

Fox Chase Home and School Association Volunteer Information 2011-12

Dear Parents and Friends of Fox Chase,

Welcome! We believe that Fox Chase is an outstanding place to learn and we are anxious for you to be part of our school community. Everyone benefits when parents are involved in their children's education, and kids really love it when you come into their school. Inside this booklet you will find activities and programs taking place this year. The ability to offer these programs depends on your support and participation. Help us celebrate over 10 years of volunteering on behalf of our children and community.

Please look over the information and select the activities that interest you. We will have committee sign-up sheets available in the gym on preview night and also during curriculum night so you can sign up for what interests you right on the spot. Or, complete the forms on the last page and return it to school by **September 9** (or bring them to preview night already filled out!). Please keep this packet for your reference throughout the year. Your schedule may change and we would be happy to have your help. If you find you have time to volunteer later in the year, please visit our website www.foxchasehsa.com and let us know, we would be happy to have whatever time you can give!

Thank you for supporting Fox Chase Elementary School. We truly appreciate your time and talents and look forward to working with you this year!

Fox Chase Home and School Association Executive Board

Amy Bartle, President
Kerri Boone, Vice President
Betsy Kammerer, Treasurer
Lisa Petrauskas, Corresponding Secretary
Jen O'Reilly, Recording Secretary

Beautification Committee

Like to get dirty....and love to garden! This committee is for you! Throughout the fall and spring we plant and help spruce up the grounds. A small commitment but beautiful results!

Please consider signing up and help us to continue to keep Fox Chase beautiful.

Committee Chair: Laurie Picha, 551-4772, TNL4700@comcast.net

Box Tops for Education/Campbell's Soup labels

General Mills' Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup labels are collected in the classroom throughout the year. Box Tops are redeemed for cash while Campbell's labels are redeemed for items used in school, such as videos and P.E. equipment. Each classroom needs a volunteer to trim, count and organize the box tops and labels for redemption. We need EVERYONE'S help in collecting Box Tops and Campbell's labels. Every little Box Top counts, we earned over \$ 5,000.00 last year! Our goal for this year is \$5,500.00. Check out the Box Tops for Education website for more information at www.btfec.com.

Committee Chair: Betsy Kammerer, 554-9782, betsyk174@yahoo.com

Family Fun

Like your family? Like having fun? Then come and join the Family Fun committee! There will be a variety of opportunities for fun this year! We will have three Friday night Family Fun events: October 21st, January 27st and April 20th. If you have an hour or two to come and help organize, set up or run the events please sign up to help. If you are interested in helping with any of the events this year (or all of them), please sign up for Family Fun. We will contact you to get your availability. We will also happily accept the help of Fox Chase grads and 5th graders who might enjoy helping more than attending!

Committee Chair: Amy Bartle 551-4754, Ateamcapn@comcast.net

Committee Co-Chair: Stacy Sorensen, 554-6361, sorensen5family@gmail.com

Field Day/School Picnic

Field Day/School Picnic is an end-of-the-year event to be held May 31st (with June 1st as a rain date). The kids will participate in a day of sports and games. We will need parents who would be interested in volunteering to run games in the morning and/or afternoon. Parents also can help pass out treats, serve lunch, or help plan the day. Please look for more information on our website and in e-mails in May.

Committee Chair: Melissa Nowak 551-7184, jmnowak5@sbcglobal.net

Fox Chase Student Directory

The Fox Chase Student Directory offers a look at the people and activities at Fox Chase as well as important phone numbers. We hope the directory will help you communicate with other students and their families.

You will find the directory form at the end of this packet. Please fill it out and send it back to school by September 9th so we can get started compiling the directory! It will also be available on the website!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Committee Chair: Julie Carroll, 630-738-3265, kenziesmom1@yahoo.com
Committee Co-Chair: Chris Carroll, 630-738-9866, carroll588@yahoo.com

Fundraising

Be a part of something great...help us reach our fundraising goals! This year we will bring back many of our popular items, (Affy Tapple, Scrip and Schaffers Plant sale) but we will also be showcasing a few new items that will put a smile on anyone's face!

If you have an hour or more to share with our committee, we would be happy to have you join our team. We need individuals to help with pick-up nights (receiving shipments, sorting orders, helping customers) or if you prefer to work from home we can always use helpers to make reminder phone calls!

If you would like to help out with any of these events, please join us, we would love to have you! We plan to put some FUN in Fundraising this year! We hope you will come along for the ride.

