

# The Meher Schools

## *Parent Participation 2019–20*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Room number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

At The Meher Schools we believe that working together for a common purpose brings people closer and helps to nurture and strengthen a sense of community. While there is no volunteer requirement for parents, there are many opportunities to participate in our Meher Schools community, depending on your schedule and interests. Here are some of these opportunities:

- Office Receptionist:** A necessary volunteer position! We rely on parent volunteers to help answer the phone, greet visitors, and dispense ice packs, Band-Aids, and comfort. We ask for two to three hours a week on a regular basis. It's still the best way to connect with everyone at school!
- Special Projects (Short Term):** May we call on you to help with occasional school projects?
- Special Projects (Longer Term or Continuing):** May we call on you to assist on longer-term or continuing projects at school?
- Activities Coordinators:** In each classroom, we would like to have two parents who would be able to help organize class get-togethers, parties, etc. as needed.
- Event Planning:** Would you like to help organize events such as the school dance and our contribution to the Walnut Festival Parade?
- Prep Work:** We welcome volunteers to help classroom teachers by occasionally taking home items to cut, assemble, etc.
- Wednesday Messages Assembly:** This team meets on Tuesday mornings for about an hour to sort and label our weekly newsletter.
- Library:** Our excellent library needs volunteers to help with shelving and accessioning our books. Our librarian will provide training.
- Sewing/Costume Support:** Our drama program needs an able sewing team, either hand or machine, to do work at home or at school.
- Substitute Teachers:** We're interviewing for substitutes for preschool and elementary school. If you would like to explore this possibility, please check this box!
- Garden:** The organic Seven Circles Garden is an integral part of our curriculum, and the Children's Garden in front of the school is loved by children and parents. There's a team that

meets regularly on Saturday mornings to work on maintaining the gardens. (Children are encouraged to come with their parents.)

**The Meher Schools Child Safety Advisory Committee:** This task committee, which includes parents, teachers, staff, and administrators, is one of the channels of communication between parents and the school regarding safety concerns. The committee deals with issues pertaining to child safety, including emergency preparedness, child abuse prevention, campus security, physical plant safety, and student physical and social aggression. The committee meets annually. We would especially welcome the participation of professionals among our parents in the areas listed above.

**Diversity and Inclusion Committee:** Parents are invited to monthly meetings to discuss timely topics and plan events that enhance the inclusive environment at the school.

**Saturday Sweepers:** Teams of parent volunteers will sweep the school hallways, behind the preschool classrooms, and the front steps every Saturday morning. This will probably take about an hour. Our Saturday Sweepers will consist of rotating teams, so, depending on how many parents sign up, volunteers will just come every few weeks.

**Other ways to help:** Do you have professional expertise or community connections that you would like to share with the school? Please let us know. Does your company give donations of goods or funds to nonprofits?

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**Please leave your completed form in the Office Drop Box.**  
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