

WELCOME TO ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR FROM THE HADLEY PTA!

Dear Hadley Parents,

It's hard to believe we are getting ready for another school year. For those of you who are new to the Hadley Community, welcome! I can tell you from experience our children's time at Hadley goes by very quickly. In the three years they are here, we watch all of them go from being children to thinking they're all grown up and ready to make their way in the world. In that time, our role as parents changes, especially when it comes to our involvement in school. Once upon a time, we were classroom helpers and room party parents. Now, we are activity chairpeople. Once, we sat with our kids and methodically helped them with homework. Now, we might just monitor completion or make ourselves available in the rare instance that our kids still think we might actually know something and ask for help. Once, we volunteered for everything that was available to us. Our kids wanted to see us there, we told ourselves. Teachers needed classroom help. We needed to be at school so we knew what was going on in our kids' lives. And then they went to Middle School and we thought that changed everything. Our kids didn't want us "hovering" at school, we tell ourselves. Teachers and staff don't need help. It's a big building and the kids come home and say their day was "fine" and we say "okay," not wanting to push them into that black hole of teenage moodiness. But here's the reality....our kids want and need us involved, the teachers and staff need us involved, we need to be involved. "(An analysis of 51 studies revealed that) students with above average parent involvement had academic achievement rates that were 30% higher than those students with below average parent involvement."¹

My challenge to you, in this coming school year is to Get Involved. We are very lucky to have many parents participating in activities in the Hadley Community – from working with the teachers to identify areas for Curriculum Enhancement to supporting field trips and Theatre Arts, to sponsoring activities and clubs, there is so much you can do. Enclosed in this mailing is a list of committees and activities sponsored by the PTA. Please consider volunteering to help or chair one or even several of these. These things don't happen without your help and we are always looking for new faces to get involved. We also hope you will consider PTA membership. For only \$7 per family, it's a great investment in your child's school activities and allows you the opportunity to receive National PTA publications and information and gives you the right to make decisions and vote on the areas that the Hadley PTA support.

We are looking forward to another great school year at Hadley!

Hadley PTA Executive Committee

¹ Henderson & Mapp (2002). *A new wave of evidence: The family is crucial to student achievement*. Washington, DC: National Committee for Citizens in Education, Center for Law and Education.

Hadley Junior High PTA 2009-2010 Volunteer Sign-Up

Welcome! We look forward to another great year at Hadley. This year's PTA sponsored programs and activities cannot take place without enthusiastic people like you, willing to volunteer their time and energy.

1. Read over the attached committee descriptions to help decide what activities interest you.
2. To volunteer, place a check on the line next to the committee name. Some committees are in need of a new chairperson(s). Place a check by Chair or Co-chair if you are willing to take a leadership role.
3. Complete the information on the bottom of this form.
4. **Please return this form in the enclosed envelope.**
5. **Or mail to Hadley PTA, 240 Hawthorne Blvd., Glen Ellyn IL 60137.**
6. **Deadline for this form is July 15, 2009. There will be an opportunity to sign up for remaining openings at Start Up Day.**

Thank you!

Hadley PTA

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Child's Name(s) _____

Grade _____

Your Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Cellphone Number _____

E-mail (Please Print Carefully) _____

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Committee Descriptions

Activity Nights-6th, 7th, 8th Grade

Will plan or help chaperone the on-campus activity nights.

Activity Night Off Campus – 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade

Will plan and coordinate an off campus activity such as a roller-skating, ice-skating, or Health Track night.

Hadley Pride Coordinator

PTA liaison for the Hadley Pride Student Recognition Program.

Barone's Nights

Plan and schedule fundraising nights at Barone's.

Battle of the Books

Will help coach and prepare the children for their competitions.

Community Outreach

Help provide clothes, school supplies, and other necessities to D41 students in need.

Curriculum Enhancement

Provides grade level appropriate speakers for students enrichment, working with the principal and Leadership Committee to ensure that assemblies align with school curriculum.

