

VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL

Engaging Families at School

By Trish Yerges

In the past two years, the pandemic created obstacles to school volunteerism, but now that many of those constraints are lifted, the district is free again to actively pursue its goal of increasing family engagement in schools. In this process, the district will be looking for more engagement opportunities across all demographics in our school district.

The district administrators recognize that the past two years have been very hard on families as far as being connected with their child's school because of State mandates and different rules at different times.

"To combat that this year, we're really going out of our way to engage families as much as we can so that they can have a positive experience and feel connected with schools," Carpenter said. "We are also going to be looking for ways to engage them and help to provide them with different opportunities to volunteer and be part of our school to support kids."

Among the school opportunities to think about now are elementary school engagement, such as supporting intervention groups and/or different classrooms. If you visit with the teachers there, they are interested in having a parent come in and provide support to that classroom. Others may need parents to come in as a lunch buddy and be a positive contact for a student, helping students with social skills or just be there as a mentor or grandma or grandpa.

"With athletics, we're always looking for help to work a ticket


booth or help with fundraising to meet the needs of those athletes," he said. "People can also meet with building principals, if there's a specific school they want to volunteer at, and talk about what kind of volunteer work they would like to do and how that would fit into that school's program."

If a person wishes to volunteer on committees, there are the local school parent-teacher organizations, which are pretty strong at the elementary schools and La Grande Middle School. That's a leadership group that tries to support students and help allocate some funds for special projects identified by the school and parents.

"There are also some district-level committees that adults can participate in, such as our adoption committee or student health advisory council," Carpenter suggested.

Volunteers are not required to have a special educational background to qualify for volunteerism at school, but they will go through the customary background check and fingerprinting requirements. There are vaccination requirements for all adults interacting with kids, but there is also an opt-out form for that. There is currently no mask requirement.

If you're interested in volunteering, please call the school's principal or Scott Carpenter at 541-975-3210. Staying connected with the district schools can be rewarding and purposeful for the volunteer and a positive support to the students.



2022/2023 School Calendar
Revised June 8, 2022

29	First Day of School K - 7 & 9 (August 29)	August 2022							September 2022																											
30	First Day of School Grades 8, 10-12 (Aug. 30)	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S														
One hr. late start - Professional Development			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
No School - K - 12 Conference									7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
No School - Holiday, Teacher Workday, or Professional Development									14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				28	29	30	31			

October 2022						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2022						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2022						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2023						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			25	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

March 2023						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

April 2023						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

May 2023						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

June 2023						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

End of Quarter ○

Quarter 1 (40 Days) Ends October 25, 2022

Quarter 2 (45 Days) Ends January 25, 2023

Quarter 3 (40 Days) Ends March 24, 2023

Quarter 4 (45 Days) Ends June 7, 2023

Conference Schedule

October 27 - Morning, Afternoon and Evening Conferences

October 28 - Morning Conferences only

January 26 - Evening Conferences only

January 27 - Morning Conferences for K-12

April 13 - Evening Conferences only

April 14 - Morning Conferences only

High School Graduation - June 3, 2023

LAST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS - JUNE 7, 2023

Board Approved 6/8/22