

## Bee Involved!



### Pierce Volunteer Opportunities For the 2015-2016 School Year

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WELCOME to all our new families at Pierce Elementary School and a BIG thank you to our returning parents for your continued support. Students thrive when their parents are involved in their learning culture and activities.

Volunteers play a vital role in the successful and friendly atmosphere we enjoy at Pierce. It is because of your continued dedication that special events are planned for the children, new programs are introduced, and existing programs are maintained and enriched.

Volunteers can help in many ways and according to their schedule. You can plan or coordinate a program, activity or event. Or you can help at an activity, in the classroom or behind the scenes. Just sign up for something that interests you or contact one of the volunteer coordinators listed below.

We keep the Pierce community informed about volunteer opportunities through the Pierce web site and via email. If you have any questions, please email our Volunteer Coordinators.

### Here's how you can help!

Please review the following opportunities and contact the person listed if you'd like to help. Opportunities are listed in alphabetical order.

**AMERICA READS** – One-day event where local “celebrities” are invited to Pierce to celebrate the National America Reads program by reading in front of a group of students. Help contact “celebrities”, mail thank-yous and/or help escort readers to classrooms during the America Reads event.

**Commitment:** Event is one-time each year and typically in Sept or Oct. Volunteers read for roughly one hour (or more depending on volunteer's available time to read to students).

**Contact(s):** Brooke Baker ([bakeroelwein@msn.com](mailto:bakeroelwein@msn.com)) & JoDee Everett ([jjeaverett@gmail.com](mailto:jjeaverett@gmail.com))

**BOOK CART** -- This voluntary take-home reading program is available to K-2 students and their families. Volunteers are needed to record books read by children, exchange for new books, and give out prizes to children when they achieve specific preset goals.

**Commitment:** One hour once per week beginning in September (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades) and in January (Kindergarten).

**Contact(s):** Rebecca Jasper ([Rebecca.jasper@gmail.com](mailto:Rebecca.jasper@gmail.com)) & Lauren Tattershall ([laurtattershall@gmail.com](mailto:laurtattershall@gmail.com))

**BOOK FAIR** -- Sale of new books and education items to raise money for the general PTA fund and to purchase books for the Instructional Materials Center (IMC). Volunteers are needed during the day to assist students in previewing the books and noting which books they like. Volunteers are also needed in the evenings to help families locate and purchase books. Set-up and take-down help also appreciated.

**Commitment:** One-time once per school year for a couple hours. Typically takes place in October or November during parent/teacher conferences.

**Contact(s):** Brooke Baker ([bakeroelwein@msn.com](mailto:bakeroelwein@msn.com))

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** -- Certain food producers include a “Box Tops for Education” coupon on food packages. Pierce receives 10 cents for each coupon turned in. Volunteers coordinate the collection of these coupons, sort them and send them in for redemption.

**Commitment:** Roughly five hours each turn-in cycle to collect, count, record, and send in the box tops.

**Contact(s):** Brooke Baker ([bakeroelwein@msn.com](mailto:bakeroelwein@msn.com)) & Rebecca Johnson ([jester1978@gmail.com](mailto:jester1978@gmail.com))

**CLASSROOM PARTY HELP** – Help coordinate 3 classroom parties for your student’s class. Parties are held in October (Halloween party), December (Winter party), and February (Valentine’s Day). Parties start at 2:50 p.m. or 3:05 p.m.

**Commitment:** Dependent on scope of classroom party.

**Contact(s):** Volunteer Coordinators ([PierceVolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:PierceVolunteer@gmail.com)) & Respective Teachers

**FALL FUNDRAISER**-- This is the only big fundraising event of the year and accounts for a large portion of the PTA's annual revenue. All of the money raised is put back into Pierce in the form of classroom assistance, field trips and programs for the students.

