

Future of the NMS Parents' Association

In our fourth year, the NMS PA plans to build on last year's successes by:

- Hosting a social for new parents after the new parent orientation on September 3rd to answer questions and welcome the new parents to our school
- Expanding our involvement in upkeep of the gardens around NMS to surround our children and our community with beautiful nature
- Involving parents in the maintenance of the library to ensure continued benefit to our children
- Asking room representatives to organize classroom socials to allow parents and teachers to meet and make connections
- Assisting teachers in communicating about volunteering opportunities and events in the classroom
- Providing a school wide social event combining play with learning

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How can you get involved?

There are lots of ways to take part in the school – some big and some small. Take a look at the committees below and see if there is something that fits your schedule and interests. We would love to have your help!

E-mails for all Committee Chairs can be found on the reverse side of this brochure.
Please feel free to e-mail any questions about specific volunteering opportunities.

History of the NMS Parents' Association

Founded in 2006, the NMS PA's primary goal is to get parents involved in the classroom and at school because greater parent involvement benefits both our children and the school.

To achieve our goal in our first three years, the PA members accomplished the following:

- Established room representatives in each classroom to facilitate communication
- Created a new edition of the NMS cookbook, sharing recipes and history from our school's families
- Organized the school's library to modernize it and make it more accessible to our children
- Established the Parent Lending Library
- Expanded the school newsletter to share information on activities, profile individuals throughout our school and provide information on upcoming events
- Created and nurtured the Frances Stevens Memorial Garden to honor a long-time NMS teacher and to beautify our school
- Celebrated NMS' 35th Anniversary in 2007 with a school-wide birthday party to foster a sense of community
- Recognized the 100th Anniversary of Maria Montessori's contribution to worldwide education, (1907 – 2207)
- Coordinated and executed school wide social events, (I am a Scientist in 2007 and I am an Artist in 2008), which incorporated enjoyment with learning

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee writes and edits the school newsletter and places press releases in local newspapers.

Community Outreach Committee

The Community Outreach Committee assists the school in supporting our local and global communities through donations of clothing, learning materials, food, etc.

Special Events Committee

The Special Events Committee plans school-wide events to build a sense of community.

Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee is responsible for maintaining the gardens around the school. Several times a year, the Committee cleans out and plants flower beds, as well as waters the beds.

Library Committee

The Library Committee maintains NMS' central library in the activity room including classifying books and selecting books for display on a monthly basis.

The Parent Lending Library is also maintained by the Library Committee. This library features resource books for parents and caregivers to use.

Room Representatives Committee

The Room Representatives Committee shares information among room representatives and works to coordinate activities involving parents, where possible, in classrooms on a school-wide basis.

Representatives for the '09/10 school year are:

Sally Milliken & Christine Harrison, Cindy Chapman's class
Jen Godfrey & Melissa May-Broyles, Donna Burleigh's class
TBD, Juliet Nelson's class
Kim Klapes & Sara Delaney, Kelley Knight's class
Marti Jo Palmer & Christina Knopp, Zoe Foster's class
Jen Pilz & Tara Driscoll, Pat Dubus Transition class
Jen Godfrey, Extended Day Kindergarten class