



As a PTA Board Member, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning families to Portola Springs Elementary. By being part of the PTA Volunteer List, you'll learn of upcoming school and community events taking place as well as where you may be able to lend a helping hand. Whether you can commit 1-hour or several more, it takes a village, and we appreciate your willingness to help.

You'll receive periodic emails such as this one to keep you in the loop of what's coming up on our PTA sponsored calendar. You may also see these come from your room parent(s) as we also ask them to get the word out to our community.

If you have any questions about how you can get involved or learn more about the PTA, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [volunteers@portolaspringspta.org](mailto:volunteers@portolaspringspta.org). Looking forward to connecting with you throughout the year!

Veronica Davis  
VP, Volunteers

### Reflections: Show Your Voice



The National PTA organizes an annual **Reflections contest** for Pre-K through Grade 12 students. [The Reflections program](#) provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Each year, over 300,000 students create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. This year's theme is: Show Your Voice. The program commences on August 30th.

#### Volunteer Opportunities

##### Reflections Chair (4-6 hours of total time commitment)

- Organize the submission and judging of student art work. Submissions will be submitted online.
- Coordinate judges and gather judge inputs to identify the finalist(s).
- Submit finalist artwork to district judging.

##### 3-4 Judges (1-2 hours of total time commitment)

- When submissions are finalized, leveraging a standardized scoresheet, you will review student art work and provide scoring to determine the finalist(s) that are submitted from our school up to the national competition.

One of the biggest events that our students look forward to is **Trunk or Treat**. Families decorate their vehicles and pass out candy. In addition, we have special guest stars, food trucks and other goodies to make this a fun-filled family event.

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### Co-Chair (15-20 total hours of time commitment)

- Assist the Chair in organizing the various needs of this event.
- Note: It is the hope that this individual will Chair the event next year and learn the ropes this year with our experienced Chairperson.

#### Vendor Coordinator (3-4 hours of total time commitment)

- Assist in locating available vendors to participate in our event.

#### Sponsorship Coordinator (3-4 hours of total time commitment)

- Assist in finding donations, organizations or businesses that would like to participate/ sponsor our event.

#### 5 "Day Of" Volunteers (1.5 hour shift at the event)

- During the event, we'll need parents to help with logistics and bothing to run the event smoothly.

### Trunk or Treat Event Evening of Oct 28th



#### School Mascot: Gus

- Willing to wear school mascot Gus costume and make an appearance at the event. (Must be 5'9" or less to fit in costume)

### Red Ribbon Week: October 24-28



Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign to educate our youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities.

### Volunteer Opportunity

#### Chair (10-15 total hours of time commitment)

- Identify Spirit Days along with lead teacher Mrs. Matsuda (5th grade teacher)
- Create packets for teachers to distribute to students. Packets include educational spirit flyers, wristbands and small treats.
- Decorate the school with red ribbons and posters.

### Have You Signed Up for a PTA Membership and Donated to our Pledge Drive?

PTA Memberships are valuable to our school! Please consider becoming a member by just donating the \$15 membership fee. Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Friends are all welcome to become a member on behalf of your child. Our school earns additional Money and Awards for certain membership levels and we strive to reach 100% student participation which is roughly 900 Memberships for this year! Help show our Grizzlies the Honey and watch our Honey Pot fill up as memberships are submitted. Don't forget that

### Spirit Wear Sales End Sept 9th



all money donated to our PTA goes back into the programs and events that your kids love!

*Don't forget to order your Portola Springs Elementary School wear [online](#)! Sales end September 9th. Delivery of your item(s) will be in October.*