Committee Chair: Loretta Schramer, 554-2210, schrumerL@aol.com
Committee Co-Chair: Jennifer McAleer 551-4655, jennmac@comcast.net

Grandparents Breakfast

This committee organizes the opportunity for grandparents to come to school and have a light breakfast snack and coffee with their grandchildren. After the breakfast, grandparents are able to visit their grandchild's classroom. We need volunteers to help set up the night before, help out during the breakfast, and take down. This event will take place on April 5th.

This is a great committee for those of you that can only volunteer your time during the evening or before school hours. We look forward to working with you!

Committee Chair: Loretta Schramer, 554-2210, SchrumerL@aol.com.
Committee Co-Chair: Jennifer McAleer, 551-4655, jennmac@comcast.net.

Great Art Show and Tell

This committee is a great way to get into your child's classroom. Each classroom has parents who take turns during the year to come into the class and teach the kids about artists and their art work.

OK...I know you are thinking, *I know nothing about Art*. That's OK, the work is done for you!

Home & School has a cabinet of art work. Your artist/art is pre-assigned, you pick it up. Look over the ideas we have provided or be creative and do your own. You arrange a time that works with the teacher to come in and show and tell your art. Pretty simple!

Think about signing up, the benefits are endless! An organizational meeting will be held for this committee on September 28th at 7:30pm, come meet other volunteers from your child's class and pick your best months to volunteer.

Committee Chair: Beth Penzone, 554-5480, bpenzone@sbcglobal.net.

Helping Hands

Do you have time to lend a hand?
Helping Hands committee needs you!

Helping Hands is an opportunity for you to help out in a variety of ways, when you have time.

How this committee works: you sign up, then when a need for help comes up, the committee chair calls for volunteers. If you can help, GREAT, if not we'll call you next time we have a need. Helping Hands helps out in all areas, to helping with picture day, helping sort a shipment, or to help with an event. When there is a need to be filled, Helping Hands gets the call. This committee is a great way to put your name out to help, either for a first time or someone who has been around. We can never have enough volunteers and this committee helps make sure we have enough!

So please sign up to lend a hand with Helping Hands!

Committee Chair: Jen O'Reilly 554-9795, oreilly797@sbcglobal.net
Committee Co-chair: Melissa Stell, 630-636-9135, stellwin@hotmail.com.

Holiday Shoppe

Tis the Season to be.....A Santa's Helper!!!! This year's Holiday Shoppe will be held on December 9th. We are in need of many volunteers to help with various tasks such as Shopper Assistant, Gift Wrapper, Cashier, or Santa Helper. We also could use help with set-up and clean-up. If you can't help on the day of the sale, we could also use donations of cookies (packaged/store bought), cocoa, and candy canes.

This is one volunteer activity that you will leave feeling festive!!! It is so much fun to watch the kids purchase special gifts for their loved ones, and be so excited with their finds. Please feel free to contact us with any questions at the number listed below or by email. Thanks to all of you parents/volunteers who make Fox Chase such a great school!!!!

Committee Chair: Laurie Picha, 551-4772, TNL4700@comcast.net

Committee Co-Chair: Betsy Kammerer, 554-9782, betsyk174@yahoo.com

Hospitality

Do you like to bake?
Or even if you don't, but still want to help with treats,
the Hospitality Committee needs your help!

Hospitality is a committee where all you have to do is sign up. When there is a need for treats at the school for such events as Holiday Shoppe, Vendor Fair or Auction night, we will call you to see if you are available to send in treats for the event. If you are available, you just send in your treats, homemade or store bought, on the date the committee chair tells you.

We are all busy in our daily lives and this committee is a great way to help without having to commit a lot of time. We always need treats for our school events and this committee makes sure there is enough for everyone.

Committee Chair: Kimberli Balder, 217-521-2352, kimberli_balder@yahoo.com.

K-1 Orientation

“Where’s my mom? Where’s the bus?
How do I get my lunch?”

K-1 Orientation Committee is here to help!

If you have just one hour to give you can be a BIG help in the life of a kindergartener or first grader. You can help in two different ways. Volunteers are needed during the first week of school to help with both morning and afternoon Kindergarten arrival and dismissal. We also need volunteers that week to help the First Graders navigate the lunchroom for the first time.

Either opportunity will take only about an hour of your time.

This is a great volunteer opportunity for Kindergarten or First Grade parents who want to learn more about lunch or dismissal or anyone who just wants to help!

