

# THE RENAISSANCE ACADEMY PRINTING PRESS

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## A Special Thank You to All Our Volunteers:

We would like to thank each volunteer and individual who has and continues to contribute to our school community. We recognize the sacrifice, tireless efforts and time you put into our school community to support teachers and most importantly enhance the learning experience of your student. So far this year we have seen many fruits resulting from your voluntary service. You do not go unnoticed!

A special thank you must go out to all individuals who have made the following events and programs this year both possible and successful!

**The Carnival** - An evening of unmeasured fun and a definite success!

**The Little Mermaid production** - Amazing - what more can be said?! Thank you!

**The Family Engagement Committee (FEC) and Presidency**

**Classroom Coordinators** - Your coordinating efforts make teachers lives easier.

**Reading Group volunteers** - SO VITAL.

**Lost and Found helpers**

**Take Home Library**

**World Language volunteers** - Our WL team values every moment of your time.

**Homework helpers** - All of you who help your student complete their homework

**Basketball** - Parent supporters, drivers, practise assistants - You all contribute!

**Field Trip Chaperones** - Help make Field Trips happen

And the list could go on and on. THANK YOU!

## A New Year - 2015

In the coming new year our goal is to increase the energy and vigor of our much needed volunteers. Before we tell you a little bit about our plan, we have three questions for your consideration:

1. Why do you send your child to Renaissance Academy?
2. What are your goals for your child?
3. How can you contribute to the process of accomplishing these goals?



# The “Why” of Volunteering and Service at Renaissance:

## Three Reasons to Get Involved

### 1. Your kid gets a boost

Research indicates children perform better when parents connect in positive ways to their school. Studies show that having involved parents boosts student grades, increases student participation and decreases challenging behavior.

### 2. Your time matters

The time you spend volunteering has potential monetary value and benefit to our school. Tracking volunteer hours proves extremely valuable to the school as we apply for grants and demonstrate our commitment to the school's programs.

### 3. Your abilities can be paired with student needs

Each volunteer has something to offer our school and students. Our new volunteer database and tracking system allows you to match your skills and interests to areas of need. Not only will it alert you to the many opportunities for service throughout the school, it will also track the number of hours you contribute (don't worry that the counter starts at zero).



## Where Can You Make a Difference?

### Some Volunteer Ideas

World Language Help

Class Room Helper

Wonder Day Volunteer

Tutor

Mentor

Field Trip Chaperone

Classroom Materials Purchasing

Classroom Materials Assembling

Assemblies

Special Productions

Office Help

Fundraising

After School Activities

Student Service Project Help

FEC Committee Participation

Babysitting for Another Volunteer





## What Now? - **Helpcounter.net**

At [www.helpcounter.net/volunteering](http://www.helpcounter.net/volunteering) parents and other volunteers can view a calendar and list of potential volunteer opportunities within our school. On the helpcounter.net website, and in future editions of the RAPP, there will be postings for needed help. Please take a look to find what suits your situation and where you can contribute to our school.

We invite you to get involved, continue to contribute to our school and your child's education and to count your volunteer hours. Your hard work and effort to make our school a success is most appreciated.

Just think... If every family gave 40 hours a year in voluntary service to the school, that would add up to 16,000 hours! What we could accomplish in this time! So much would get done to enhance your child's experience at Renaissance.

Log in to [www.helpcounter.net](http://www.helpcounter.net) and start logging your hours today.

### Questions?

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Thank you again for all you do to make Renaissance the wonderful school it is. We wish you and your family a wonderful and safe holiday break.

