



**Volunteer
Newsletter**

Fall 2016

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Welcome to the 2016-17 School Year!
Thank you for signing up for our Volunteer Newsletter.

The best way to keep up to date on what's going on with the Parents' Association is always E-News, the school calendar, and our website www.labparents.org. Those sources will always have the latest locations, dates, and signups.

Still, we often hear from parents that it's hard to sift through all the information they receive. This newsletter is to help you learn what volunteer opportunities are out there this Fall. In addition, your emails are being shared to the specific Councils (Earl Shapiro Hall, Lower School, Middle School, and High School) who will email you directly when they are in need of more volunteers. If you have any questions, email us at parents@ucls.uchicago.edu!

GENERAL

Missed the Volunteer Fair? [Download the event program](#) and get all the contact information you missed. This includes information not just on PA events, but Admissions, Alumni Relations and Development, the Nurse's Office/Health Fair, Athletics, and LabArts!

JOIN US!

Sometimes the best way to help out is to show up! The following events are for everybody:

Diversity Committee Meeting, October 17, 6 pm, ESH Lobby: Learn more about the work of the PA's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee and help set the agenda for the upcoming year! [RSVP to let us know if you can make it](#), and if you can't, email Amanda Lewis with your thoughts.

Eid Dinner — October 26, 5 pm Cafe Lab: Students and families from across all schools are invited for the annual celebration of Eid, the festival commemorating the annual pilgrimage. Lab's Eid dinner is a great opportunity to meet friends both old and new, learn more about this Muslim tradition, and enjoy a great dinner. [RSVP and sign up to bring a dish, if you so desire.](#)

Speaker Series: Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, November 15, 8:45 am, GPAH: Sociologist, MacArthur Genius Grant recipient, and poet Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot will be speaking on how parents can learn from their children in our first Speaker Series program of the year. RSVP will be in e-News and our website.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

All School

- The Nurse's Office needs Flu Clinic volunteers in the afternoons of October 20 (ESH) and October 27 (Historic Campus), mostly to help with paperwork and line management. If your child has ever freaked out at the sight of a needle (raises hand), you know how much it helps to be able to let nurses focus on patient care and not paperwork. Look for the dates in e-News or contact your campus nurse.
- Bookswap is coming (November 11-18)! To be added to the mailing list to help out at Bookswap, contact Kim Picciola at kimberly.picciola@gmail.com. You'll see what kids are reading (or at least discarding) and you're bound to meet some fellow organization-obsessed parents. These spots go fast.
- The Holiday Book Fair is gearing up for December 5-7. Shelves looking a little depleted after Bookswap? Meet other parents and get some great new titles at the BookFair. Look for the sign-up in e-News.

Earl Shapiro Hall

- A few slots still available to help out with Picture Retake Day (October 19). If you find it highly satisfying to wipe kids faces, smooth hair, and make them smile, this is for you. Contact Vanessa Copans at vcopans@gmail.com.

Lower School

- Lower School is still seeking a Lost and Found volunteer. If sorting and straightening isn't reward enough, you get to pick what charity all the clothes go to. Last year LS and ESH donated 14 bags of clothes to the Cradles to Crayons initiative — who will you benefit? Contact Cathy Lee at cathyrllee@icloud.com.
- 5th grade Yearbook: The 5th grade yearbook caps off your child's Lower School experience, and is one of the sweetest keepsakes you'll ever see. While this is a multi-year commitment that requires a decent amount of Photoshop and InDesign time, you get to work independently and at your own pace. Contact Cathy Lee at cathyrllee@icloud.com.
- Lobby Decorating Crew: Help make Blaine Lobby a festive and welcoming place. Halloween, Fan Days, holidays – get to know other parents and indulge your creativity. Upcoming dates: after drop-off on 10/13 and 10/27 Contact Sara Skelly at sara-piper@sbcglobal.net.

Middle School

- Jeremy Schwartz, MS Computer Science teacher and head of the MS Robotics Team, is looking for a carpenter to build a competition table for the first Lego League tournament. They will compensate for time and materials. Contact audriswong@icloud.com if you want to see the plans & specs first, or if you're all in, contact Mr. Schwartz directly (jschwartz@ucls.uchicago.edu).
- Giant Gym Nights and Roller Skating Party chaperones are needed throughout the year. These events allow kids to have fun after hours as a grade, renting out the gym in the evening or a local roller skating rink. Look for the signups in e-News!

High School

- PSAT testing, October 19, 7:30 am. Come early, help set up and pass out water and snacks to sophomores and juniors who will be taking the PSAT that day. Contact Ann Grissom (ann.grissom@mac.com) for more details.
- While not a PA event, the Athletics department is looking for concession stand volunteers for various events. On November 27, the Arnie Duncan Literary Classic will host a basketball tournament with teams from across the Chicagoland area. Concession stand volunteers needed throughout the day. Contact Nicole Brookens for more details (nickiebrookens@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you at an event!