Committee Chair: Christine Cronin, 554-0419, briannedie@sbcglobal.net

This committee could use a co-chair. Help our youngest jaguars and have a great time!

Market Day

We are looking for some individuals who like to have fun to help with our monthly Market Day delivery. Volunteers are needed to help unload the food cases, sort the items into categories and pack up orders for customers.

Market Day happens one Wednesday evening each month from 5:15pm-7:15pm. If you can help the whole time, great, but if you only have an hour to spare, we welcome you too! Any time you can give is appreciated.

If Wednesdays are not open for you, we can always use volunteers to make reminder phone calls in the days before pickup.

If interested in helping with Market Day in any way, please sign up. We will contact you soon to fill you in on the details! We are looking forward to another awesome year with Market Day!

Committee Chair: Kerri Boone, 554-8631, mom_of_rak@aol.com

Committee Co-Chair: Melissa Nowak, 551-7184, jmnowak5@sbcglobal.net

Muffins with Mom

This committee organizes the opportunity for moms to come to school to share a muffin with their children and their children's classmates. Volunteers can be of help planning, organizing, setting-up and taking down. This event takes place on May 3rd. Please consider volunteering!

Committee Chair: Laurie Picha, 551-4772, TNL4700@comcast.net

Committee Co-Chair: Heather McKane, 816-5363, hgdragonfly@sbcglobal.net

Newsletter

Contributions are always welcome for the *The Fox Chase Flyer*. Would you like to write an article on an event that your child participated in at the school? Would you like to report on a special activity in your child's class? We'd love to have your input.

Committee Chair: Valancee Avalos, 551-0842, vavalos332@comcast.net

Publishing Center

*Do you enjoy reading imaginative stories?
Do you enjoy working one-on-one with kids?
Are you a good typist or editor?*

If you answered yes to any of these questions, Fox Chase Publishing Center may be perfect for you!!

The Fox Chase Publishing Center takes stories written and illustrated by the kids and types, binds, and laminates them for the kids to take home and keep for years to come. This committee requires many volunteers to keep things running smoothly. Last year we published hundreds of books!

Many of the volunteer opportunities can be done from home! Others require weekly visits to school. The opportunities available are as follows:

- **Interviewer:** Come to school and interview kids and read through their stories.
- **Typist:** **This job is completed at your home.** Stories are sent home to you and you type them and send them back to school. (Requires MS Word and a computer than can accept a USB Flash Drive.)
- **Proofreader:** **Typed stories are sent home** to you for editing. (Requires MS Word and a computer than can accept a USB Flash Drive.)

Committee Chair: Lisa Petrauskas, 554-1497, lisapetraus@comcast.net

Committee Co-Chair: Polly Harshberger, 551-2968, harshpe@gmail.com

Room Parents

Becoming a room parent is a great way to be involved in your child's classroom. With other parents, you would help plan and run the Halloween, Winter Holiday, and Valentine's Day classroom parties. You do not have to be involved in all the parties, and can also help by sending in party supplies. A room parent can be a parent, a grandparent, an aunt, an uncle, or a family friend. As a room parent you get to share special times with your child at school. It promises to be fun for both you and your child! Fill out the special form at the back to let us know your preferences.

We will hold a room parent volunteer meeting on September 27th. We'll discuss the parties and you will get the chance to meet the other parents for your class. Please plan to attend this meeting. We cannot reserve spots in any class for a particular party so your attendance is important if you have limited availability.

This committee has a separate page to fill out if you would like to volunteer. Or come sign up at preview night!

Committee Chair: Jennifer McAleer, 551-4655, jennmac@comcast.net

Spirit Wear

GOT SPIRIT???

Then let us hear it!

The Fox Chase Sprit Wear Committee is looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways.

The Spirit Wear committee is in charge of choosing a design for the items, collecting the order forms, and then distributing the products to the students. We need help in the following areas:

- A couple times a year we will have a booth set up to sell some spirit wear items and to take new orders. We will need volunteers to be available at the booth to help customers with their sales, and collect any order forms that will be turned in.
- After the items are delivered, we will need help sorting, bagging, and distributing the items to the students and/or parents.

