



Sign up for MMFS PA Volunteer Opportunities

Yes, I want to get involved:

- Book Fair
- Buddy Family
- Carnival
- Class/Grade Representative
- Movie Night
- Parent Council
- Parent Library
- School-wide Pot Luck
- Teacher Appreciation
- Ad Hoc Committee

Name _____

Student Name _____

Email _____

Phone number _____

Tear off and return form to reception area at your child's building.



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Welcome Parents to the Mary McDowell Friends School Parents Association



The Parents Association Welcomes You to Mary McDowell Friends School!

When your child enters Mary McDowell Friends School (MMFS), you become a member of our Parents Association (PA).

The goals of the MMFS PA are to:

- Support the school's mission by offering enriching educational programs for parents such as prominent guest speakers
- Organize social and community-building events for MMFS families and students, such as class and school-wide Potlucks and the Spring Carnival
- Express faculty appreciation with special occasions and continuing education grants

Our Parents Association is overseen by the PA Council which meets monthly to plan events and support the school. Interested MMFS parents from all three divisions are welcome anytime at PA Council meetings, which are announced in the MMFS online newsletter and website.

The Parent Association sponsors division- and school-wide activities on behalf of all MMFS families. The success of these programs depends on active parental participation. Whether you cover a shift at the Book Fair, cook at dish for the school-wide Potluck, serve as Buddy Family or Class Parent, lend a hand at the Carnival, your efforts make our school community stronger and happier.

To help support these programs, the PA is allotted a small sum from each student's tuition to fund its activities. While this amount helps enormously, it is not nearly enough to fund the many sponsored activities. Over the course of the year, you will be asked by the PA to invest time, energy or financial support. All levels of involvement are appreciated.

Within the PA you will find a warm community of parents who share an understanding of the child-rearing challenges and joys faced by families of students with learning disabilities. We sincerely hope each of you will participate in the way that best fits your schedule.

Here are some ways you can get involved.

School-Wide Pot Luck: This community-building event at the beginning of the school year is a wonderful

way for new parents to meet existing families.

Time Commitment: Brief. Organizing prior to the event and set up the day of the event.

Class/Grade Parents: Serve as communications liaison between the parents in your class and the PA. Coordinate a class potluck dinner in the fall and solicit parent involvement in school and teacher appreciation events. *Time Commitment:* Periodic throughout the year; not time intensive. Class Parent Coordinator will guide Class Parents through responsibilities. A great way to be engaged with MMFS!

PA Council Meetings: Open to all MMFS parents. Meet monthly with fellow parents in all divisions and members of the school administration to plan activities and shape the direction of the PA.

Time Commitment: Varies depending on level of involvement. Any parent is welcome at any PA Council meeting; you do not need to be a PA Council member to attend.

Book Fair: Participate in the running of Book Fairs in the elementary, middle and upper schools. Help with set-up, sales and breaking down displays. Work with the Book Fair Coordinator.

Time Commitment: Brief. Prior to and during the Book Fair.

Spring Carnival: Help plan, coordinate and run this exciting, fun day for the entire MMFS community. Volunteer opportunities range from joining the planning committee to helping run a booth. Planning begins in January for the event in May.

Time Commitment: Depends on level of participation, from bi-monthly meetings to a shift on the day of the event.

Movie Night: Each division hosts a fun Movie Night at school.

Time Commitment: Minimal, the day of event. (Movie suggestions welcome! Contact the PA Council.)

PA Parent Library: Assist in the organization of the wide-ranging Parent Library and reach out to parents about the wonderful library resources available. Work with the MMFS PA Parent Library Coordinator. *Time Commitment:* Minimal, as needed.

Teacher Appreciation Lunches: Work with the PA Council to organize and manage a catered lunch for the faculty and staff as a show of appreciation for their efforts.

Time Commitment: Brief, prior to the event and day of event (fall and spring).

Buddy Family: Volunteer to welcome an incoming family and to answer any questions or concerns they may have about MMFS.

Time Commitment: Minimal, as needed.

Ad Hoc Helpers: Volunteer to be called upon as needed by the PA. This is not a commitment, but just an okay to ask for your help if necessary.

For more information, please contact the PA at pa@mmfsnyc.org.



We look forward to working with you and seeing you and your family at future MMFS events!