

2016/2017 Van Buren Volunteering – Email to Volunteers on August 15, 2016

Hello to all our Van Buren Volunteers

This year is looking to be an awesome year at Van Buren!! I am excited to have Candace Brown join me this year as the Volunteer Coordinator so please talk to either of us with any questions or concerns you may have.

The district is asking that all volunteers watch three training videos that are available online at <http://www.thompsonschoools.org/Page/13477>. The first of the three videos are available now and the other 2 will be coming in the next few weeks. Please take a few moments and watch these videos as soon as you can.

As you have heard we have had some staffing changes within the Van Buren but they are new additions are a great fit for our kids and our community. With all the exciting things coming up this year we will not be able to accomplish these things without your help!

There are several opportunities coming up that we need our awesome volunteers for. Below I have outlined a couple of things that we are working on that we need your help on right a way.

- Ice Cream Social and Family Fun Games – Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm to 6:30pm
  - We need some volunteers to come out and run games, show kids how to do a game such as ring toss, bean bag toss, sack races, etc.
  - We need a couple of people to server hot dogs, chips and drinks.
- Panther Pounce – September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - The Panther Pounce is our annual walk-a-thon and one of the biggest fundraisers we do each year.
  - We are looking for people to help us collect some prizes.
  - We need helpers to come out and cheer the walker/runners
  - We need helpers to server water and refreshments
- Holiday Craft Fair – December 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Last year was such a hit with the holiday craft fair that we are doing it again. We are forming a committee to organize the event. If you are interested in helping to organize we can use your help. The first committee meeting will be held after the Labor Day holiday. Please let me know if you are interested.
- Box Top Shop
  - Our box top shop is in need of some items for the kids to purchase with their box tops. If you clean out toys boxes and have some gently used toys, books, movies, etc. we would love to have them for the shop. Kids get so excited for box top shop; I know mine has been saving up all summer.
- Class Room Helpers
  - This year we will not have a faculty assistant, who in the past has helped teachers with class work/project preparations. Our teachers are always greatly appreciative of any help that our community can give them in the classroom or in class work

preparation. Please let Candace or I know if you are able to help with this for our teachers and staff.

Please remember that any help you can give is greatly appreciated!! We need people that can do things at home, on weekends as well as during the day at home or at school.

The Van Buren PTU has also created a website [www.vbesptu.com](http://www.vbesptu.com) as another communication option for our community. Please visit our site regularly to follow all the fun at Van Buren.

Thank you for all you do for Van Buren!

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