***Core Committees - These committees operate all year and are involved***

***in the day-to-day activities of the school.***

**Communication**

This committee involves all the ways we get information out to our parents. This includes maintaining our Facebook page, website, weekly email newsletter and bulletin boards both inside and outside the school.

**Cultural Arts**

This committee schedules many of our school assemblies. Volunteers discuss assembly ideas, coordinate times with Dr. Parrott and are responsible for set-up and take down.

**Green Team**

The Green Team is dedicated to instilling socially responsible ideals in our children by making environmentally sound choices a part of everyday life. This committee includes our lunch recycling program. One way volunteers are needed is to help collect recyclables during student lunches.

**Health/Wellness**

This committee’s goal is to educate students, parents, and staff about healthy lifestyle choices. This committee includes both our lunch Noon Walkers program and after school kids yoga classes.

**Membership**

This committee is responsible for recruiting members to the PTA. Volunteers collect dues, submit membership lists to the state PTA, and organize incentive programs. This committee is also responsible for putting out the Oak Ridge directory in Nov.

**Social**

This committee is involved in planning and running various social events throughout the year. Activities include arranging refreshments and babysitting for monthly PTA meetings, decorating for Founder’s day and coordinating family fun nights.

**Ways and Means**

This committee runs our major yearly fundraiser.

***Ongoing Committees – These committees have activities throughout the year.***

**Allergy Committee**

This committee exists as a parent resource to answer general questions about allergies present in the school.

**Box Tops/Labels for Education**

Volunteers are needed to cut, sort and mail in labels for the Labels for Education Program. There are three distinct collection programs: Box Tops, Labels for Education and Hollywood Receipts. Most of this is done at home on your own time.

**Garden**

Volunteers are needed to maintain and improve our school garden.

**Grounds**

Help with fall and spring clean-up at Oak Ridge.

**Kindergarten Connect**

This committee works to welcome the new kindergarten families to Oak Ridge. The chair makes sure that families are informed about PTA activities and events at the school.

**Lost and Found**

Sorts lost and found items on a regular basis and donates unclaimed items.

**Oak Ridge Memory Book**

Volunteers will take and/or collect photos from school and classroom events and assist the historian in organizing the memory book.

**Restaurant Nights**

Arranges with local restaurants for a date when a percentage of sales will be donated to the school. Advertise event to the school community via flyers, email, etc.

**Room Parent**

Teachers typically have 2 parents as room parents. Duties vary by teacher, but may include planning and/or organizing classroom parties and helping out in the classroom.

**Safety Patrol Hot Chocolate Program**

Volunteers make hot chocolate in the school kitchen for the outdoor Safety Patrol on mornings when the wind-chill factor is below 32°F.

**Spirit Wear**

Oak Ridge wear is a fun way to show your school spirit. This committee sells T-shirts and sweatshirts for both kids and adults.

**Staff Appreciation**

Volunteers help cook, bake or set-up for either a breakfast or lunch for the teachers. Members of this committee also plan ways to acknowledge our staff throughout the year and during Teacher Appreciation Week in May.

**5th Grade Events**

The 5th grade year has several unique events including the Instrumental Music program in the spring. Volunteers are needed to help set-up and take down for the music assembly. Help is also needed to decorate for 5th grade graduation and serve food.

***Once a Year Events – These events occur once a year.***

**Walk to School Day**

Students, parents and teachers walk from 12 mile and Rochester to Oak Ridge. Volunteers needed to set up route to school, publicize the event and provide safe crossings. Usually the fire station and Sue K. help set-up this event as well.

**Donuts for Dads (October)**

Moms needed to set up, help serve donuts to dads and their children before school and clean up afterward.

**Book Fair (winter & spring)**

Volunteers help set up for the Book Fair, assist students in selecting and purchasing books. This event happens twice a year.

**Holiday/Pixie Shop (December)**

The Pixie Shop is a holiday shopping event that allows kids to purchase gifts at kid friendly prices. The shop usually takes place the week before Christmas break.

**Blood Drive (winter)**

Volunteers help to publicize the event and check-in donors.

**Math & Science Week**

Volunteers are needed to plan and schedule science and math activities for the students during the week. Usually involves assemblies, school-wide experiments, fun math/science facts and dress up days.

**Math & Science Night**

Parents and teachers will run experiment stations and assist students at their stations. Volunteers also needed to set up & clean up. Commitment is one hour that evening.

**Polar Bear Dance (January)**

Volunteers are needed to help with food and refreshments, set-up and take-down for this all-school dance.

**Sweetheart Dance (winter/spring)**

Volunteers help set up & run this special night of dancing for girls and their dads.

**Mother/Son Event (winter/spring)**

Help with organizing and running this special day for boys and their moms.

**Unplugged Week (March)**

Volunteers will help with evening activities for families going without TV for a week in the spring. Commitment is for a few hours one evening during the week, or more!

**Scholarship (April/May)**

This committee reviews high school student essays and applications for a district funded scholarship. The chair works with a larger group from other RO schools to determine scholarship placements.

**Muffins for Mom (May)**

Dads are needed to set up, help serve donuts to moms and their children before school and clean up afterwards.

**Field Day (May)**

Parents assist Mr. Lewis by running athletic events in this annual all-school event held on a day in early June.

**All School Picnic (June)**

The Oak Ridge family picnic is a fun-filled tradition, a great way to end the school year!  Many volunteers are needed and in many ways.  Opportunities are from a half-hour commitment the night of the picnic to the pre-planning months in advance.  Any and all volunteers are welcome.