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August 2017

Dear El Carmelo Families,

Welcome to another exciting school year! El Carmelo is a strong school because of our strong community. A strong community comes from people like you – PTA Parent Volunteers.

Our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is a volunteer organization that supports many El Carmelo activities, as well as hosts numerous community-building and fundraising events.

We need your participation in order to support El Carmelo events and programs!

Everyone brings something unique and special to El Carmelo; and our activities reflect this diversity when many parents contribute. We would love to see every parent volunteer at El Carmelo, either through the PTA or in your child's classroom, in coordination with the teacher. No matter how much or how little time you have to give, there is a fit for you, and our kids will benefit from it.

The added bonus for me personally has been the fostering of a sense of community through increased involvement with our wonderful teachers, staff and parents, as well as a window into my child's life at school. I have learned so much from my volunteering and have been enriched by my experiences. I assure you that you will enjoy your experience and find it as rewarding as I have.

You may sign up **online** (preferred method - look out for our link in eNews), using the URL <https://goo.gl/forms/1cQYDAyAu2h5oKDS2> or using the **El Carmelo PTA Volunteer Form** (on the other side of this page). Please return the printed form to the school office as soon as possible. The event/activity chair will then coordinate further logistics with you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you a joyous experience, and thank you for the valuable contribution of your time and experience.

Best regards,

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El Carmelo PTA Volunteer Form 2017-2018

If you can, please sign up online via our online form. Use this URL:

<https://goo.gl/forms/1cQYDAyAu2h5oKDS2>

Name(s): _____

Email(s): _____ Phone(s): _____

Child(ren) Name/Room #: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

How often can you help? Single Event (one-time commitment) Several times a year Ongoing

Please mark any events that you might like to help with! Thank you for helping El Carmelo!

Please return this completed form to the PTA folder at the school office.

- These events are being chaired by volunteer parents who need assistance. They will contact you accordingly. Dates listed are subject to change.
- If you would like to chair an event that is open or have any other questions, please contact Mridula Charlu, VP Volunteer Services, at mridula.charlu@gmail.com

August

- International Welcome Dinner (Sat, Aug 19)
- Picture Day (Mon, Aug 28)
- Back to School Night (Thu, Aug 24)
- Back to School Night (Tue, Aug 29 Grades 1-5)
- Staff Welcome Luncheon (Wed, Aug 30)

September

- Fall Book Fair (Mon-Fri, Sep 11-15)
- Back to School Picnic (Tue, Sep 12)
- Stories, Milk & Cookies (Tue, Sep 12)

October

- Walk & Roll to School (Wed, Oct 4)
- Pumpkin Project Display (Mon-Tue, Oct 30-31)
- Ice Skating Party (Late Fall, Date TBD)

November

- See's Candy Fundraiser (Nov 9 through Dec 1)

December

- Inclusive Schools Week (Mon - Fri, Dec 4-8)

January

- Staff New Year Luncheon (Wed, Jan 17)
- Pancake Breakfast (Sat, Jan 20)
- Book Exchange (Mon-Thurs, Jan 22-25)

February

- Family Engineering Day (Sun, Feb 11)
- Bingo Night (Thu, Feb 22)

March

- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (Mon-Fri, Mar 5-9)
- Lego Night (Thu, Mar 15)
- Spring Family Fun Day (Sat Mar 24)

April

- Stories Under the Stars (Thurs, April 26)
- Earth Week (Mon-Fri, Apr 16-20)

May

- Family Pizza & Movie Night (Fri, May 25)
- Field Day (Wed, May 30)

Ongoing (frequency and schedule depends on the activity)

- Morning Drop-off & Safety Volunteer
- Coffees with the Principal
- Green Team (assist Principal, teachers, parents in making El Carmelo more environmentally friendly)
- Noon Art (help children with lunchtime art projects)
- Parent Education (help find speakers to present to El Carmelo parents and advertise local speaker events)
- PiE (Partners in Education)
- Reading Garden (maintain garden)
- Ten Mile Club (help children with lunchtime running club)