

## H.D. Thoreau PTA Volunteer Opportunities for 2011-12

### Volunteer because.....



- It is fun!
- It is easy!
- We need you!
- It brings the community together!
- It sends a positive message to our children!
- Kids love to see Dad, Mom, Grandparents, and other caregivers helping at school!

1. Take a moment to look over the following committees.
2. Check off one or more committees you would like to help with.
3. Please print legibly on this form so we may get in contact with you.
4. Return this form to your child's teacher or the school office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name

Teacher

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Questions?? Please contact:

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## Family Event Committees

### Ice Cream Social and Info Night

**Chair is Leanne Rothrock**

Come join the fun with ice cream and balloon artistry, while gathering information about the cool programs Thoreau has to offer. Volunteers needed to help scoop ice cream and set up.

Volunteer?

### Fall Dance

**Trilogy Jones**

A dance DJ comes in the week before the dance and teaches the kids fun dances in PE. At the end of the week, the kids and their families will all get together for the Fall Dance. Volunteers are needed to be door monitors, take pictures, sell refreshments and help with set up and tear down.

Volunteer?

### “Make it Take it” Holiday Fair

**Chair is Amy Baker**

Tables for the kids to collect and make inexpensive holiday gifts. Volunteers needed to set up and help at tables.

Volunteer?

### Valentines Breakfast

**Chair is Caroline Reilly**

Invite a special guest to this popular event. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, serving, and clean up.

Volunteer?

### Bingo Night

**Chair is OPEN**

Each year we host a family bingo night. Volunteers needed to procure prizes, sell tickets, and set up/clean up.

Chair?

Volunteer?

### Staff Appreciation

**Chair is OPEN**

Parents honor the teachers and staff at Thoreau by giving them a themed gift each day. Volunteers are needed to organize and hand out these gifts.

Chair?

Volunteer?

### Carnival

**Chair is OPEN**

One of the most fun events in the Spring! The committee will work with a local vendor to put on a fun event for the families. Some volunteers will be needed to take payment and help out day of.

Chair?

Volunteer?

## Safety Committees

### Emergency Prep

**Chair is Kelly Peterson**

PTA enhances and supports the LWSD Emergency plan by providing a comfort item and food in case of a unfortunate event where students would have an extended stay at school. Volunteers are needed at the beginning of the year to gather items and organize this.

Volunteer?

### Vision and Hearing

**Chair is Janell Toppen**

Volunteers are needed for one day to help with screening to test vision and hearing for students. No prior experience is necessary, as training will be provided. Chair person works with the district on scheduling this.

Volunteer?

# Fundraising Committees

## **Ribbet Run**

**Chair is Teresa Arnold**

This fundraiser raised much needed contributions last year totaling around \$24,000.00. This fun run has become a tradition at Thoreau! Students collect money for laps and earn prizes from their donations. Volunteers are needed before the event to help get information out to our families, day of the run for lap counting, and after the run for prize distribution and parties.

Volunteer?

## **Auction**

**Chair is OPEN**

Parents donate and auction off items to raise money for the Thoreau PTA. We will be having an auction in the Spring of 2012. Volunteers are needed to coordinate classroom baskets and procure auction items from local businesses.

Chair?

Volunteer?

## **Box Tops/Soup Labels**

**Chair is Titou Yarlott**

Box tops are one of the ways we bring in extra funds for the students at Thoreau. Box tops usually bring in up to \$1000.00 every year! Volunteers are needed for this committee to count box tops during the year and keep our families motivated to participate.

Volunteer?

## **Grants**

**Chair is OPEN**

There are several money grants available for programs that would benefit our school. A volunteer team would help to research and apply for these grants.

Chair?

Volunteer?

## **Popcorn**

**Chair is OPEN**

Learn the ropes of operating and maintaining the popcorn machine. Volunteers will assist 5th & 6th graders to prepare and serve popcorn during Thursday recess and other special events. Sales of the popcorn benefit the 5th & 6th grade camp fund.

Chair?

Volunteer?

## **Entertainment Books**

**Chair is Kim Jones**

Meet with the Entertainment representative, pass out books, process orders and hand out prizes.

Volunteer?

## **5th / 6th Grade Fundraising**

**Chair is Jenette Perras**

Assist the 5/6 staff in the fundraisers and planning by collecting forms and funds. Help out as needed.