**Commitment:** Dependent on scope of fundraiser.

**Contact(s):** Stephanie Cory ([pscoryfamily@gmail.com](mailto:pscoryfamily@gmail.com)) & Pierce PTA ([PiercePTA@gmail.com](mailto:PiercePTA@gmail.com))

**FIELD DAY** – This annual event gives students the opportunity to get out of the classroom and play games on Pierce grounds. Volunteers will help run game stations.

**Commitment:** One-time for a couple hours in late May or early June.

**Contact(s):** Pierce PTA ([PiercePTA@gmail.com](mailto:PiercePTA@gmail.com))

**FUN FEST** -- This is the annual school carnival and a great fundraiser for the school. Fun Fest is an evening of food, games and activities for the students and their families. Volunteers are needed ASAP to form a planning committee to plan the event. More volunteers are needed for the day of the event for decorating, setup, staffing of games, food and cleanup. The event is held on a Friday in April or May from 5-8 p.m.

**Commitment:** Dependent on volunteer availability and involvement.

**Contact(s):** Pierce PTA ([PiercePTA@gmail.com](mailto:PiercePTA@gmail.com)) & Rebecca Johnson ([jester1978@gmail.com](mailto:jester1978@gmail.com))

**HOMECOMING FLOAT:** Volunteers are needed to help decorate a Pierce Panther float for the Kennedy High School homecoming parade. This is NOT done every school year.

**Commitment:** One-time for a couple hours in Sept or Oct.

**Contact(s):** Stephanie Cory ([pscoryfamily@gmail.com](mailto:pscoryfamily@gmail.com))

**HOSPITALITY** -- Help is needed with snacks for teacher support (i.e., flag raising, conferences, in-service days, or as morale boosters). Volunteers also assist with Teacher Appreciation Week in May. Work within budget. Chairperson tries to meet with the committee about twice a year to plan the entire year's calendar and distribute preparing/buying responsibilities.

**Commitment:** Dependent on volunteer availability and involvement.

**Contact(s):** Kari Kunstorf ([momofboys98@aol.com](mailto:momofboys98@aol.com))

**HY-VEE RECEIPTS** – Help collect, count, and submit Hy-Vee receipts. Proceeds benefit Pierce PTA programs.

**Commitment:** Dependent upon number of receipts collected. Some recordkeeping involved with counting and tallying receipt totals.

**Contact(s):** Lu Jackson ([majackson@gwaea.org](mailto:majackson@gwaea.org))

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL / OPEN HOUSE** -- Yum! Help with ice cream during our fall open house. Donate baked goods, help with set up, and clean up. Monday, Aug. 22.

**Commitment:** One-time for a couple hours just before school starts.

**Contact(s):** Pierce PTA ([PiercePTA@gmail.com](mailto:PiercePTA@gmail.com))

**IMC VOLUNTEERS** -- Help keep the school library running smoothly by help with filing books and other functions that keep the IMC running smoothly.

**Commitment:** Once a week for any available time that the volunteer may have.

**Contact(s):** Mrs. Annis, IMC administrator ([kannis@cr.k12.ia.us](mailto:kannis@cr.k12.ia.us))

**KINDERGARTEN SPECIAL EVENTS** -- We need LOTS of kindergarten parents to help with Mother Goose Day, Turkey Trot Day and Hawaii Day. You'll staff a game or activity related to the theme, help set up & clean up. Events are typically 9:15-10:45 a.m. Mother Goose Day is in September; Turkey Tuesday is in November; and Hawaii Day is in April.

**Commitment:** One to two hours on each event day.

**Contact(s):** Kindergarten teachers & Volunteer Coordinators ([PierceVolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:PierceVolunteer@gmail.com))

**LANDSCAPING** -- Spruce up the school grounds and help maintain the existing garden beds. Work within budget.

**Commitment:** Flexible throughout the school year.

**Contact(s):** Julie Plante ([jplante@cr.k12.ia.us](mailto:jplante@cr.k12.ia.us)) & Carla Davidson ([cdavidson@cr.k12.ia.us](mailto:cdavidson@cr.k12.ia.us))

**LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS** -- Volunteers fetch a forgotten fork, open a milk carton, and direct students where to sit.

