President--Nicole Martin
- Vice President--Dora Alaniz
- Secretary--Katrina Hernandez
- Treasurer--Lisa Comparini

## 2011-2012 Committee Heads

- Art Expo: Anna Wagner
- Book Fair: Ms Lori & Mr Jason
- Box Tops: Sharon Landin
- Field Day: Melissa Pimentel & Valerie Lopez
- Fundraising: Melissa Pimentel
- Labels for Education: Leigh Shaver
- Library Maintenance: Erica Bertero
- Room Parents: Valerie Lopez
- Teacher Appreciation: Deidre Williams-Young
- T-Shirt: Cristina Ortiz
- Website/New Technology: Vacant
- Yearbook: Melissa Weber

## Remaining PTO Meetings

December 13, 2011  
January 10, 2012  
February 14, 2012  
March 20, 2012  
April 10, 2012  
May 8, 2012

Meetings are held in the upper el classroom at 5:30 pm. Childcare is provided and pizza is available for \$1/slice donation. Hope to see you there.

## Not Getting PTO E-Mails?

If you are not receiving PTO e-mails and would like to, please e-mail [mahernandezmd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mahernandezmd@sbcglobal.net) and we will add you to our e-mail list. If you are receiving the e-mails and don't want them, simply respond with "remove" and you will be removed from the list.