

Lower School Room Parent

A Room Parent is an important part of the entire school community. Your primary responsibility is to act as a liaison between the teacher and parents in your classroom. Please keep in mind that every teacher and classroom is unique and has different expectations. Please be respectful of the teacher's boundaries.

TO DO:

-Set up a meeting with your classroom teacher to discuss needs and expectations!

Important Events (may require your help):

Classroom Parties

In the Lower School we typically have three distinct parties in the school year. We celebrate the **end of first term** in December before winter holidays. In February, we celebrate **Valentine's Day** and at the **end of the second semester** in June, we celebrate the summer birthdays. The celebrations last about 30 minutes and are scheduled by the class teacher and supported by the classroom parent. This means we do NOT bring treats on St. Patrick's Day or Halloween. The PFA has snacks for everyone on Halloween which is distributed to the classroom in the morning.

***Currently classroom parties are tentative and may be cancelled or modified due to COVID precautions. Your classroom teacher or PFA reps will communicate updates with you around these events.**

Halloween Parade

Every year on Halloween the student walk in a big parade around the loop with their class. Students are encouraged to bring their outfit to school and change out of the clothes after the parade. This year there will be two smaller parades (K-2) and (3-5) to ensure physical distancing. We will need parent help for decorating the loop for this parade.

Books and Bagels (Tentative)

In March for Dr. Seuss' birthday, we celebrate the love of reading with a day called Books and Bagels. On this day, room parents are asked to coordinate helpers to bring in bagels, fruit and vegetables for the morning hour. Parents are invited to come during this time to read with their child and in the past we have also had authors visit.

Grade Level Social

Any weekend this term (when it is safe to do so), organize a social with the other grade level parents so the entire grade can get together. Alternatively, you can organize a social event for adults only. This is to encourage inclusion and a time to get to know new families. Please be sure to follow guidelines around distancing, masking, and gathering restrictions. Beach days or Neighborhood walks could be good solutions when COVID numbers are down.

Teacher Gifts

Gifting is optional. Please refrain from organizing group gifts for teachers in which monetary donations are requested as many are facing challenges associated with the pandemic.