

PTO & School Volunteer Opportunities 2013-2014

Special Events

Ice Cream Social - Friday, September 13, 2013

- **Description:** A fun-filled event where the entire Pen Ryn community comes together to greet friends, dance, have some ice cream and celebrate the start of another school year!

Areas Requiring Assistance: Help is needed to set up and decorate before dismissal that afternoon and to clean up at the conclusion of the event. **Chair:** Kelly McElrath kkates5@verizon.net

Golf Outing - Monday, October 14, 2013

- **Description:** The Golf Outing is a way to support the school while enjoying your favorite sport with friends. Come join the committee and be a part of the action!
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Registration, hole watchers, putting contest, transporting food and drinks, selling raffle tickets, acquisitions (soliciting donations from local businesses) and publicity. **Contact:** Erica Foraker eforaker@penryn.org

Halloween Sleepover/ Haunted House - Friday, October 25, 2013

- **Description:** This is a fun-filled event for students **in Grades 5-8 only**.
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** There are a variety of subcommittees for this event. Help is needed before, during and after the event to decorate the school, set up and support the Haunted House, serve snacks and drinks, chaperones are needed overnight and a clean-up crew is needed the next morning. **Chair:** pending

Monster Mash Halloween Dance Party - Thursday, October 31, 2013 NEW EVENT!

- **Description:** This is a fun-filled event for students **in Grades N-4 only** following the annual Halloween Parade.
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Volunteers are needed to set up, serve snacks and drinks, clean up after the event and more. **Chair:** Bernadette Leidich byleidich@yahoo.com

Grandparents/Special Person Day - Wednesday, November 27, 2013

- **Description:** On the Wednesday morning prior to the Thanksgiving break, all Grandparents/Special Persons are invited to spend a magical morning with their very special Pen Ryn students!
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Help is needed the morning of the event to set up refreshments, greet and give directions to our special guests and clean up after the event. **Chair:** pending

School Picture Day - Wednesday, October 9 & December 4, 2013

- **Description:** Photographers come to school in the Fall to take student and class pictures that are available to families for purchase.
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Volunteers are needed to provide support to the photographer and to assist students as needed to put their best faces forward for the camera. **Contact:** Karen Fried kfried@penryn.org

Holiday Shoppe - Monday, December 16, 2013

- **Description:** Like to spread a little holiday cheer? Assist the children in selecting holiday gifts for friends and family. All purchases are wrapped and tagged, ready for holiday gift giving. It is a fun-filled shopping spree!
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Inventory prior to the event, set up, restocking, assisting students with their purchases, checkout, wrapping and clean up. **Co-Chairs: Stephanie Rogers** steph4sun@aol.com and **Danielle Inch** daniellecinque@hotmail.com

Family Bowling Night - Saturday, January 25, 2014

- **Description:** Come join your classmates at Levittown Lanes for an evening of Moonlight Bowling, food and fun! This 3-hour event includes unlimited games, shoe rental, pizza and soda! You're sure to be BOWLED over!

Areas Requiring Assistance: Bring your family, friends and neighbors to come join the fun!

Chair: Rocio Suayfeta rsuayfeta@yahoo.com

Me and My Gal - Saturday, February 8, 2014

- **Description:** This is a special opportunity just for the girls, dressed in their finest, to spend time together with Dad, Grandpa, a favorite uncle or a special guy listening to music, socializing, enjoying refreshments and dancing.
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Decorating, set-up of food and refreshment stations, greeting and check-in and cleaning up after the event. **Co-Chairs: Lisa Dress** ldress@connectionsacademy.com and **Heather Ackerman** 4ack@verizon.net

PTO Student Picnic - Wednesday, May 28, 2014

- **Description:** The Student Picnic is a long-standing PTO tradition of treating all the students to a picnic lunch. The PTO cooks the lunch and the students provide the fun! The Student Picnic is followed by the Annual Talent Show.
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Volunteers are needed to grill, set up, serve, cut up fruit, provide drinks, clean up, and HAVE FUN! Volunteer and join everyone for a fun, outside (weather permitting) picnic! **Chair: Sara Thompson** sara.thompson1@gmail.com

Blue and Gold Day - Friday, May 30, 2014

- **Description:** Blue and Gold Day is the annual, all-school competition where the best team wins! The PTO provides and serves a snack throughout the morning's activities.
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Volunteers are needed during the competition to serve treats to the students. Volunteer with us and don't miss a minute of the action! **Chair: Michelle Zygnierski** igluhair@verizon.net

Teacher Luncheon - Friday, June 6, 2014

- **Description:** During this Staff Development day (students are not in school), a gourmet lunch buffet is provided for the faculty and staff as a "thank you" for another wonderful year. This is the opportunity for many parents (especially those of 8th grade graduates) to show their culinary expertise by making and donating a favorite appetizer, entrée or dessert for this exquisite meal. The PTO provides financial and volunteer support for this event.
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Food and drink donations, set up, hospitality, serving and clean up after the luncheon. **Co-Chairs: Cathy Barbaro** cbarbaro@aol.com and **Jackie Cole** jakes23@hotmail.com

Fund Raisers

Magazine Drive - Begins Wednesday, September 18, 2013

- **Description:** This important PTO fundraiser occurs for a two-week period at the beginning of the school year. New subscriptions for or renewals to any of the available magazines during the drive provides a significant financial benefit to our school. Other items such as Entertainment Books, gift wrap, frozen specialty foods and gift items are also available for purchase, the proceeds of which also provide a financial benefit to our school.
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Support is needed from the entire Pen Ryn community! **Chair: Nicole Moore** redheadahead@verizon.net

Coach Bingo - Friday, November 1, 2013 NEW EVENT!

