

## TOP TEN REASONS TO VOLUNTEER AT SANDS

1. **Volunteering makes a big difference.** Research consistently shows that kids whose parents are involved in their schools do better.
2. **Volunteering offers tangible ways to be part of things.** Sometimes we might mean well, but our busy lives get in the way of committing. Joining the SMPO will provide concrete ways to get involved, whether at events, in the classroom or on a committee.
3. **It feels great to participate!** Your child spends a lot of time at school, and it's great to share some of her school-related experiences with her.
4. **You'll get to know other parents.** It's powerful to create a circle of adult friends around a school, and having a shared interest is a good place to start. What's more, it can help foster connections between families in your community.
5. **Your help is always needed.** Whether it's helping run the next big event or providing support in the classroom, there are always ways to pitch in.
6. **It's a manageable commitment.** Volunteering can seem daunting, but it doesn't have to be. Spend an hour at the school carnival or book fair, and your efforts will be appreciated. And remember, it's always OK to say no when you're busy.
7. **It's fun!** Even simple events like pizza nights and family reading nights can spice up your week.
8. **You can tailor volunteering to play to your strengths.** Within the SMPO and Sands, there are many ways to contribute, some of which are sure to complement your strengths, interests or professional skills.
9. **Have a great idea?** Volunteering gives you opportunities to get your ideas out there. All ideas for community and fundraising events are welcome!
10. **Volunteering provides another way to get to know school and support staff** to better understand their needs and ideas.

*Sands Montessori is a school of choice, and as such, we all need to help to keep Sands the awesome school that it is! To sign up to volunteer, visit:*

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