



Elmhurst Academy is currently seeking parent volunteers to help on the Parent-Teacher Collaboration Committees

The purpose of these committees is to investigate and utilize the special talents of Elmhurst Academy parents within the school community and assisting with projects that enhance our children's learning.

- ❖ **EA S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Committee**
- ❖ **EA Arts & Humanities Committee**
- ❖ **EA Nature, Gardening & Sustainability Committee**

If interested in volunteering, please complete and return the form below to the Elmhurst Academy Mailbox at your earliest convenience.

Elmhurst Academy Parent-Teacher Collaboration Committee Volunteer Form

Parent Name: _____

Committee(s) I wish to serve on, (please check all that apply):

_____ **EA S.T.E.M. Committee**

_____ **EA Arts & Humanities Committee**

_____ **EA Nature, Gardening & Sustainability Committee**

Best contact phone and/or e-mail:

Thank you for investing in our school community!

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart!

~ Elizabeth Andrew ~

Elmhurst Academy
Parent-Teacher Collaboration Committees
Mission Statements

EA Arts & Humanities Committee Mission Statement ~

The mission of Elmhurst Academy's Arts & Humanities Committee is to encourage appreciation of the arts while enhancing the vitality and creative diversity of student's (art) work. We believe that art has the power to communicate ideas and concepts in a way that is understandable to people and especially children, and can open and engage in a complex conversation. We want to create a community of artists and a culture of activism where artists of all types (painters, graphic designers, photographers, dancers, musicians, writers/poets, spoken word, etc.) can utilize their talents to help educate the children and enhance a new way of thinking about the world around them. Our goal is to bring this community into our classrooms and share a variety of art with the EA students.

The Elmhurst Academy Arts & Humanities Committee was arranged to bring together parents, students, community members and other hobbyists to expose each other to their talents and collaborate on in-school art-centered projects/events and gather donated resources of use for the children of EA. With a strong foundation of the fine arts, varying mediums and a wide array of interests and skills, this committee has the potential to facilitate positive and inspiring changes through the production of art.

Here are few dates to note: "Pumpkin Palooza!" - Pumpkin Design Contest (Week of October 16-20, 2017), Inspire Your Heart with Art Day (Wednesday, January 31, 2018), "Outside the Lines" Student Art Gallery (Wednesday-Friday, April 18-20, 2018), Earth Fest (Friday, May 18, 2018).

Questions & Interest for the Arts & Humanities Committee please email: Ms. Flynn kflynn@elmhurstacademy.com or call 630.279.2494 ext. 28

EA Nature, Garden & Sustainability Committee Mission Statement ~

The Elmhurst Academy Nature, Garden and Sustainability Committee was organized with a mission to encourage and educate children, family and friends of EA to understand good land management, environmental sustainability, and ways to make choices for a healthy lifestyle through organic gardening, composting, rain water conservation, and the three R's. With a sunny location and proximity to all of the classrooms, the EA's outdoor campus gives students the ability to tend a garden of their own and to supplement fresh, home grown produce to the EA Kitchen. In addition, the NGS Committee will continue to work toward making Elmhurst Academy a more sustainable and eco-friendly school.

Here are few dates to note: Earth Day (April 22, 2018), Arbor Day (April 27, 2018), and our family "Earth Fest" (Friday, May 18, 2018). The Nature, Garden & Sustainability Committee meets a minimum of two times throughout the school year, once in the fall and once in the spring.

Questions & Interest for the Nature, Garden & Sustainability Committee please email Ms. Schaller at rschaller@elmhurstacademy.com or call 630.279.2494 ext. 26.

EA STEM Committee Mission Statement ~

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics—the four core disciplines critical to the development of America's technological innovations today and in the future.

Our Mission:

The Elmhurst Academy STEM Committee is a volunteer committee consisting of collaboration between EA staff and parents to strengthen and enhance efforts and brainstorm program innovations that may be useful in formulating and improving the STEM program.

The Elmhurst Academy STEM Committee was created to provide an interdisciplinary approach to learning where rigorous academic concepts are coupled with real-world lessons as students apply science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in contexts that make connections between

school, community, work, and to generate technical excellence and interest in pursuing related careers to fulfill future workforce technical needs.

STEM education offers students one of the best opportunities to make sense of the world holistically, rather than in bits and pieces. STEM education removes the traditional barriers erected between the four disciplines, by integrating them into one cohesive teaching and learning paradigm.

Effective instruction capitalizes on students' early interest and experiences, identifies and builds on what they know, and provides them with experiences to engage them in the four disciplines and sustain their interest.

Here are few event dates to note: Kid Inventors Day (January 17, 2018) and the 7th Annual Science Olympiad (December 15, 2017). The STEM Committee meets a minimum of two times throughout the school year; tentative meeting dates to be determined.

Questions & Interest for the STEM Committee please email Ms. Escobedo at hescobedo@elmhurstacademy.com.