

Baileywick Bylines

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How Best to Volunteer?

Amy Wilson, PTA President

Where is the best place for you to volunteer at school? Sometimes, of course, it is best to volunteer where you are most needed. Fundraising, helping out with field trips, painting a classroom and serving on the Board are all important roles. But for parents with limited time and energy, which roles deliver the biggest benefit for your kids? Here's what the experts have to say: *In Elementary School, volunteer where your child can see you.*

Small children usually love seeing their parents in the classroom. "The idea that 'My parent is at school, my parent cares about me,' is so valuable," says Kathy Hoover-Dempsey, associate professor of psychology at Vanderbilt University. Parent volunteers can get to know teachers, share information, see what happens in the classroom and reinforce those lessons at home.

Volunteering one step removed from the classroom, in the library or office, holds less direct benefits. But that kind of volunteering does still have an upside: From a child's perspective, Dr. Hoover-Dempsey says, "the parent is affirming that a) you're really important to me; b) that what goes on in school is important; and c) I get to see things we can talk about later."

Volunteering on the school board or as a PTO or PTA officer, while helpful to the school, also has more indirect benefits. For small children, Dr. Hoover-Dempsey says, such activities are "going to be out-of-sight and out-of-mind." But being seen helping around school helps a parent get to know teachers and staff, share information and see how problems are solved.

School volunteer work of all kinds has been linked to small improvements in kids' grades and test scores, based on a 2005 survey of 41 studies of 20,000 kindergarten through sixth-grade students by William Jeynes, an education professor at California State University, Long Beach. Scholarly studies generally don't distinguish among specific types of volunteer roles.

If you lack time to volunteer, or if you find yourself at the bottom of a long waiting list of wannabe school helpers, don't despair: How you coach your child at home matters far more. Throughout school, the most important parental role of all is to shape your child's attitude toward learning and school, communicate high expectations, and help him or her set goals and solve learning problems.

And setting expectations doesn't mean telling kids, "We are bound and determined that you are going to get into Harvard," Dr. Hoover-Dempsey says; it means sending a message that "doing the best you can is important for all the things you're going to be able to do in life." In elementary school, such coaching has roughly twice as big an impact on children's grades and test scores as volunteering.

Note: This article is part of a larger piece by Sue Shellenbarger, published in the *Wall Street Journal* on October 7th. To read the complete piece, including information on how to best volunteer for your middle school or high school aged child, visit www.online.wsj.com, then enter "volunteer gigs that help your kids" in the search box.

Counselor Tip: Appoint your children to be "family health monitors." Put each child in charge of a different aspect of family health: recreation, stress reduction, nutrition, etc.

Family Night Out - Thursday, Oct. 22nd at Chick-Fil-A on Six Forks Rd., 5-8 pm. Be There!

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Important Dates

Oct. 21: Early, Early Release Wed.,
1:15 dismissal

Oct. 22: FNO,
Chick-Fil-A on
Six Forks, 5-8
pm.

Oct. 23: Spirit
Day

Oct. 26-30: Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 30: Teacher Work Day, no
school

Nov. 2: School Store, 8:40-9:05

Nov. 2-6: 5th grade Shakespeare
Residency

Nov. 3: PTA meeting, 9:30, cafeteria

Nov. 9: 4th grade Haiku workshop

Nov. 9: BAC meeting, 5:30 pm

Nov. 2-16: Barnes & Noble Scrip sale

Nov. 11: Veteran's Day holiday

Nov. 12: 3rd grade homework
workshop

Nov. 16: School Store, 8:40-9:05

Nov. 19: Family Night Out, TBD



Innisbrook Wrap up

Amy Wilson, PTA President

Here are the winning classrooms for
our Innisbrook and No Fuss
Fundraisers. We raised **\$8,039!**
Highest Selling Class was Ms.
Robinson's 5th grade. They earned
\$1,352 in sales and contributions, and
won a pizza party.

Top participating classes won ice
cream sundaes:

Kindergarten: Ms. Golden 30%
participation

1st grade: Ms. Domby, 32%

2nd grade: Mrs. Pinkard, 46%

3rd grade: Ms. Kandel, 45%

4th grade: Mrs. Hawkins, 38%

5th grade: Mrs. Jordan, 46%

I hear Ms. Hartenstine and Ms.

