

CMS Parent Involvement Opportunities for 2018-2019

PTA Sponsored Events

Welcome Back Picnic: (Sept. 15, 2018) A family event designed to be a fun “*Welcome Back*” gathering for all to enjoy following summer vacation! Volunteers help organize this event, as well as gather supplies, set up, serve and clean up. **Chair: PTA Presidents**

Yankee Candle Fundraiser: (September/October) Volunteers sort and deliver orders to classrooms during the school day. Delivery distribution is anticipated in late October. **Chair: OPEN**

Dads & Special Guests’ Breakfast: (Oct. 5, 2018) A great morning for kids and their dads, uncles, and grandfathers or special guests to start a school day together with a healthy breakfast in the CMS gym. Volunteers plan the menu, shop, decorate, set up, serve and clean up. **Chairs: Eva Balzs & Julie Colbath**

Picture Day: (TBD) Volunteers help the day run smoothly by assisting photographers, calling classes down at their appointed times and helping our students look their best. **Chair: OPEN**

Halloween Howl: (Oct. 26, 2018) A CMS family favorite! Trick or Treating, crafts and a parade! Volunteers organize this “Spooktacular” event, as well as solicit prize and refreshment donations, decorate, set up and clean up. **Chair: Christine Grey**

Walk-A-Thon: (Nov. 2, 2018) Potential to be one of our biggest Fundraisers of the year. **Chair: Olga Zargos-Traub & Christine Grey**

Bourbon, Beer & Wine: (Nov. 9, 2018) An adult night out at Station House and to enjoy different samples of Bourbon, Beer and Wine and hors d’oeuvres. **Co-Chairs: Adam Blank & Bridget Connolly**

Movie Night: (November 30, 2018) Just like the drive in, but in the CMS gym! Bring your beach chairs and blankets and snuggle in to watch a movie on the large screen in the auditorium. Volunteers needed to choose movies, prepare flyers, collect admission, and plan refreshments. **Chair: Melissa Blank**

Book Fairs: (December & March) Volunteers help with set up, assist students with wish lists, cashier, straighten tables, keep inventory, and pack up. Daytime and evening shifts available. **Chair: Kinnari Shah**

Family Sweetheart Dance: (Feb. 8, 2019) Volunteers help organize the dance, featuring a DJ, refreshments, photo opportunities as well as keepsakes. Students are encouraged to bring their loved ones to the dance! **Chair: Olga Zargos-Traub**

CMS Skate Day: (Feb. 18, 2019– Presidents’ Day) CMS hits the ice at Sono Ice House on Presidents’ Day. Volunteers help with check-in and a bake sale. **Chair: Kerry Rice**

Sound Tigers CMS Family Game Day: (March 24, 2019) Come to the Webster Harboryard Arena in Bridgeport and have fun with your friends while watching a

Sound Tigers hockey game and also supporting CMS as we “chuck a puck” and raise some money for our school. **Chair: OPEN**

Spring Auction: (TBD) Be a part of our largest fundraiser for CMS! Volunteers solicit auction items, develop marketing materials, plan the menu and decor, and manage the live and silent auction events of the evening. **Chair: Rina Britell**

Staff Appreciation Lunch: (May) A festive luncheon to thank our teachers and staff for all of their hard work during the school year. Volunteers coordinate food and beverages, set up and clean up after event. **OPEN**

CMS Triathlon (June 1, 2019) Columbus Magnet School’s own triathlon for all grades! Kids will get to run, bike and swim and just good ole’ healthy fun! Volunteers are needed to make this great event a success. **Chair: Smith Mowry**

Ongoing activities throughout the year:

CMS Young Astronauts: A S.T.E.A.M. based teacher taught/parent-led after school program which focuses on the theme of space exploration and engages grades 1 – 5 in NASA type challenges and experiments. Parents are needed to fill various positions throughout the YA program, including secretary, fundraising chair and lead parents for grades 1 and 2. **Co-Chairs: Melissa Iacovacci & Nalini Jones**

After-School Enrichment Programs: Volunteers are needed to assist with the coordination of offerings, attendance and dismissal of students participating in the after-school enrichment programs held at CMS. **Contact: Adam Blank**

