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Good afternoon parents!

We have a number of openings at various levels of commitment in the PTA for the upcoming school year. The PTA is hoping to help everyone "Find YOUR Fit" with the PTA and the West Towson Elementary community as a whole. Please consider one of these chair positions, a committee member, or please check the PTA website for the sign up geniuses for many volunteer opportunities, some even that same day if you like! As always, please make sure you are volunteer trained. These are brief descriptions, but we have much more information, past chairs to connect with, and existing work plans for you to work with. Please let me know if you would like further information or if you have any questions about any committee: erinmch@gmail.com. We look forward to working with you!

Box Tops and Labels for Education Committee

The Box Tops and Labels for Education Committee promotes awareness of participating products so that we can collect Box Tops & Labels to raise funds for the school. Our committee consists of two co-chairs and a representative from each class to clip & count each class's submission totals on a quarterly basis.

Environmental Committee (looking for a co-chair)

The WTES Environmental Committee exists to support teachers' "green" efforts; improve school grounds with a focus on greener ways to maintain or improve what we have; improve awareness through communication with teachers, students, parents, and community; support the school's Green Team efforts for our Green School Certification.

Patriots & Defenders (looking for shadows for co-chairs)

Patriots and Defenders is a program offered to all WTES to study grade-appropriate packets which include important information about America and its' history which is aligned with BCPS curriculum. Throughout the 9-week period, students may choose to study the guide and recite the required information to parent volunteers before school and during lunch. The program culminates with a field trip to Washington D.C. for 4th and 5th graders who have completed their P&D grade requirements.

School Store (looking for co-chairs)

The school store is run by 4th grade students. The parent volunteer(s) who run it need to send out a flyer recruiting student and parent volunteers at the beginning of the school year, set up a schedule of volunteers (typically Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:50am - 9:30am), keep the merchandise stocked, collect cash periodically and count it and give it to the Treasurer to deposit, organize a pizza party at the end of the year for the student volunteers (during 4th grade lunch time - we've done it outside on the green roof) where the students bring ideas for a charity to donate proceeds to and vote on it.

Yearbook Committee (looking for co-chairs)

The yearbook is created to provide children, teachers and parents a resource that briefly summarizes the school year through photos and captions, provides a visual archive of the WTES students and teachers, and supports school spirit by creating a tangible item that we hope can be a source of pride for the WTES community.

NEW: Before School and After School Activities Liaison

Work with Towson Towne Rec Council's school enrichment program's coordinator, Krista Collier, to provide feedback from parents on the types of programs parents would like to see offered and which classes parents loved (or didn't), help recruit parents and teachers with special talents who would like to share those talents with our students and assist with advertising the programs to parents. Also assist during week one of program kick-off each session to help organize students upon morning arrival.

NEW: New Families Outreach Liaison

Work with WTES administration to welcome new families to WTES; host a new family event, such as a coffee, early in the school year to help new families get connected to the WTES community; develop ongoing strategies to help new parents/guardians find volunteer opportunities suited to their specific talents and interests; provide information and orientation programs for new families as needed throughout the year; serve as a continuing resource for WTES parents/guardians.

Thank you!

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