SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

It is the policy of the School Committee to encourage volunteer efforts in the schools. Parents/guardians, business representatives, senior citizens, and other community volunteers are recognized as important sources of support and expertise to enhance the instructional program and vital communication links with the community. Volunteers can not only help link schools to the community, but also help provide diverse perspectives to academic dialogue and all areas of study. Effort should be made on the part of the school to fully utilize volunteer support that becomes available.

The volunteer program will be coordinated with building administrators. An attempt will be made to maximize the resources volunteers can provide. Schools are encouraged to establish ways of acknowledging and honoring those who volunteer in our district.

School staff should seek to make volunteers feel welcome. In a situation where volunteers may come into a classroom, it is important that both the teacher and volunteers are comfortable with the relationship. Staff should also be aware that any specific information concerning sensitive issues should be addressed with discretion and with the caveat that confidential student information not be divulged.

COVID RELATED:

Volunteers and outside presenters who wish to be in the school buildings or on field trips while students are present must present proof of vaccination to the District Nursing Staff prior to interacting with students. This can be provided via email to Colleen Nigzus at cnigzus@psharvard.org. Please include your full name, reason for being in the building (ie. visiting field trip, club meeting, library volunteer, classroom volunteer, etc), expected dates, and a photo or scan of your vaccination card. To make alternate arrangements to provide proof of vaccination, please contact the nurse directly. Information will be kept by the nurses.

These individuals are also invited to participate in weekly pooled testing. Testing is performed every Monday AM at either school. Please call the school offices for details.

Any individual experiencing COVID symptoms or who is known to be a close contact of a positive individual may not come into the school building.

School masking requirements must be followed.