

Everyone wins when parents volunteer and get involved!

Have you ever thought about volunteering at school? National Volunteer Week, which begins April 23, is the perfect time to give it a try.

Here are five reasons to get involved:

1. Your child will benefit. Even if you're not in his classroom, your child will know you're at school. He'll feel important and he'll know you think learning is important, too.
2. You'll get to know your child's teachers and other school staff. That makes it easier to ask for help when your child needs it.
3. The school will benefit. Whether you read to a class, help in the cafeteria or tutor students in the library, you'll be freeing school staff to spend more time with kids who need it. And that leads to more learning.
4. Volunteering is easy. Many schools offer training to volunteers. And there are volunteer jobs that can be done at home, at night or on weekends. So every parent can get involved.
5. Volunteering is fun. You'll meet other parents in your neighborhood. You may learn new skills. And you'll get a good feeling from knowing you've done something worthwhile.

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