Flowers have been shopping for new
pajamas.

Fall Gathering Full of Fun!

Amy Wilson, PTA President

Rain threatened our Fall Gathering on Sat., October 10th, but the sun prevailed. All that came out got to welcome Fall with crafts, popcorn, caramel apples, face-painting, obstacle course, bean bag toss and more. A Big Thanks to all who volunteered for set-up, shifts, supplies and clean-up, the Fall Gathering Committee and lastly to all who sent in apples, caramels, gummies, Oreos, Graham Crackers crumbs, sprinkles, bowls and napkins. We also had 8 Millbrook High School students that manned booths and activities while interacting with the kids and wearing big smiles. I also want to thank the following people for bringing pies and chili for our tasting contests! The food was delicious! Lastly, the winning pie recipe follows:

Chili:

Lisa Jennings, Karen Gardner, Meg Morgan, and Valda Brooks.

Pie:

Deborah Petersen, Karen Indovina, Julia Hash, Will & Andrew Cook, Stephanie Yount, Callie Ray, Susan Brna, and Barbara Blackwell.

And the Winner is....

Sonja Smith's Toll House Pie

2 eggs

1 cup butter melted and cooled--*be sure the butter cools to room temp!*

1/2 cup white sugar

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

1 cup chopped walnuts

1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch single crust pie

1. Pre heat oven to 325 degrees F/165 degrees C.
2. In a large bowl, beat the eggs until foamy. Add the flour, white sugar and brown sugar, beat until well blended. Blend in the melted and cooled butter. Stir in the chocolate chips and walnuts. Pour batter into the single crust pie shell.
3. Bake at 325 degrees F for 50-60 minutes.
4. Use tin foil or pastry protector to keep edges from getting too brown while baking.

Look for the winning chili recipe next week!

Red Ribbon Week

Dee Bostick, Counselor

Red Ribbon Week is coming soon. During the week of Oct. 26th, Baileywick will celebrate Red Ribbon Week along with other schools across the country.

It will be a time to reinforce safety tips and encourage a healthy lifestyle with our students. Students will be invited to make a poster at home about ways to be safe and stay healthy. The teachers will be given special paper for students who would like to participate in making a poster during the week of Oct. 16th. All posters are to be turned in to Ms. Bostick's box next to her mailbox on Monday, Oct. 26. The posters will be displayed in the LINC room. More info on Red Ribbon Week will be in the next Bylines.

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2009/2010 Cultural Arts Program

Ann Longrie, Cultural Arts Chair

The PTA Cultural Arts Committee is excited to partner with the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County to bring Baileywick students a fun-filled year of enriching performances and workshops. All students will attend three performances this year.

Kuniko Yamamoto, a native of Japan will perform traditional theatre and dance in her performance *Origami Tales* on November 13th. In *Origami Tales*, Kuniko Yamamoto provides a magical entry into Japanese culture using origami, the traditional Japanese art of paper folding, music and audience participation. Students will attend *So This Is Opera* with Yvette Lewis on January 14th. Her performance features operatic arias, storytelling and lots of audience participation! Students will learn an operatic aria and leave the program able to sing some of the operas' most beloved melodies.

Orlando based Atlantic Coast Theatre for Youth will delight students with *Chicken Little-An Appalachian Music Jubilee* on April 21st. Their performances encourage students to think about themselves and the world around them. Their scripts are creatively adapted from literature, history, and legend, are presented in an accessible way to young children.

The performing artists are selected by the Cultural Arts Committee following a United Arts Council artist preview held in the summer. The committee works with Baileywick faculty and staff to ensure the performers provide students with a diverse and enriching experience that compliments the curriculum. Parents are welcome to help seat students and attend the performances. More information will be provided in the Baileywick Bylines prior to the performances.

Each year at Baileywick we have several residencies for students in particular grades. New this year is a 5th grade *Shakespeare* residency. This week-long residency with Ian Finley of Burning Coal Theatre Company will enable students to have FUN with Shakespeare. They will explore the plots of several plays, learn about the tools Shakespeare used and have an opportunity to put those tools into practice!

