



TALCOTT MOUNTAIN ACADEMY

of Science, Mathematics & Technology

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Dear Families of Talcott Mountain Academy,

Welcome Back! For those of you who are new to the school, we warmly welcome you to our school family. Talcott Mountain Parent Support Group (PSG) is about parents and teachers working together toward a common goal. Membership in the Association consists of all parents of students attending Talcott Mountain, including kindergarten classes through eighth grade and the faculty of Talcott Mountain. Our goal is to create the best educational experience for our children through cooperation, communication, fundraising and community events. We strive to create an atmosphere where teachers and administrators can do their best work and so can our children.

In the past year, our PSG has:

- provided assistance and support to TMA teachers and staff
- hosted school wide social events throughout the academic year
- held educational forums for parents which showcase TMA staff or educational professionals who speak on topics of importance to the TMA community

There is a lot more to be accomplished in 2010-2011, and we need your help. We invite you to jump right in and volunteer your time at any of our events. We are moms and dads, uncles and aunts, grandparents, friends who care about our children's education. We are welcoming and friendly and we share many of the same concerns you do.

To support PSG activities, we ask each family for a donation of at least \$50.00 annually toward our yearly budget to offset the costs of programming and services.

There have been more than 500 independent research studies about parent involvement. The results are startling. When parents get involved in their children's education, grades go up, test scores go up, children are more likely to pass and to attend better schools after high school, they have fewer discipline problems and they're less likely to use drugs or alcohol.

We hope you will join us as a volunteer. Volunteering does not mean a huge time commitment. An hour or two a semester makes a big difference. And we have jobs to fit your schedule and interests. We even have jobs that do not involve coming to school at all! Won't you join us? Just fill out the accompanying form and return it to school. It's easy and really makes a difference.

Sincerely,

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TALCOTT MOUNTAIN ACADEMY PSG - FALL 2010-2011 VOLUNTEER SHEET

Our mission as a science, mathematics and technology school is to foster the understanding of the sciences and their application to our lives. TMA encourages its staff and students to engage in scientific research to find solutions to the problems of an increasingly complex and technological world.

Name _____ Ph No. _____

Email Address _____

Please indicate which committee(s) below interest you. We particularly need help for those events without a coordinator. Please return this form to the TMA office as soon as possible.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES

- BOOK FAIRS – work with existing coordinator to arrange and staff book fair in the fall and spring.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____
- TMA ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT – Oct 11, 2010 at Tunxis Plantation Golf Course, Farmington, CT. We need players, sponsors, companies to take out ads in our program and raffle items.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____
- SILENT AUCTION – date TBD. Organize the event with sponsors, auction items, designing brochures, advertising.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____
- PSG FUNDRAISING EVENTS - such as: Lyman Orchard Pies, Oct 1-18 Deliver on Nov 18, and Butter Braids in March 2011. We need distribution of sales sheets and posters and distributing when delivered.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

- HOST “TEA” IN YOUR HOME – speak with potential parents and help spread the word about Talcott Mountain Academy.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____
- TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY – December 2010. Help decorate and staff each classroom with a parent while teachers attend the luncheon. Set-Up and Clean-Up volunteers.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____
- BEAUTIFICATION – Help keep our gardens and grounds beautiful with planting, weeding, watering, decorations.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____
- GRANDPARENT’S DAY – May 2011. Help Decorate and staff the luncheon, Set-Up and Clean-Up. Coordinate the presentation by the students to the Grandparents.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____
- ROOM PARENT – Coordinate classroom activities with teacher, staff and parents.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEES

- LIBRARY – Volunteers to help in the library during school hours. Re-shelving books, etc. daily or weekly.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____
- TMA HISTORY DAY & SCIENCE FAIR – Parents needed to help coordinate the day’s activities.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____
- SCIENCE EXPO VOLUNTEERS – TBD. Help Set-Up and man the TMA Booth at various events and expos TMA participates in.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS / GUEST SPEAKERS

- RICHARD LADISKY – September 30 6:30-8:00pm. Guest Speaker Richard Ladisky, Underwater photographer. Attend and welcome guests, provide coffee and snacks.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____
- KEVAN HERALD, MD – December 9 6:30-8:00pm. Guest Speaker Kevan Herald, MD, Diabetes Researcher. Attend and welcome guests, provide coffee and snacks.
Volunteer _____ Availability _____

More events TBA.