Hello WMSS Families,

We've received several inquiries about how families can complete the required 20 volunteer hours each school year. Here's all the information you need about volunteering at WMSS.

Why Volunteer?

When parents volunteer at school, it fosters a stronger school community, enhances the learning environment, and sets a positive example for students about the importance of giving back. This involvement helps create a supportive atmosphere where students feel more connected and engaged in their education.

Required Hours

Each family is required to complete 20 volunteer hour during the school year. If you have multiple students attending, your family still only needs to fulfill a total of 20 hours.

Who Can Earn Hours?

Parents, guardians, family members, and older siblings (not attending WMSS) can earn volunteer hours for your family.

How to Record Your Hours

When you enter the front office, you'll find two green notebooks on the shelf to your left. Please locate your family's sheet and record the activity, date, and time spent volunteering.

Opportunities to Earn Hours Without BPS Registration:

- **Garden Days**: Held monthly from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on designated Saturdays. A BPS registration is NOT required to participate. Stay for as long as you can; we'll have a table set up to record your time. **Note:** Each participating family member (excluding WMSS students) can earn hours. For example, if a mom, dad, and older sibling volunteer for 2 hours, they will collectively earn 6 hours for the family.
- **Fall Festival**: You can earn hours for time spent purchasing items. For example, if it takes you an hour to shop for two items, you earn one volunteer hour. Contact your child's teacher for a list of items if you haven't received it yet.

- **Donate Used Uniforms**: Earn 15 minutes for each piece of clothing donated, provided items are in good condition.
- **Volunteering at Home**: Teachers often need help with cutting and organizing projects. Keep an eye on Class Dojo for updates and requests.
- **Box Tops for Education**: Use the Box Tops app to keep track of eligible purchases. Earn 1 hour of volunteer time with 40 Box Tops.

How to Earn Hours as a BPS Registered Volunteer:

To volunteer on campus and work directly with students, you must register as a BPS volunteer. Here's how to get started:

1. Fill out the online registration form: BPS Volunteer Application.
2. Get fingerprinted (this process only takes about 10 minutes, plus wait time).
3. Registration is free, but renewal costs $8 and is valid for one year. Be sure to renew online before your registration expires.
4. Approval can take up to 30 days once your application and fingerprinting are completed.

Fingerprinting Location:
2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, FL 32940
Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM.

Yearly Events:

- **Book Fair**: Parents run the cash registers, assist with stocking supplies, and help students make purchases. Typically held in the fall and spring, with opportunities available via Signup Genius.
- **Christmas Shop**: Help stock supplies and assist students in early December. Look out for the Signup Genius!
- **Field Day**: In the spring, parents help manage activities and distribute water.

Additional Volunteer Opportunities:

Teachers and staff regularly need assistance with various tasks. Feel free to check in at the front office in the mornings to see if help is needed, whether it's cutting materials, filing, or delivering items.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Floyd in the front office.

Thank you for your support!

WMSS Team