

Parents as Partners Many Hands Make Light Work

Prairie Hill intentionally sets a Tuition & Fee schedule that makes Waldorf education accessible to a diverse population of students and families. Accordingly, Prairie Hill relies on fund raising activities and donations to sustain its Tuition Assistance Program. Funds raised through the Annual Appeal, Yuletide Faire and Auction support all aspects of the school's daily operations as well as its future growth. Parents, faculty, staff and Board members are all asked to contribute their time, talent and resources to partner with us in strengthening Prairie Hill's mission to awaken and inspire our children.

* **Gifts to the Annual Appeal** - The Annual Appeal offers families and friends of Prairie Hill the opportunity to strengthen our programs and care for our buildings and grounds through financial gifts to the school. Gifts and pledges are tax deductible and can be given via FACTS, credit card, check, cash or securities. Many employers offer matches for gifts contributed by their employees and retirees. Fund Development can help you learn if your employer has a Matching Gift Program. **Our goal is 100% participation.**

* **Participation in Special Events** - Yuletide Faire and Spring Auction offer many opportunities to contribute goods and services and to deepen social relationships by working with fellow parents, teachers and alumni.



Yuletide's success is entirely dependent upon the full and joyful participation of every family. Each family is expected to:

- Work a minimum 4-hour shift per parent during the Faire.
- Donate handmade crafts with a minimum \$50 value to the Parent Craft Room. Not a crafter? Join a Chat and Craft group or enlist the help of friends and family.
- Contribute a dessert for the Dessert Café or a sweet to entice shoppers in the Sweet Shoppe.
- Spread the word through advertising at places you go or via your social media accounts.



Auction is a themed, *adults-only* evening of entertainment, great food and lively silent and live auctions. Each family is asked to:

- Sell raffle tickets for the Calendar Raffle.
- Donate high-value items, experiences or services to the auction.
- Solicit donors and sponsors from your business and social circles.

* **Volunteer Service** – The best way to feel connected to the Prairie Hill community and your student's education is through volunteering. Your time, wisdom and expertise are treasures only you can share:

- Join a **Board committee**; Finance, Development, Buildings & Grounds or Marketing.
- Apply to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees.
- Become the Class Parent.
- Coach or ref. basketball, track or volleyball.
- Say, **"Yes! I'll be happy to help."** when asked to volunteer for Yuletide and Auction.

Give a little. Get a lot. The opportunities are many and diverse. The appreciation – deep and enduring!

If you have any questions about how you can contribute to PHWS, please contact:

Jeanne Ring jring@prairiehillwaldorf.org or (262) 646-7497, ext. 14.

Please complete the Volunteer Survey on the back and return with your Tuition Contract or at Forms, Photos and Fees Day.



2018-2019 Volunteer Survey

You are invaluable to the success of our school. In addition to fulfilling your volunteer expectations for Yuletide and Auction, please initial areas where you'd be willing to share your time and talents with PHWS.

Current PHWS Volunteer Commitments: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Special talents/expertise: _____

PRIORITY NEEDS:
__ Board Membership
__ Open House Hospitality
__ Box Tops Coordinator
__ Yuletide/Auction Section Chairs

- __ Adult Education (specify)
__ Baking
__ Building Maintenance/Carpentry
__ Classroom Assistance
__ Cleaning
__ Coaching (volleyball, basketball, track)
__ Committee Work (specify)
__ Creative Services (photography, music, painting, etc.)
__ Entertainment
__ Faculty appreciation
__ Field Trips (drivers, food, equipment, etc.)
__ Fundraising (Box Tops/Sentry, etc.)
__ Landscaping/Gardening
__ Library
__ Marketing/Outreach Committee
__ Mentoring New Parents
__ Office Work (reception/filing/data entry)
__ Pentathlon Judge (May)
__ Professional Services (specify)
__ Referee (specify sport)
__ Roots and Wings
__ Student Enrichment (specify)
__ Theater (costume, props, sewing, etc.)
__ Is there another way you'd like to help? (specify)

I/we understand the important role filled by parent volunteers at PHWS and agree to do my/our part:

Signature _____ Signature _____

Thank you!