**Commitment:** Approx 11:15am to 12:45pm on rotating days throughout the school year when volunteer is available.

**Contact(s):** Rebecca Johnson ([jester1978@gmail.com](mailto:jester1978@gmail.com))

**PIERCE NIGHT AT SUPER SKATE** -- Help organize a night of roller skating for Pierce students, family and friends! Responsibilities include creating announcements or fliers, setting dates with rink, and notify school secretary for school calendar. Volunteers will also ensure checks are placed in PTA folder.

**Commitment:** Typically a few hours at the beginning of the school year to finalize dates, then a couple hours throughout the year to create posters/flyers.

**Contact(s):** Brooke Baker ([bakeroelwein@msn.com](mailto:bakeroelwein@msn.com))

**PIERCE STORE** -- 5th grade students and their parents help sell school supply items (pencils, sharpeners, pens, highlighters, etc.). Funds raised go toward the 5th grade end-of- year celebration.

**Commitment:** Store is open Mon, Wed and Fri mornings from 8:45am-9am; time commitment would be 8:30am-9:05am each morning. Parents and students will work a rotating schedule to setup the store, work/sell items, and close the store.

**Contact(s):** Lauren Tattershall ([laurtattershall@gmail.com](mailto:laurtattershall@gmail.com)) & Brooke Baker ([bakeroelwein@msn.com](mailto:bakeroelwein@msn.com))

**PTA BOARD AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS** -- We're always looking for people to serve on various committees or in PTA board positions. If interested, contact Pierce PTA ([PiercePTA@gmail.com](mailto:PiercePTA@gmail.com)).

**ROLLER SKATING IN P.E. CLASS** -- Need several volunteers to help during the month of January when the students roller skate as part of their gym class. Tie skates and lend a supporting arm to students.

**Commitment:** Dependent on volunteer availability and involvement.

**Contact(s):** Pierce PTA ([PiercePTA@gmail.com](mailto:PiercePTA@gmail.com))

**RUNNING CLUB** -- Help oversee kids running on the Pierce trail.

**Commitment:** Once a week, either before school on Fridays (8:00 to 8:45) or after school on Tuesday (3:45 to 4:30), during the fall and spring seasons.

**Contact(s):** Sara Kilgore ([sara.kilgore@imonmail.com](mailto:sara.kilgore@imonmail.com))

**SCHOOL PICTURE DAY** – Help the students with their picture sessions in October and March.

**Commitment:** Typically one or two hour shifts on assigned picture days.

**Contact(s):** Pierce PTA ([PiercePTA@gmail.com](mailto:PiercePTA@gmail.com))

**SPIRIT PRODUCTS** -- Organize the sale of Pierce spirit items (T-shirts, hats, koozies, etc.). Coordinate displays, fliers or discussion of merchandise. Collect and submit orders, distribute merchandise.

**Commitment:** Dependent on volunteer availability and involvement.

**Contact(s):** Stephanie Cory ([pscoryfamily@gmail.com](mailto:pscoryfamily@gmail.com))

**VISION/HEARING SCREENING** -- Walk students to their vision and hearing screenings. Dates TBD. Vision screening is in January. Hearing is typically in December.

**Commitment:** Typically one or two hour shifts on scheduled vision/hearing screening days.

**Contact(s):** Volunteer Coordinators ([PierceVolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:PierceVolunteer@gmail.com))

**YEARBOOK** -- Help investigate printing options and coordinate publication. Starts early in the year to line up printer.

Various needs through year. Around March you need to get order forms to students and books are distributed the last week of school.

**Commitment:** Dependent on volunteer availability and involvement.

**Contact(s):** Alisha Shultz ([shultzak@hotmail.com](mailto:shultzak@hotmail.com))