Suzanne Newton will return to Baileywick to introduce 4th grade students to poetry. Her residency "*The Eye, The Ear, The Voice*" provides students with an insider's view of simile, metaphor and other poetic devices and encourages them to use them in fresh, original ways. Suzanne Newton will also offer the 3rd grade classes a one day *poetry workshop* as a precursor to her 4th grade residency.

Second graders will participate in a week-long "*Writing Funshop*" with Richard Krawiec. Throughout this residency, students will have fun and be inspired while they learn basic literacy skills. They will also learn by dramatizing folk tales, drawing scenes and by making puppets, models and books.

Richard Krawiec will also bring a *Haiku workshop* to 4th grade students. This one day workshop will introduce students to Haiku, a form of Japanese poetry. He offers this workshop to Baileywick as part of his work with the Duke University East Asian and Pacific Studies Department.

Thank you Baileywick parents for your generous contributions to the Baileywick PTA. Your contributions make these special programs possible for our children. The Cultural Arts Program is also supported by grants from the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County. If you would like additional information regarding Baileywick's Cultural Arts program, or if you would like to volunteer on the committee, contact Ann Longrie, Cultural Arts Chair, alongrie@nc.rr.com.

Don't Toss Those Shoe Boxes!

Nicole White, Title I Literacy Specialist

That's Right. We are making Take-Home Book Boxes for our students (80 total) and we really need your adult shoe boxes. All boxes can be taken to Tatiana Mudri, in room 2211. We need them before our first family meeting on Wed., Oct. 28th. We really appreciate your support!

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Raleigh on Ice - Community Event

Amy Wilson

Raleigh on Ice will be an outdoor rink located at area shopping centers. A portion of all proceeds will benefit Raleigh Rescue Mission. There are more than 29,000 people living in poverty in Raleigh. The Rescue Mission provides safe housing, clothing, meals, medical care and training to individuals and families in need. The dates and locations are as follows:

- Brier Creek: November 14-December 21
- North Hills: November 21-January 3
- Triangle Town Center: December 13-December 26

Call 919-995-6958 to obtain tickets to reward students, to schedule field trips, learn about volunteer opportunities, and to schedule school skate parties. The cost is \$5 for children, \$7 for adults and includes skate rental. Wednesdays are free skate when you bring canned foods, blankets, or coats for the Rescue Mission's free admission drive nights. Email Raleigh@RaleighOnIce.com or visit www.RaleighOnIce.com.

Baileywick Staff Supports our PTA!

Ms. Hartenstine, Principal

Congratulations to all 59 staff members for joining the PTA. That is 100% of our teaching office, support, learning assistants, and specialists staff supporting our Baileywick PTA.

Early Release Wednesday

Ms. Hartenstine, Principal

Your children will be arriving home 2 1/2 hours early on Wed., October 21st, so that our faculty can receive professional development training. We value our time as we work collaboratively to improve our instructional practices and support your children. On Wednesday, we will:

- Work on strategies for writing objectives in student friendly terms and how to support students in vocabulary development.
 - Planning our positive behavior support (PBS) initiative.
 - Receiving training on the new teacher appraisal instrument for evaluation.
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What's For Lunch?

Tues., 10/20: Spaghetti w/meat sauce w/breadstick, chicken sandwich, seasoned succotash, chilled applesauce, glazed carrots, and fresh fruit.

Wed., 10/21: Cheese dunkers w/marinara sauce, hamburger on bun, seasoned green beans, parsley potatoes, chilled peaches, fresh fruit

Thur. 10/22: Popcorn chicken on roll, lasagna w/meat sauce w/breadstick, steamed broccoli, baked apples, veggie sticks w/dip, fresh fruit.

Fri. 10/23: Hot dog on bun w/chili, fish nuggets w/corn muffin, seasoned succotash, chilled pears, veggie sticks w/dip, fresh fruit.

Mon. 10/26: Stuffed crust pizza, Italian Beefaroni w/breadstick, seasoned peas, 100% fruit juice, glazed carrots, fresh fruit.