

# 10 Reasons to get involved

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## Your child benefits

When parents get connected to the school, children do better. Research shows children whose parents are involved get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems at school.

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## We make a difference

Our mission is to create the kind of school community where teachers and administrators can do their best work—and so can our children. We provide support for teachers in and out of the classroom. We provide resources they need. We help create learning opportunities for children. And we try to build the kind of supportive, caring atmosphere that makes school fun.

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## We pledge to honor your time constraints

People are often reluctant to participate because they're afraid they'll get pulled into a black hole of never-ending time commitment. That won't happen here. An hour or two a semester really makes a difference. And we won't push you to commit more than you want to or are able to.

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## We have fun

Volunteer work shouldn't be drudgery. We accomplish a lot, and not everything we do is easy. But we know we're not balancing the national debt either. We don't take ourselves too seriously, and we try to enjoy our-selves along the way whenever possible.

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## Meet nice people who share your concerns

We all have a common bond. We care about creating the best possible educational experience for our children. We are neighbors and peers who share many of the same experiences. Any many friendships have developed as a result of those connections.

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## There's a lot to be done

These days, schools are asked to do more with less. Our help is needed more than ever to fill the gaps.

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## We can match jobs to meet your interests and abilities

The work we do covers a broad spectrum: filing and photocopying, planning and executing events, writing and editing, working directly with children, managing a budget and cash flow, and lots more. We encourage age creative ideas, and we're thrilled to have people take on tasks that meet their skills and interests.

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## We're welcoming

To us, there are no "outsiders." We are people who have come together to work toward common goals. We couldn't be happier to have you join us in working toward those goals.

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## We're about parent involvement, not fundraising

In these times of tight budgets, parent groups everywhere have to fill in the gaps, and so are we. But our number one goal is to get more parents connected to the school. That's because more than 300 independent research studies show that building parent involvement in education is the number one thing we can do to create a great school and improve student performance.

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## The work is rewarding

It's seeing the bright light of learning sparkle in a child's eye. It's seeing the smile that shows we are making school a little more fun and a child feel little more comfortable in a learning environment. It's learning that test scores have risen and knowing we played a role. There's lot of rewards big and small, for those who get involved. *Won't you join us?*

To learn about various volunteer opportunities at our school, send an inquiry to **Michelle Mikesell**, VP of Volunteers at [michelle.mikesell@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.mikesell@gmail.com) or check **PTA website** [www.tualatinelementarypta.org](http://www.tualatinelementarypta.org) or **PTA Facebook Page** [www.facebook.com/groups/TualatinElementaryPTA](http://www.facebook.com/groups/TualatinElementaryPTA)