



Gateway Parent Association (GPA)
2010 - 2011 - Volunteer Sign-Up Form

All Gateway parents are members of our Parent Association. A fundamental principle of the Gateway Parent Association is that parent engagement and talent are the hallmark strength of a vibrant independent school community. The GPA supports family involvement with Gateway and is here to help you better know your school, to enjoy the company of other Gateway families, and to engage in your child's Gateway experience. All parents are asked to take part in *at least two* of the all-school activities listed below. To ensure your place in the school activities you enjoy most, please look through the dates to plan your schedule for the coming year and make your selections for events and how you would like to participate. Most volunteer opportunities are one to two hours in length; more precise timing information is sent closer to each event. If you are new to school volunteering, you may be happy to know that all employers are enjoined by CA state law to support volunteer hours spent at your child's school.

Thank you and best regards,
George Delli-Santi, GPA President

Your Name: _____

Child's Grade: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Before Winter Break

Room Parent or Room Parent Assistant

The Room Parent serves as a liaison between his or her child's teacher and class families, providing reminders for events and overseeing holiday gifts for teachers and specialists. A great way to better know your teacher and class families. You won't be on your own. The GPA Room Parent Coordinator provides informative briefings and updates throughout the year. Thanks to returning Room Parent Coordinator Laura Lucas

Welcome Back Community Coffee – September 1, 2010

*A favorite parent social. This is a light breakfast potluck on the first day of school, which officially lasts just an hour. Assist with welcoming new families, bringing food to share and readying the West Cliff room for the music classes that follow. 4th grade parents **Christina Falco** and **Anne Rowley** are this year's Welcome Coffee Coordinators.*

Please circle: set up clean up bring food

Book Fair - October 21st & 22nd, 2010

Join Merle the Librarian for a celebration of reading! Book sales generate revenue for school book purchases and provide a fun, educational shopping experience for children.

Please circle set up help guide children & sell books clean up

Harvest Festival – October 30, 2010

*A celebration of fall, this is a family play day at Gateway, with games and fun activities for everyone. A great way to enjoy the company of Gateway families from all grades. 5th grade parent **Jeannie Wholey** and 6th & 8th grade parent **Shiva Hurvitz** are our Harvest Festival Chairs this year. Each grade hosts an activity booth planned and implemented by parent volunteers in the grade.*

Please circle: planning & preparing for event during festival set up clean up

After Winter Break

() Family Science Night - February 9, 2011

You don't have to be a scientist to help out with this celebration of inquiry-based learning. Our Science Night Coordinator can help you out with activities and tools, as we turn Gateway into an Exploratorium.

Please circle: present or assist with an activity set up clean up

() Annual Auction - April 2, 2011

Tuition only covers about 80% of the true cost of school of educating all Gateway's children. Like other independent schools, Gateway relies on our Annual Campaign in the fall and a spring Dinner Auction to close that "tuition gap". The original "social networking" experience, our Auction Gala is a great party, which completes the budget for our school each year. Auction volunteers assist with our online and live auction, planning, providing and acquiring financial sponsorships and donations, decorating and thanking our donors. Oh yes- and a fair amount of dancing, dining and merriment are also involved.

() Gateway Family Weekend - May 6th & 7th, 2011

This year Grandparents' Day has been teamed up with the Spring Concert and Art Tour, so that families can set aside time to share more of their children's Gateway experience. Join our creative hearts- music teacher Kristin Allen, art teacher Susan Paull and our volunteer Grandparents' Day coordinator to produce this beautiful event for our families.

Family Weekend Volunteer Coordinator - TBD

Please circle: Grandparent Activities (Friday, May 6th) Art Tour (Friday, May 6th)

() Spring Concert - May 7, 2011 (tentative date)

Please circle: set up clean up bring food

() Staff Appreciation Luncheon - May 12, 2011

Believe it or not, our faculty and staff have no other chance to sit down together and share a meal. This bit of gustatory grace is a wonderful, hands-on way to say "Thank You" from your family.

Luncheon Volunteer Coordinator: TBD

Please circle: set up clean up bring food

() Graduation/Step-Up Day - June 9, 2011

Can you lend a hand with chairs, programs, nametags, etc., for part of this joyful day?

Please circle: set up clean up

Skills and Talents: I can...

- () Coordinate music talent for school events
- () Coordinate catering and food for school events
- () Help with Scrip Distribution to Gateway Families
- () Gateway Gear Sales
- () Photograph Students and Activities
- () Make Signs, Flyers, or Posters
- () Help Out in the Following Interest Area/s (circle below):

Art Computer Life Lab Drama Music P.E. Spanish Library

() I've got a better idea. Contact me about help with:_____