



Why Dads Should Volunteer

- ☐  Research shows kids do better when dads are active participants in education.
- ☐  Teach kids that all parents, not just women, care about education.
- ☐  Diversity in volunteers reaches more kids.
- ☐  Dads will understand and help communicate when funding, votes, supplies, etc. are needed.
- ☐  Dads will gain a deeper connection with their kids by seeing them in the classroom and getting to know their teachers and peers.
- ☐  Teach kids that everyone, not just women, can do important work without getting paid.
- ☐  It doubles the volunteer pool!



Help Dads Volunteer

- ☐  Ask them!
- ☐  Hand out volunteer interest forms to all parents (never 1 per family)
- ☐  Avoid gendered language (Party Mom)
- ☐  Send all opportunities to all parents. Encourage parents to set up a joint email.
- ☐  At parent night, give a speech about how valuable it is for kids to see both moms and dads caring about education
- ☐  Point out that dads connect with kids differently than moms - and they connect with different kids
- ☐  Ask dads what kind of jobs fit best into their schedule (ask this of working moms too)



Tips for Dad Volunteers

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Sign up for jobs that are first thing in the morning before work starts.

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Share a weekly volunteer slot with your wife to cut the time commitment in half.

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Volunteer over lunch or just eat lunch with the class once/month.

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Class photographer only needs to go in a handful of times/year.

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Be the party planner. There are only a few, and dad energy results in excellent party games.

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Go on a field trip.

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Volunteer at the library or for the school book sale.

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Help at night - BBQ, science fair, game night.

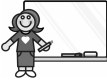


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