Volunteer?

## **5th / 6th Grade Graduation**

**Chair is OPEN**

Assist the 5/6 staff to help with the graduation as needed. Procure supplies, set up and clean up at event.

Chair?

Volunteer?

# Student Enrichment Program Committees

## Book Rodeo

Chair is Katrina Wood

Thoreau's Book Rodeo is the ultimate book-recycling event! Students have the opportunity to donate their gently-used books in exchange for "Book Bucks" credit to buy donated books, or purchase books for 25-cents each. Volunteers are needed during the day of the event.

Volunteer?

## Drama Program

Chair is Juliana Canales

Our drama programs are back for another exciting year! Many volunteers are needed to help supervise budding actors and actresses and to help produce the plays the kids put on.

Volunteer?

## Reflections Program

Chair is OPEN

Annual Theme based program put on by the WA State PTA where students express their artistic abilities through song, poetry, story writing, painting or other means of expression. Volunteers are needed to help organize the entries, hang up artwork in the hallways and help organize the reception. Most of the work is done in late October, early November.

Chair?

Volunteer?

## Herbicide Free Program

Chair is Grant Goldsmith

Volunteers will help keep our school beautiful and green. Volunteers are needed to weed the grounds of our school and help with our annual mulch party.

Volunteer?

## Art Docent

Chairs are Kim Jones and Margaret Adams

This is a L.W.S.D structured art program where teachers will include a progressing art lesson once a month in their class. Parents are needed to help the teacher during this monthly lesson. (gather supplies, clean up).

Volunteer?

## Scholastic Book Fair

Chairs are Jodi Gaertner & Angie Heitmeyer

Parent volunteers are needed to help set up and take down book displays as well as managing sales and helping customers during the fairs. Additional help may be needed with planning and advertising the book fairs. Typically, book fairs are held in the Fall and Spring.

Volunteer?

## 5/6 yearbook

Chair is Jodi Gaertner & ??

Chair must be a parent of a 5th or 6th grader. This volunteer will organize a yearbook for the students to have as a memory at the end of year. Also coordinates the 5/6 end of the year party.

Chair?

Volunteer?

## All School Memory Book

Chair is Paula Clements

Volunteers will gather pictures throughout the school year and will organize, print and distribute the Annual Thoreau Memory Book.

Volunteer?

## School Pictures

Chair Ayesha Chalk

Individual pictures and classroom pictures will be taken in the Fall. Volunteers help the photographers on the day of the pictures.

Volunteer?

## Library Assistant

Chair is Mrs. Everitt

Once a week, for about an hour, set up a time with the librarian to help re-shelve books.

Volunteer?

## Student Enrichment Program Committees

### Advocacy Chair

**Chair is OPEN**

Keeps current on Legislative news for our district and school. Communicates to our school information from the LWSD Advocacy Chairs and any government actions (bills, proposals) that affect our learning communities. Keeps the Thoreau community apprised of any pending action in Olympia that could impact school.

Chair?

Volunteer?

### Directory

**Chair is Paula Clements**

This person will compile the names/contacts for each class for the student directory. This project will take roughly 16 hours and with the work done in the early Fall. Experience with Microsoft Word or Publisher will be helpful, but not required.

Volunteer?

### Website

**Chair is OPEN**

Update the website on a weekly basis throughout the year.

Chair?

Volunteer?

## PTA Specific Committees

### Nominating Committee

**Chair is OPEN**

This committee solicits members to run for the PTA Board for the upcoming year. This starts in January. Elections are in March.

Chair?

Volunteer?

### PTA Membership

**Chair is Janell Toppen**

Sets up booth at information night and promotional materials for encouraging PTA membership.

Volunteer?

### Audit

**Chair is OPEN**

At least once a year a parent works with the Treasurer to go through a state checklist to audit our books.

Chair?

Volunteer?

### PTA Communication Committee

**Chair is Janell Toppen**

This committee would be responsible for getting a new PTA email system up and running. Also would be helping in sending out PTA specific emails to members.

Volunteer?

### Technical Committee

**Chair is OPEN**

Volunteers will be responsible for learning the set up and operation of the school's sound and lighting systems in the Commons. Volunteers will be needed to operate the systems at several school events that require the use of the systems, including choir and drama performances.

Chair?

Volunteer?