- **Description:** Get your daubers ready! This BYOB Bingo event will feature Coach bags and accessories and more! Be sure to get your tickets in advance to what is sure to become a tradition at The Pen Ryn School!
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Volunteers will be needed to set up, sell raffle tickets, serve refreshments and clean up at the conclusion of the event. **Chair: Cinnamon Boffa** zcinn@verizon.net

Greens Sale - Thursday, December 5, 2013

- **Description:** To kick off the holiday season each year, the PTO sells poinsettias, pine wreaths and garland to the Pen Ryn community. All orders are placed in advance of the sale date.
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** This fundraiser depends primarily on the support of the school community but volunteers are needed to unload the greens delivery, organize and distribute orders as they are picked up. **Chair: Beth Curtiss** curtissfam@gmail.com

Scholastic Book Fair

Fall: Monday, December 2 through Saturday December 7, 2013 - during school hours and the Craft Show

Winter: Monday, February 24 through Thursday, February 27, 2014 - during school hours and Success Night

Spring/BOGO: Monday, May 12 through Thursday, May 15, 2014 - during school hours

- **Description:** The Scholastic Book Fairs at Pen Ryn are a great value-buying opportunity for the school community as well as a highly profitable fundraising event. The successful outcome of the Book Fairs has provided many new books to our library and our teachers' classroom libraries as well as needed financial support for the school!
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Volunteers are needed to unpack, set up, assist student and family shoppers during the Fair, restock, breakdown and pack up. **Co-Chairs: Bernadette Leidich** byleidich@yahoo.com and **Jodi Apice** jlapice@verizon.net

Craft Show - Friday, December 6 & Saturday, December 7, 2013

- **Description:** If you love the holidays, you will love this long-standing Pen Ryn PTO-sponsored community-wide event! The Craft Show is a fundraiser that opens our building to the outside community and draws quality crafters who sell a variety of items. The kitchen will be open with all perennial favorites, there will be baked goods for sale, chances for the 50/50 and raffle baskets will be on sale, the Kids Korner will have all of our student creations and the Scholastic Book Fair will be open to one and all.
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** There are a variety of subcommittees for this event that need support including advertising and publicity, set-up, kitchen, baking, wrapping and selling

baked goods, raffle ticket sales and breakdown at the conclusion of the event. Volunteers are also needed to provide help at the door and direct traffic in the parking lot.

The Craft Show also has opportunities to earn volunteer hours from home! Volunteers are needed to bake and donate for the Bake Sale table and to stencil the shopping bags that are given out at the door. All materials are provided, and bags can be done in the several weeks leading up to the event.

Chair: Buffy Aniloff oursweetworld@verizon.net

Pancake Breakfast - Saturday, March 1, 2014

- **Description:** This social event for all families will be held at Applebee's in Newtown. Families will gather for a pancake breakfast served by our students.
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Volunteers are needed to help with seating, serving, clean up and restocking after the event. **Co-Chairs: Ann Monaghan** annpm3@yahoo.com and **Cinnamon Boffa** zcinn@verizon.net

Auction – Saturday, March 29, 2014

- **Description:** Historically, the Auction has been our major annual fundraising event which supports various programs at the school. There are numerous ways you can help support this critical endeavor.
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** acquisitions, correspondence and communications, ad sales, raffle committee and more. **Contact: Erica Foraker** eforaker@penryn.org

Mother's Day Flower Sale - Thursday, May 8, 2014

- **Description:** Every child in the school has the opportunity to shop for flowers for that special woman in their lives – Mom, Grandmom, Nana, Aunt, Sister, or even “Special Teachers”.
- **Areas Requiring Assistance:** Unload plants and wrap pots in foil the evening before, sales, clean up and breakdown during the school day. **Co-Chairs: Michelle Zygnierski** igluehair@verizon.net and **Cinnamon Boffa** zcinn@verizon.net

Ongoing Events

Baking: Baked goods are needed throughout the school year for classroom parties, Grandparents/Special Persons Day, Craft Show Bake Sale, band/chorus concerts, etc.

Copying and Mailing: Assistance is needed with copies and assembling packages for major mailings done by the school and various PTO committees.

Library Helper: Assistance is needed shelving books and light library work.

Lunchroom Helpers: Assistance is needed in the kitchen, helping children and classroom staff in the lunch room, washing trays, wiping tables, etc. Volunteers are needed Monday through Thursday. **See separate sign-up form. Chair: Carin Farnan** cfarnal@its.jnj.com

Open House: Welcome prospective families to our school, give them the grand tour, answer questions and let them know why kids *and* parents love The Pen Ryn School! Please refer to the **Volunteer Opportunities Sign-Up** form for dates. **Chair: Denise Zeallor** deezea@verizon.net

Pizza and Ice Cream Fridays: Volunteers are needed every Friday to serve pizza and ice cream (purchased from local vendors), cashier, assist children in the lunch room, wash trays and wipe tables. **See separate sign-up form. Co-Chairs: Sara Thompson sara.thompson1@gmail.com, Al Monaghan almonaghan@aol.com and Denise Zeallor deezea@verizon.net**

Hospitality Committee

We need a group of people who want to make Pen Ryn “shine” with hospitality and elegance at school events. This would include creating a welcoming image by decorating, obtaining refreshments, setting up and cleaning up at events. Please refer to the **Volunteer Opportunities Sign-Up** form for events and dates. **Chair: pending**

Volunteers are the heart of the Pen Ryn School. These events would not be successful without the dedication of time and talent from our wonderful families. Thank you for all that you do for our students!