

# Parent Participation

(Complete form below; return to the office)

As a school family, you are asked to contribute at least 20 hours a year to the school. There are a variety of opportunities available for parents to volunteer. Volunteering your time not only helps the school, but can be a great way to gain a better understanding of what is going on at the school, come to know other families and the teachers, and to participate in a part of your child's day. Some activities require that you be at the school for a portion of the school day, but others are things you can do at home or stop by the school at your convenience. Please take a moment to fill out your interest areas so we can help match you to a need. **If you are unfamiliar with a particular area, we have attached further information on some of our volunteer areas.**

If you do not receive a call from US, you are welcome to come in and ask us how you may become involved. There will be individual requests by email and posted to the website for assistance on field trips, the Thanksgiving Feast, etc. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

## OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

**Grading spelling** – Thursday mornings, 3 hours **at school**. Grade tests and books using teacher keys. We need 5-7 parents to assist with this in the elementary school. Parents grade the work in the Twos Classroom by the office. Volunteers are definitely needed!

**Classroom substitute** – These are needed during conferences, when teachers are ill, or when they have special events to attend. Generally subs are needed either for all day or half day increments. Please specify preferred areas (elementary, preschool, splendid), as well as days and times when you might be available.

**In class volunteering** – Includes having children read to you, assisting with independent study, working one on one with students or helping the teacher with copies or special activities. Needs vary from class to class. Teachers are generally open to having you fit this into your schedule. Talk directly with your child's teacher.

**Reading Room Independent Study Assistant** – Come in on a regular basis (perhaps weekly or every other week) to work one on one with students during independent study time. Or if you can only drop in occasionally, please call ahead so the teachers can plan for your arrival.

**Science or Math Room Independent Study Assistant** – Come in on a regular basis (weekly or every other week) to assist students during independent study. This does not require specific knowledge of science or math. Much of the help needed is in assisting younger children with projects in science, or working with the math materials. This is an excellent way to better understand your child's math and science program.

**Basketball program** – Help at basketball games with scorekeeping, statistics, preparing pre-game food, transportation to away games, or other activities. Look for more

information on this as we approach basketball season. *Parents of team and cheerleaders, we will be counting on YOU!*

**School parties** – Assist with activities during parties or help with set up or clean up. Specific volunteer needs are posted as we near each event.

**AT HOME OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Grading Elementary Reading Work** - Books to grade are sent home with keys and grading instructions. Books are due back to school in two days. Multiple parents assist with this. Time commitment is generally 1-2 hours every week.

**Grading Math** – Math books or papers are sent home with keys via your student. You are given grading instructions and keys. Teachers generally need the graded books back in two days. Time commitment varies from 1-3 hours. You may work with the teachers to fit the type of papers you grade to your comfort zone and to your schedule.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES (fit into your schedule)**

**Building and grounds (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting, gardening, landscaping and playground)** – If you have a skill in these areas, please complete the form. If you see something around the school that needs to be done, let us know if you are willing to work on it. There is always something! *We especially need our boxed gardens maintained throughout the year.* Please see Linda to volunteer.

**PHOTOGRAPHS for the Yearbook** – It would be helpful to have a parent volunteer take pictures of various students in your child’s classroom on special activity days as well as when you visit the classroom on regular school days. Please contact Linda to volunteer.

**ANNUAL WALK-A-THON:** Help with preparations or help the day of the event!  
**Look for further details at the website or by email later in the year.**

**FLAGS, FLAGS, FLAGS!**

**We have ordered new flags to be displayed at the front of our buildings in early August. If you are willing to MAKE A DONATION toward the cost of one of the new flags (maybe your native country’s flag is on the building), please send in \$50 toward the cost. Make a note on the “memo” line of your check indicating it is a tax-deductible donation for this purpose. Next summer we will order new flags, so let us know if you wish to sponsor next year’s flags also.**

**THANK YOU!**

# PARENT PARTICIPATION FORM

Please print and return form to school office.

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Best way to contact you?** \_\_\_\_\_

Your student's name and classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

*For a description of many of the volunteer areas, please see the attachment.*

### IN CLASS VOLUNTEERING

Stewart Elementary Reading room:

Independent study assistant

Stewart Science room:

Independent study assistant

Stewart Math room:

Independent study assistant

### OTHER IN-CLASS VOLUNTEERING:

Available in almost all classrooms working with children or preparing learning materials. Check with the teacher of the area after school starts to discuss volunteering in the class.

### OTHER SCHOOL DAY ASSISTANCE

(time commitments vary – see attachment for more info):

Grading Spelling

Individual Spelling Program

Help from 3:15-4:00 w/recess

Classroom substitute:

Preferred area or age: \_\_\_\_\_

Days available (please circle):

M T W Th F

Times available \_\_\_\_\_

### REGULAR AT HOME ASSISTANCE:

Grading Elementary Math

Grading Elementary Reading

### SPECIAL SKILLS OR INTERESTS:

Please mark here if you have these skills. We will call you if there is a particular need, or let us know if you notice a need!

Building maintenance

Carpentry

Plumbing

Electrical

Landscaping/Weeding

Playground maintenance

Painting

Photography on regular basis

Computer technical support

Other (please list):

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If you have a special talent or interest or an occupational or vocational knowledge you'd be willing to share with the children, please list it below.

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### SPECIAL PROGRAM ASSISTANCE:

Walk-a-thon (Spring)

Santa Shop (December)

Spring Picnic (in May)

Basketball/Cheerlead program

Is there a field trip experience you would be interested in providing? Please list.

**Thank you for volunteering to help the students and staff of ABC-Stewart !**

### OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Other volunteer opportunities will be posted at the website as the need arises. These include holiday parties, fundraising, assisting with special events, etc. **Please prepare your crafty creations for our Santa Shop** (baskets, canned goods, knitting, etc). Visit the website ([www.abc-stewart.org](http://www.abc-stewart.org)) weekly for other announcements.

