

KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

Early childhood education is critical in helping children improve the cognitive and social skills needed to enhance their readiness to learn and succeed. Many of the skills children acquire in kindergarten prepare them for lifelong success.

Children learn through contact with parents, adults and other children. As one of their first educators, parents and adults can help children not only with their schoolwork but with life's lessons. Developing a child's communication and social skills is as important as their ABC's. In an effort to help our early learners succeed, Baltimore County Volunteers is working in partnership with Baltimore County Public Schools to implement the new initiative of County Executive Jim Smith to have a volunteer serving in every kindergarten class.

There are many ways you can participate in the daily lives of our students by being a volunteer. From reading Dr. Seuss to serving juice, Kindergarten Classroom Volunteers help children begin their journey as lifelong learners. If you are a caring, patient and committed person interested in helping the young learners of Baltimore County, please complete and return the registration form attached.

Interested volunteers will be contacted upon receipt of the registration form.

Northeast Area Elementary Schools

Carney	Glenmar	Martin Boulevard	Pine Grove
Chapel Hill	Gunpowder	McCormick	Red House Run
Elmwood	Harford Hills	Middlesex	Seven Oaks
Essex	Joppa View	Orems	Shady Spring
Fullerton	Kingsville	Perry Hall	Victory Villa

Northwest Area Elementary Schools

Campfield	Owings Mills
Cedarmere	Randallstown
Chatsworth	Reisterstown
Church Lane	Scotts Branch
Deer Park	Summit Park
Fort Garrison	Timber Grove
Franklin	Wellwood
Glyndon	Winand
Hernwood	Woodholme
New Town	

Southwest Area Elementary Schools

Arbutus	Johnnycake
Baltimore Highlands	Lansdowne
Catonsville	Powhatan
Chadwick	Relay
Dogwood	Riverview
Edmondson Heights	Westchester
Featherbed Lane	Westowne
Halethorpe	Winfield
Hebbsville	Woodbridge
Hillcrest	Woodmoor

Central Area Elementary Schools

Carroll Manor	Pot Spring
Cromwell	Prettyboy
Fifth District	Riderwood
Halstead Academy	Rodgers Forge
Hampton	Seventh District
Jacksonville	Sparks
Lutherville	Stoneleigh
Oakleigh	Timonium
Padonia	Villa Cresta
Pinewood	Warren
Pleasant Plains	

Southeast Area Elementary Schools

Battle Grove	Grange
Bear Creek	Hawthorne
Berkshire	Logan
Charlesmont	Mars Estates
Chase	Middleborough
Chesapeake Terrace	Norwood
Colgate	Oliver Beach
Deep Creek	Sandalwood
Dundalk	Sandy Plains
Eastwood	Seneca
Edgemere	Sussex

REGISTRATION FORM

Complete the information below.

Mail in the registration form to the address listed below or register online at www.baltimorecountymd.gov and click on Volunteer Today.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (h) _____

(w) _____

E-mail _____

List the school where you want to volunteer

Record your top three choices

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Or Area _____

(If no preference is given, you will be assigned where needed.) Please understand that you may be asked to serve in a school you have not listed here but that may need your help.

A minimum commitment of 6 to 15 hours per week is requested. Please indicate your availability.

Monday _____ Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____ Thursday _____

Friday _____

Mail the registration form to:

Baltimore County Volunteers

611 Central Avenue, Room 314, Towson, MD 21204

410-887-2715

Volunteers

- Volunteers provide immeasurable benefits to the students, staff and communities they serve.
- Volunteers both directly and indirectly support the advancement of academic achievement for all students.
- Kindergarten Classroom Volunteers are a special cadre of volunteers who provide support to our youngest learners and the teachers who serve them.

In order to create the best possible experience for our volunteers, students and staff, we are seeking volunteers who can make a regular commitment to the students and teachers in the classroom in which they will be placed. While schedules will be coordinated at the specific school and classroom level, we are requesting that volunteers make a commitment of between six and fifteen hours per week.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

While specific duties will be coordinated at school and classroom levels, in general, our Kindergarten Classroom Volunteers will:

- Greet students; assist students with routine opening, closing and lunch procedures.
- Assist the teacher with administrative tasks (lunch count, attendance, checking backpacks and folders).
- Work with small groups to reinforce skills as directed by the classroom teacher.
- During instruction time, sit with students and assist in redirecting those needing help with focusing on the instruction.
- Listen and encourage students as they practice reading, math and other skills.

REQUIREMENTS:

All Kindergarten Classroom Volunteers will be required to:

- Successfully pass a background screening.
- Participate in a volunteer orientation to include Baltimore County Public School policies and procedures, as well as State and Federal laws regarding interactions with children.
- Sign a BCPS Volunteer Covenant.
- Participate in volunteer training specific to the roles and responsibilities they will be asked to perform.



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Guiding Young Learners Through the World of Discovery



Baltimore County Kindergarten Volunteer Initiative

A partnership between
Baltimore County Public Schools and
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