



SION PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following are descriptions of the Volunteer needs at Sion. Please read and consider filling out the Volunteer sheet at the end of this document or, if easier, please email Alison Patterson (alison@pattersonkc.com) or Julie Walker Browne (walkerbrowne@me.com) with the volunteer job you are interested in doing. If you would like to mail in the form, simply return the Volunteer sheet to school.

If you would like to volunteer for a particular role with another Sion parent, please sign up! Working with a partner makes the work more fun. Sion ALLiance THANKS you in advance for helping make sure that 2016/17 is yet another successful year for our kids at Sion!

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sion Class Ambassadors

Ambassadors for each class are needed to serve as the point-person for new families in each grade. If you have a child in Montessori or Kindergarten and have past experience as a Sion parent, please also consider being an ambassador for Montessori and Kindergarten. New parents welcome having someone they can email or call if they have a question about school. Ambassadors will also work closely with Admissions in making connections with prospective parents.

Room Representatives

Two Room Representatives per grade are needed to organize the parties for their child's grade level class, including Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day. This includes communicating with the other parents when parties are held and the volunteer needs there may be. Room Reps will also help organize the Teacher Appreciation Week for their grade level teachers and other "specials" teachers in May (i.e. Spanish and French teachers, P.E., Art, etc.).

Book Fair Organizer(s)

Many fine people have been responsible for the Sion Book Fair through the years. We have a vacancy for this volunteer position that needs to be filled in order for the Book Fair to continue. A volunteer or volunteer duo, would take on the duties of creating a theme for the book fair, working with the bookseller in bringing books to Sion, organizing volunteers to assist during the fair, advertising the event with the help of Sion Communications. It's a big job, but one that will benefit the students at Sion with more books and materials in the library.

Teacher Appreciation Organizer

Patti Burton, now Sion High School mom and longtime ALLiance leader, organized luncheons and treats for teachers and staff throughout the year. We need a person to take over this position in organizing similar events that will show our teachers our support for all they do throughout the year. The Teacher Appreciation organizer will work with other parents who volunteer to plan and execute the appreciation days.

Fine Arts Showcase Organizer(s)

A volunteer or volunteer duo is needed to organize a showcase of the arts at Sion. Children in the grade school can perform musical pieces, dramatic presentations or show their artwork to the community. The parent volunteer would work closely with the fine arts faculty in showcasing the work of our students and find volunteers to help work the event.

Spring Musical Concessions

A volunteer is needed to help organize concessions to be sold during intermission of the Spring Musical. Drinks and snacks will be served with proceeds benefitting a charity to be decided.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Fall Festival - October 1

The Fall Festival is the major fund-raiser for the 8th Grade trip to Washington D.C. and the event of the year for Sion students.

Needs: While 8th grade students and their families are primarily responsible for the festival, the ALLiance supports the event by running the food and drink stations. Volunteers are needed to help run these stations.

Grade Level Parent parties (date TBD by hosts)

Grade level parties are grade specific parties thrown or organized by volunteers in each class. This is a community building event for each grade. For example, last year's Kindergarten parents went to a restaurant in the City Market and another class had a Royals watch party at a bar in Westport.

Needs: Parents (or a few families partner together) to host and organize a party or social event for the parents in your child's class.

Scavenger Hunt - TBD (April)

After an enjoyable evening for participants last year, the Hunt is back!! The Scavenger Hunt is a party that benefits Sion. Parents team up with other Sionians in completing the tasks detailed in the Scavenger Hunt. Findings are recorded through pictures and video and sent back to Home Base. The winning team receives a trophy and bragging rights for a full year.

Needs: Sion couples are needed to host the event with other couples. This volunteer job requires contribution for cost of food/drink and one spouse serving as a driver while the other spouse records the findings of their team. It is a fun night for all volunteers and participants!

Pasta Night (In conjunction with the Book Fair and Holiday Lighting) - November 17

Sion families are invited to shop at the Book Fair and attend our annual pasta dinner in the cafeteria. The school will be decorated and the holiday lights will be turned on to celebrate for the upcoming holidays.

Needs: volunteers to work with the Pasta Dinner coordinator, Dana Knapp.

Holiday Night at Browne's Irish Market - December

Sion parents can enjoy a Happy Hour with other parents at Browne's. Do a little holiday shopping, buy a pint of Guinness and chit chat with friends. A percentage of drink and merchandise sales benefits Sion ALLiance.

Needs: A parent to coordinate with Browne's Irish Market and help market the event through Sion Communications.

Sion Gala Auction - March 4

The Sion Gala, held at the Intercontinental Hotel on the Country Club Plaza is the main fundraiser for both campuses. The evening is for all parents and supporters of Sion. Have dinner, drinks, and purchase auction items to benefit our school, ending the night with dancing.