This is a great way to volunteer your gift of time to something simple and fun that benefits the school and everyone involved, especially the children. If you are interested in learning more please contact us. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Committee Chair: Jennifer McAleer, 551-4655, jennmac@comcast.net

Committee Co-Chair: Loreta Schramer, 554-2210, schramerl@aol.com

Staff Appreciation

This committee consists of volunteers who help extend thanks to the Fox Chase Staff at different times throughout the school year. The different events include a Back-to-School Breakfast, meals provided during fall and spring conferences, acknowledgement of Administrative Assistants and Nurses Day, National Teacher Appreciation Week, an end of the year teacher luncheon and possibly some other activities that may be planned in honor of our teaching staff.

If you are interested in being a volunteer for the committee, you will be called upon for these events and asked to help with the purchase/preparing of baked goods and/or other food items (or paper goods) throughout the year as needed.

Committee Chair: Natasha Walters, 636-6351, ohmc123@yahoo.com

Committee Co-Chair: Melissa Stell, 636-9135, stellwin@hotmail.com.

Staff Support (including the former Thursday Folder/Copy Crews)

Can you staple like nobody's business? Can you run a copy machine? Would you be able to come in on a semi-regular basis to help ease the workload of our Fox Chase staff? Would you like to work with some students or help with a classroom project or materials on an as needed basis? Opportunities abound with this committee- please consider helping!

Committee Chair: Jen O'Reilly 554-9795, oreilly797@sbcglobal.net

Committee Co-chair: Melissa Stell 636-9135, stellwin@hotmail.com

Website

Home & School has it's own website: www.foxchasehsa.com. We hope you will reference this resource to find out information on upcoming school events, school calendar dates, committee information, etc. If you have information that should be posted, e-mail it to our webmaster: Janet Henderson, janet.henderson@comcast.net

Committee Chair: Janet Henderson, 636-6059, janet.henderson@comcast.net

Yearbook

Have an eye for detail? Have some time in the spring to help sort and deliver yearbooks?

Then this is the committee for you! We will be producing a wonderful book of memories from the year. Best of all... we get to do it all online! We will have an after school club for the 5th grade students to help. We will need lots of pictures of anything that happens at school and at any school events. Interested??

Committee Chair: Stacy Sorensen, 554-6361, sorensen5family@gmail.com

Committee Sign-up Sheet 2011-12

Name _____ **Phone** _____ **E-mail** _____

Student _____ Teacher _____ Student _____ Teacher _____

Student _____ Teacher _____ Student _____ Teacher _____

Circle all committees that you are interested in volunteering with:

Beautification

Box Tops

Family Fun Nights

Field Day

Fundraising

Grandparents Breakfast

Great Art

Helping Hands

Holiday Shoppe

Hospitality

Market Day

Muffins with Mom

Publishing Center

Spiritwear

Staff Appreciation

Staff Support

Yearbook

Room Parents/Holiday Parties

Three parties are scheduled this year: **Halloween** (10/31), **Winter Holiday** (12/16), and **Valentine's Day** (2/14). All parties begin at 2:30 p.m. Please indicate if you are available to volunteer for parties for your child(ren). **Only 4 parents can attend each party.** Depending on the number of volunteers, you may not be able to attend each party.

Please know that parent donation is required for all the needs of each party. Please indicate if you are able to donate party supplies such as: treats, food, drinks, games, and craft supplies.

A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Volunteer lists and information will be shared with party volunteers. This is also an opportunity to pick which party prefer to work and share party ideas. **Please plan to attend this meeting, we cannot "reserve" a party slot for you at a particular party. Parents who attend the meeting will get first choice of parties to work.**

Parent's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please Indicate your choices below:

Name of Child _____

Grade/Teacher _____

	Attend Party	Contact me for donations
Halloween	-----	-----
Winter Holiday	-----	-----
Valentine's Day	-----	-----

Name of Child _____

Grade/Teacher _____

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Halloween	-----	-----
Winter Holiday	-----	-----
Valentine's Day	-----	-----

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Winter Holiday	-----	-----
Valentine's Day	-----	-----

If you have questions, contact Jennifer McAleer, 551-4655, jennmac@comcast.net

Fox Chase Student Directory Permission Slip

Each fall, the Home and School of Fox Chase Elementary School publishes a student directory, whose purpose is to facilitate community building, the sharing of information, and friendships among our children. If you choose to have your child listed in our school directory, **please complete the following form, sign it, and return by September 9th**. Please note that you may choose to have only some information printed, for example, your phone number but not your address. **You will only receive a directory if your information is present.** Call or e-mail Julie Carroll with questions or comments: 630-738-3265 or kenziesmom1@yahoo.com.

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

"I give my permission to have the above information published by Fox Chase Home and School."

Signed

Date