

# Share Your Passion!!!



Research shows when families are included in their children's education, their children do better in school. Part of what makes Lawton a successful school is the tremendous amount of family involvement at our school – over 13,000 volunteer hours were recorded at Lawton during the 2010-2011 School Year !

There are many ways to volunteer at Lawton: PTA-sponsored activities, assisting in your child's classroom, or helping a child learn. Everyone has a strength or skill they can contribute. Please take a moment to review the opportunities available and indicate your areas of interest.

Volunteer opportunities are also listed in the newsletter or can be accessed via our website at [www.lawtonelementary.org](http://www.lawtonelementary.org)

**Please return this form to Helen Pitts - Volunteer Coordinator  
(Box in the Lawton office)**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher(s) or Room #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Vocation/ Expertise/ Skill/ Interest that you'd like to share: \_\_\_\_\_

## PTA Sponsored Activities

- Back to School Bash:** Help kick off the school year with a community dinner. (September 16<sup>th</sup>)
- Move-A-Thon:** The Move-A-Thon is one of our biggest fundraisers. This year it will be held in early October. The students really put their soles into this event as they take laps around the upper playfield to help raise money. Set up/ breakdown, hand out water, record laps, and/or pass out popsicles. (October)
- Spring Fundraising Party/Auction:** The auction has been the biggest fundraiser for our school and last year the Event was modified to a fundraising party with an Auction twist ! The Spring Fundraiser event will be held in March, 2011. A party with a hint of auction, there are many different opportunities to help. (March)
- Christmas Tree Sale:** BACK this year !! Help Lawton get in the holiday spirit and sell Christmas Trees. Lots of volunteers will help the success of this fundraiser. Volunteer for shifts selling trees. Co chairs to plan and organize the details. Help committee chairs with organizing event. (October – December)
- Bake Sales:** Have your oven ready to bake treats for bake sales that occur throughout the year and/or run bake sale tables at Lawton events. (Year long as needed)
- Bingo:** Assist committee chair with set-up, selling Bingo sheets, and food. (Spring)
- Book Fair:** Assist committee chair with school book fairs twice a year (Winter and Spring), including cashiering, organizing and selling books.

- Community Outreach:** Work on projects that help families-in-need. (Ongoing)
- Enrichment Committee:** Work with a committee of individuals who bring artists and special enrichment opportunities and programs to our school. (Ongoing)
- Field Day:** Assist committee chair on activities related to Field Day – bouncers, games, races, etc. (June)
- Fifth Grade Promotion:** Help make this event special by organizing and/or assisting in this promotion reception. 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents take the lead so 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents can enjoy this landmark. (June)
- Grants:** Work with Grant Committee to research grant opportunities and write grant applications. (Ongoing)
- Kindergarten Tours and Open House:** Assist committee chair in conducting tours for prospective new families and help prepare for Open House. (January/February)
- Lost and Found:** Assist in monthly inventory of lost and found. (Ongoing)
- Math Night:** Assist committee chair with set-up/breakdown, games, etc. (January)
- Science Fair:** Help committee chair with event including: distribution of science fair packets, make student ID cards, set-up and breakdown tables, displays and experiments. (April)
- School Photos and Yearbook:** Assist on Picture Day and/or organize pages with photos for the yearbook. (Picture Day: October and Yearbook: Spring)
- Secret Garden/ Lawton Beautification:** Help nurture Lawton's botanical treasure by weeding, pruning, and maintaining the landscaping, both in the garden and on school grounds. (Ongoing)
- Staff Appreciation:** Assist the committee chair in showing the staff how much we love them. (May)
- Student Art Sale:** Assist with collecting and distributing Student Art for fundraising activity. (Fall)
- Visiting Author:** Help team find guest authors to inspire our young authors. (Spring)
- Young Authors:** Assist library personnel with Young Author's Day. All of Lawton's student authors get to read their publications in small groups throughout the day. (Fall)
- Walking School Bus:** Volunteer to lead one of Lawton's Walking School Bus routes. Help coordinate with staff liaison (Ongoing)

### **School Activities:**

- Library:** Check-in/check-out books, shelve, and assist students in book selection.
- Room Parents:** Keep your class informed of upcoming school events and help your teacher organize events throughout the school year. (Ongoing)
- Playground:** Help make the playground run smoothly by providing supervision before, during and after school hours.
- Science Kit Inventory:** Inventory science kits (pre and post use in classroom) as needed.
- Tutoring:** Provide reading and math tutoring services to students as requested by teachers.
- Lunchroom:** Help younger students with lunchroom procedures.
- Music-** Assist Lawton music specialist Elaine Cooper communicate regarding music events, find volunteers to help at concert events.

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