Spirit Wear: (On-going) This committee promotes and distributes our Columbus School Spirit Wear. Volunteers process orders, set up and sell items at all major school functions during the day and evenings. **Chair: OPEN**

Yearbook Committee: (On-going) Volunteers gather photographs of class and school events, assemble photo collages, set type, and layout pages. **Chair: OPEN**

Box Tops for Education: (Monthly) Chairperson is responsible for organizing a Box Tops collection on a monthly basis. The Chairperson will then collect, count and bundle the Box Tops for mailing. This is an ideal role for a parent looking for an *after-hours* PTA project. **Chair: Goedele Gudet**

Sunshine Committee: (On-going) Volunteers will work together to lift spirits to those in need; such as hurricane relief victims or someone from the CMS community losing a loved one. **Chair: OPEN**

School/Other Sponsored (Non-PTA) Events

Art Week: Volunteers help staff members coordinate.

Computers: Volunteers work with students on computers and/or Chrome books in the classroom and/or in the computer lab on teacher-assigned materials. Classrooms have scheduled computer time each week. Commitment: one hour per week. Interested volunteers can work directly with their classroom teacher.

Columbus Magnet Schoolyard Habitat at the Rosa Park's Arboretum: Our mission is to connect the children of our community to the natural world through exploration, discovery and outdoor experiential learning. Our Schoolyard Habitat offers a safe, outdoor space for play, which helps inspire curiosity, enhance teaching and learning and encourages a lifelong stewardship for the community. **Director: Andy Brittell**

Columbus Safety Alliance (CSA): This group is made up of CMS parents committed to providing a safe learning environment for students of CMS through research, fundraising and community involvement. Current initiatives include beautification and safety of the school grounds and building & process preparedness for emergency situations. CSA is looking for volunteers to lead and assist with current and future initiatives. **Co-Chairs: OPEN (2)**

Governance Council: Columbus administrators, staff, and parents serve on this site-based management council whose goal is to increase student achievement and performance. The council meets once a month on Tuesday evenings. Term on council: two years (fifth grade parents may serve one-year term). Interested participants must submit a letter of intent to the Governance Council, **Attn: Medard Thomas, Principal by the last Friday in September.**

Magnet (Bank Street/HOT School) Committee: This committee meets once a month, to discuss Bank Street & HOT (Higher Order Thinking) happenings at Columbus. This committee includes school administrators, staff and parent representatives from each grade level. Interested participants should contact **Smith Mowry**.

Library: Volunteers are needed to assist the librarian with the day to day operations of the library: filing, shelving, and repairing books. Volunteers are also needed to assist the classroom teacher in weekly visits to the CMS library. Interested volunteers should contact our librarian, **Gala Joubert**.

Publicity: Volunteers are needed to help with publicity of all school events including contacting local press and news outlets to get the word out about the terrific events taking place at Columbus Magnet School. **Chair: Kerry Rice**.

Room Parents: Volunteers are needed to assist the classroom teacher in planning and soliciting donations for classroom activities, parties, and special projects. Also, room parents will serve as a link between the PTA and the parents in their classroom. Interested volunteers should work directly with their classroom teacher.

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Name:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Child(ren)'s Name(s):	
Classroom(s):	

Thank you for your interest in volunteering! Please check off at least three items of interest. Committee chair-people will contact you about getting involved.

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	Welcome Back Picnic		After-School Enrichment
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	Dads' & Special Guests' Breakfast		CMS Skate Day
	Picture Day		Walk-A-Thon
	Halloween Howl		Spring Auction
	Movie Night		Book Fair (Spring)
	Bourbon, Beer & Wine		Staff Appreciation Luncheon
	Musical		Sunshine Committee
	Book Fair (Nov)		Box Tops for Education
	Spirit Wear		Yearbook Committee
	Young Astronauts		Triathlon

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	Columbus Safety Alliance		Room Parent
	Governance Committee		

If you would like to Co-Chair any of the events listed above, please indicate which event here:

Please return the completed parent involvement form to the PTA Mailbox in the Library, and contact columbusmagnetpta.com with any questions about volunteer opportunities. Thank you!