Needs: Silent and Live Auction item solicitations, sponsorships, and set-up the day before the event.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Sion Schoolyard Garden

Sion is fortunate to have its very own garden, where students plant, care for and enjoy the finished product in our Future Foodies lunch program. Garden coordinator, Nicole Routh (mother of Maya Routh, grade 7), organizes the garden curriculum with Sion teachers, helping teachers to create learning opportunities in the garden.

Needs: the upkeep of our schoolyard garden is a job that many can enjoy. Weeding, watering and harvesting are among the many volunteer opportunities in our garden.

Parent Teacher Conferences (September 16 and February 10)

All parents are invited to sign up to visit with teachers about their child's progress in class.

Needs: Coordinator for teacher luncheons and volunteers to assist.

Fine Arts Showcase - TBD

Sion Grade School students will perform musical pieces, art work will be on display and coffee, kid-friendly drinks and desserts will be served.

Needs: volunteers to help lead the planning and finding volunteers to work the event.

Book Fair - November 16-18

The annual Sion Book Fair is held prior to Thanksgiving Break and in conjunction with the Pasta Dinner, Holiday Lighting and the GrandFriends Day the Friday before Thanksgiving break. A portion of the sales will benefit the Sion Grade School Library in the purchase of new books and materials.

Needs: Book Fair Coordinator and volunteers to help with working the book fair. Volunteers assist the Montessori and Primary level in selecting books they can put on a "wish list", straightening and

organizing books, sales and clean-up. Help children select books and discover new books you may need to add to your own library.

School Lunch Program

Our healthy lunch program provided by Chef Jackie Habiger is yet another part of Sion that makes it special.

Needs: Help Chef Jackie by serving meals to kids and help keep food prices at a minimum. You can volunteer once a month, every other month or work out a schedule that fits your schedule with Julie Snodgrass, our school administrative support.

Sion Library

Our library is a haven for our students with a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction for our children to explore. Students not only check out books they are interested in reading, but they also learn how to navigate the library. Ms. Nelson has a curriculum that supports the work of the library.

Needs: Work with Ms. Nelson in shelving books, repairing and processing books and other jobs that are needed to help the library run smoothly and thereby give Ms. Nelson the time to help students find books they will love.

Sion Grade School Showcase and International Marketplace - January 26

Winter is a great time of year to show off our school. Teachers and students prepare a showcase of projects they have been working on in the classroom that can be shown to parents, students and prospective Sion families. International Marketplace is a bi-annual event that runs alongside the showcase. Families are invited to share the food, drink and culture of their ancestors, allowing students and their parents to sample the offerings and learn a little bit more about the countries on our beautiful planet.

Needs: Coordinators are needed to help organize the event with Anne Brundige whose daughter will graduate from 8th grade this year, leaving us with parents who can lead the charge in following years.

Battle of the Books

This annual event is held in May, but the work leading up to this event is already in the works. Students in grades 4-6 read upwards of 5-20 books and prepare in grade-level teams that will compete in a Battle of the Books. Be prepared to be amazed by these book-savvy students as they answer questions to the books in quiz-bowl style.

Needs: volunteers interested in reading some of the book selections and writing questions for the Battle, organizing a Battle reception after the final round and collecting prizes for the students who participated.

Chat and Chew events for grades 1-8

Literacy is the ability to read, write, design, speak and listen in a way that allows us to communicate effectively. What better way to encourage improved literacy in our children then through grade level book clubs. Children can read age-appropriate and interesting books and discuss with their friends. *Needs: Parents are asked to serve as hosts for quarterly or semester book clubs.*

Volunteer Opportunities at Sion

Please check all that you are interested in doing or learning more about so you can make a decision.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Sion Class Ambassador for _____ grade
- Room Representative for _____ grade
- Book Fair Organizer
- Teacher Appreciation Organizer
- Fine Arts Showcase Organizer(s)
- Sion Grade School International Marketplace co-Organizer
- Spring Musical Concessions

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Back to School Night Grill volunteer
- Fall Festival Food and Drink Stand volunteer
- Fall Festival Grill volunteer
- Host a _____ Grade Parent parties
- Scavenger Hunt Host Couple
- Pasta Night Volunteer
- Coordinate Holiday Night at Browne's Irish Market
- Sion Gala Auction item procurement
- Sion Gala Live item procurement
- Sion Gala Sponsor (Development will contact you)
- Set-up for the Gala on Friday, March 3

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Sion Schoolyard Garden Volunteer
- Assist with Teacher luncheons on September 16 and/or February 10
- Fine Arts Showcase organizer
- Book Fair Volunteer - November 16-18
- Spring Musical Fine Arts Booster volunteer- April 20-21
- School Lunch Volunteer
- Sion Library Volunteer
- Read books and write questions for Battle of the Books
- Chat and Chew Book Club for grade _____.

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