



Rimbey Elementary School

Volunteering is it for you? Read On!

Why Volunteer?

Volunteering can provide valuable assistance to students and staff at RES, while at the same time giving you an interesting and rewarding experience, and an opportunity to learn first-hand about our school.

Volunteering can be a highly rewarding experience for you, our students, and staff with whom you are working.

You have the opportunity to offer enrichment of the school experiences of students and staff as well as gaining a sense of self fulfillment.

If you have questions concerning your volunteer experience, please call us a 403-843-3751.

Qualifications of Volunteers:

- ✓ Desire to help
- ✓ Flexible
- ✓ Positive and constructive
- ✓ Good listeners
- ✓ Efficient and works well with others
- ✓ Ability to maintain confidentiality
- ✓ Tolerant and understanding
- ✓ Reliable
- ✓ Current criminal record check in place – every two years
- ✓ Annual criminal records check declaration after initial criminal record check is on file

How Can You Help?

Volunteer activities are performed under the direction and supervision of a teacher or administrator. These may include:

- ✓ Special events
- ✓ Field trips
- ✓ Physical education special days (track and field, fair play fun)
- ✓ Instructional support
- ✓ Clerical tasks
- ✓ Special projects
- ✓ Supervision
- ✓ School council sponsored activities (hot lunch, subway days, chili cook off, fund raising activities, recycling, committees)
- ✓ Contributing your knowledge or special talent

Watch your child's agenda and the newsletter for notices of special opportunities for volunteering.

What Should I Do To Get Started?

- ✓ Read the Do's and Don'ts of Volunteering and get your Criminal Record Check as required by Wolf Creek School Division.
- ✓ Contact the staff member with whom you wish to volunteer for further discussion of how you can contribute. This is often your child's teacher, but could also be a specialist teacher, librarian or other staff member.

Do's and Don'ts of Volunteering:

- ✓ **Do** volunteer for the right reason – to help all children not just your child.
- ✓ **Do** maintain confidentiality – exercise discretion in matters of students' learning or behavior.
- ✓ **Do** respect the professional role and judgment of the teachers and school administration.
- ✓ **Do** try challenging tasks as your confidence and experience grows.
- ✓ **Don't** be discouraged when something goes wrong; keep your sense of humor.
- ✓ **Do** follow through with commitments or call well in advance if you must cancel. The students and staff are counting on you, and very often have spent time preparing for you.
- ✓ **Don't** hesitate to ask questions and share ideas.
- ✓ **Do** be sensitive to children's' needs and accepting of their differences. Show a caring, positive attitude. Children thrive on genuine encouragement.
- ✓ **Don't** discipline a student – refer these situations to the supervising teacher or staff member.
- ✓ **Do** leave siblings behind. They can very often be distracting to the other children. Provisions for extra children on a field trip will not be provided.
- ✓ **BE** yourself. Enjoy yourself. Enthusiasm is catching.