Destination Imagination

Coaches are needed to help guide small teams of students develop creative solutions to problems devised by the worldwide Destination Imagination Association. Students get a chance to learn how to work cooperatively in groups, write and design solutions, build sets, create costumes and props.

Destination Imagination Concessions

Organizes food (with the help of the cafeteria manager) and volunteers to serve it at the all-day DI Regional Tournament at Hadley in March. This is a great fundraising opportunity.

Directory

Coordinates the information needed for the directory and prepares it for printing.

Extra Curricular Activities

Will help coaches and administration with various activities of your choice to organize, coordinate, and possibly chaperone particular activities.

Hadley Helps

Helps the Student Council with their fund-raising and food drive activities.

Hadley Happenings - Editor

Coordinates the articles for the Hadley Happenings Newsletter and has it printed.

Hadley Happenings - E-mailing

E-mails the newsletter and manages the database of e-mail addresses.

Hadley Happenings - Mailing

Picks up the copies of the newsletter, affixes the mailing labels, and delivers to the post office for mailing.

Intramural Sports

Help with the new Intramural Sports program after school

Legislation

Become an advocate for our children by helping to educate the PTA membership about local, state and national legislative issues that affect our community.

Let's Dance – 7th Grade, 8th Grade

Coordinate volunteers for chaperoning classes. Will assist in the registering of students for this class.

Library

Volunteers will work in the library one morning or afternoon. Library responsibilities include assisting with circulation, shelving books or other projects needed by the Library Staff.

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Magazine Madness Fundraiser * URGENT NEED******

Will coordinate or assist with our main fundraiser of the year. It is urgent that we fill this position and committee as soon as possible to allow the chairpeople to make springtime decisions with the fundraising company for next fall's fundraising drive.

Reality Store Coordinator (8th Grade)

Works with AAUW to obtain volunteers to support spring time Reality Store Day for 8th Graders.

Staff Support

Will assist the staff with copying and with big projects such as mailings.

Outdoor Enhancement

Oversee the outdoor beautification and enhancement of the landscaping in the front of the school.

Grade Volunteer 6th, 7th, 8th

Be available to assist the Team Liaison in supplying help to the Team teachers, as they may need. Possible help may include chaperoning field trips, providing goods for special in-school activities or helping during these special projects.

Start-up Day

Works with team volunteer coordinators in finding volunteers for helping at Start-up Day.

Student Council Rep – 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade

Provide PTA assistance, guidance and help at Hadley elections. Will assist the Student Council when needed.

Parent Education

Will plan speakers with subjects pertinent to Jr. High parents and students.

Publicity

Help spread the news about the students and activities that are taking place at Hadley! Volunteers are needed to assist taking pictures at school events, and contact newspapers.

Reflections

Coordinate the annual national PTA sponsored writing, music and art show and competition for all grade levels. Reflections takes place in the early fall.

Safety

Works with the Principal on safety issues pertaining to Hadley, and will help promote awareness and education on safety issues that concern our children and community.

Scholarship

One representative from Hadley reviews applications of applicants to receive the PTA District Council scholarship.

SERC

Our Special Education Resource Committee.

Speech Team

Assist with Coaching and Coordination with the competitive Hadley Speech Team.

Theatre Arts

Help with the Hadley Musical. Cast supervisors, set builders, concessions managers, costume and prop organizers needed.

Third Thursdays

Help greet and welcome parents as they attend third Thursdays.

Teacher Appreciation – 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade

Volunteers are needed to help provide treats for the Team Teachers and Office Staff on a monthly basis.

Team Volunteer Coordinator-6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade

Be available to assist supplying help to the Team teachers, as they may need. Possible help may include chaperoning field trips, providing goods for special in-school activities or helping during these special projects, and other school events. Three volunteer coordinators are needed per grade level.

Web Page

Maintain the Hadley PTA web page, www.hadleypta.org.

6th, 7th, 8th Grade Party Will help plan or volunteer at the year-end party.

