



Dear Germantown ES Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another exciting school year! We look forward to working with each of you this year. Your involvement in school is invaluable to us and, in fact, to your children as well. Research shows that parents who are involved in their child's school have children who are more successful both academically and socially. In other words, a parent's involvement is directly related to their child's success! Last year we developed a program to encourage involvement called "10 for Excellence". We had 23 parents sign up and commit to supporting the school with 10 hours of their time (out of 245 families). It is our goal to help each GES parent contribute 10 hours of volunteer service and/or participation in a manner that best suits him/her. The ways that parents can show their involvement are innumerable but please see the list below for some ideas that you may find helpful. In addition to the list please also see the enclosed "BINGO" sheet that you can use to keep track of your volunteer/involvement activities throughout the school year. Once you document at least 10 hours of involvement, return the board to Ms. Saunders, school Guidance Counselor, and you will be entered in a drawing to win a token of our appreciation!

Ms. Bryant, Principal

Tutor students in their math facts	Help with HW Club or another after school club	Read the Patriot and Newsflash (newsletters)
Read to students	Help with PTA Family Fun Nights	Give written/verbal feedback when needed
Assemble projects for staff at home	Help with selling school shirts	Plan or help out w/ classroom parties
Assist in front office when needed	Help maintain school grounds	Help with Spring Book Fair
Clerical work in the Media Center	Assist teachers in classroom	Mentor a student
Set up with bulletin boards	Attend PTA meeting	Monitor students at the bus stop
Stuff "Home/School Folders"	Assist with Science Fair Projects	Help with Fall Book Fair
Run centers in the classroom	Help with Hearing and Vision Screening	Attend Principal's Tea or Principal's Advisory Council meetings
Assist in lunch room or on the playground	Help with babysitting at PTA meetings/functions	Read Grade-Level Newsletter
Assist in the art room	Attend a parent workshop	Chaperone a field trip
Copy materials (days and/or early evenings)	Serve as a Career Day speaker	Help with Teacher Appreciation activities
Monitor students at the bus stop	Help with Spring Fair	Assist during Field Day
Serve Hot Cocoa to patrols	Help with Fall Fundraiser	MORE IDEAS ARE WELCOME!!!!

Germantown ES Parent Involvement

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Helped with Book Fair Date: _____ Hours: _____	Attended Parent Workshop Date: _____ Hours: _____	Type at Home Date: _____ Hours: _____	Attend PTA Meeting Date: _____ Hours: _____	Fill in the Blank! _____ _____ Date: _____ Hours: _____
Fill in the Blank! _____ _____ Date: _____ Hours: _____	Assist on Playground (Organize games!) Date: _____ Hours: _____	Help at the Spring Fair Date: _____ Hours: _____	Attend Field Trip Date: _____ Hours: _____	Networking with other parents at school events Date: _____ Hours: _____
Read Newsflash or Patriot Date: _____ Hours: _____	Help with an After School Club Date: _____ Hours: _____	Fill in the Blank! _____ _____ Date: _____ Hours: _____	Help in Classroom Date: _____ Hours: _____	Work one-on-one with a student Date: _____ Hours: _____
Stuff Red Home/School Folders Date: _____ Hours: _____	Assist at an Evening School Function Date: _____ Hours: _____	Assist with Fall Fundraiser Date: _____ Hours: _____	Fill in the Blank! _____ _____ Date: _____ Hours: _____	Presenter on Career Day Date: _____ Hours: _____
Make photocopies Date: _____ Hours: _____	Fill in the Blank! _____ _____ Date: _____ Hours: _____	Read Grade-Level Newsletter Date: _____ Hours: _____	Assist During Classroom Celebrations Date: _____ Hours: _____	Assist in the Lunch Room Date: _____ Hours: _____

GES Parents and Guardians: Please put this BINGO board in a safe place and use it throughout the 2009–2010 school year. Once you have documented at least 10 hours of involvement, please send it back to GES via Ms. Saunders, school Guidance Counselor, and you will be entered to win a wonderful prize! In order to let us know that you are committed to participate in our **10 for Excellence** program, please sign and return the tear-off slip below. We are hoping to at least double our participation from last year.

Please detach and return to Christine Saunders, Counselor, by October 2nd

I will participate in and am committed to the “10 for Excellence” program by donating 10 hours of involvement with Germantown ES.

Name: _____

Child(ren)’s name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____