

Our NCS Community – Opportunities for Involvement

At New Century School, we have opportunities to be involved year round. During the school day, helpers work with kids or help teachers prep classroom materials. There are also opportunities to help outside of school hours - during special evening or weekend events or fundraisers or helping on a committee or site council. How do you want to be involved?

DAYTIME OPPORTUNITIES:

- Lunchroom & recess helpers
- Breakfast cart
- Classroom helper (have a regular day/time to help or come in during assessment weeks when extra help is needed)
- Special projects/field trips
- Reading or Math buddy
- Friday folder filler
- Sharpen pencils, cut, staple, laminate, etc.
- Or share your special talents in class or for a cultural event.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

The Fundraising Committee spends their wealth of energy raising money for new technology and fun school events while having a lot of fun! We can always use some fresh, new ideas about other fundraisers that you have been involved with that have proven successful! *Please note: our committees do not have set monthly meetings. You can be involved in driving and planning the year's goals, manage an entire fundraiser or just help with a specific event or two!*

REAP and Equal Exchange Catalog Sales: These catalogs showcase locally sourced natural food items and sustainable chocolate and handmade products from across the world. Volunteers organize and distribute catalog materials, collect orders and money, and pass out orders.

Holiday Wreath & Swag Sales: We have a couple of NCS Families who make beautiful, fresh wreaths and swags to decorate your house for the winter holidays. Volunteers create and distribute a flyer, collect orders and money, and pass out orders.

Winter Silent Auction: Our families strut their stuff with homemade donated items, mixed in with donations from local stores and then the bidding wars begin! Volunteers photograph and enter items for an online auction, collect money and distribute orders.

Spring Basket Raffle: Connected with our Spring Art and Music Show, we offer themed baskets (think Legos, Badgers or Garden). Volunteers collect donations, build baskets, sell tickets and pass out winnings.

Artsonia: An online gallery of your student's best artwork that can be printed on T-shirts, magnets, tote bags and much more. A portion of the proceeds from your purchase comes back to our Integrated Art class! Volunteers work with the Integrated Arts teacher to photograph art projects and upload them to the website.

Classroom Scholastic Book Orders: Several times throughout the school year, we send home book order catalogs. All purchases benefit the school. Volunteers collate and staple book order sheets, submit orders and distribute books.

We also collect Box Tops and Labels for Education! And you can register your new or existing Target REDCARD card to get New Century 1% of your purchase amount!

As a 501c3 non-profit entity, New Century School Community, Inc., we are able to accept charitable donations. If your company has a matching-gift program and you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to our 501c3, please ask your employer to designate matching funds to New Century School Community, Inc.

GRANT WRITING:

As a "green" school that's developing a STEM curriculum, New Century has great opportunities to seek grant funding to support classroom activities. Grants enable us to purchase technology and equipment, foster partnerships with community groups, engage students in service learning, bring in speakers and educational programs geared toward students, expand our school garden, cover the costs of field study for students, send teachers to professional development programs, establish to the curriculum, etc.

COMMUNITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES:

Barnes and Noble Gift Wrap Night: Put your wrapping skills to work and spread some holiday cheer as you collect tips from happy holiday shoppers!

Gymfinity Open Gym and Bake Sale: An opportunity for kids to run and jump and burn off some steam and have some sweet treats! Volunteers promote the event, coordinate and set up the bake sale, sell baked goods and clean up.

Verona Ice Arena Skate-A-Thon and Lunch: Skate and eat! Volunteers plan and communicate event, organize lunch menu and food donations, set up and clean up.

School Garden: Volunteers manage the garden for a week over the summer. Fun for kids too!

MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES:

The Marketing Committee provides Verona Area School District residents the opportunity to become familiar with our school community and why it might be a great choice for their children. Volunteer opportunities include a handful of meeting to create all the marketing and registration materials needed for Kindergarten Registration and "K" Night and Open Houses. This committee also provides informational tours of the school during open houses. The bulk of the work is in winter as registration for school takes place in early February.

SCHOOL CULTURE EVENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Our School Culture Committee covers projects and activities aimed to strengthen a sense of community between our students, teachers and families. In a word, it's FUN! Some events include: Harvest Festival, Teacher Appreciation Week, Walk/Bike to School Day, Tri 4 Kids event promotion, Field Day, Food Drives, Spring Art & Music Show, and coordinating food donations for teachers/staff during conferences or as a "just because" every once in a while!

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Our NCS After-School Program Committee is seeking members to plan Monday after-school programs for the school year. We hope to repeat some STEM offerings but also welcome some parent-run interest or hobby clubs. Join us!

DIVERSITY AND EQUITY COMMITTEE:

This committee aims to enhance student learning through activities that celebrate, educate and attract people of diverse cultures and backgrounds. The committee focuses on interactive educational events to teach the children about the world beyond themselves and their own experiences. Recent events have focused on various African countries, parts of South America, and Down Syndrome. Events planned for this year include a focus on Asia, Dwarfism, Autism, and Social Justice. Volunteers help plan the events, recruit expert presenters and/or help on the day of the event to work with students and presenters.

SITE COUNCIL or 501c3 COMMITTEE:

Site Council is the governing body for New Century School comprised of a group of parents along with a staff member and the director. Our 501c3 Committee manages the non-profit entity that holds our school's charter with the district.

We would love for you to be an active member of our school community and get involved at any level that you can! If you have any questions of would like to share a new idea for involvement, please let me know!

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