



Volunteering at School

We appreciate volunteers at Watkins Glen Elementary School!

Kindergarten Help

At the start of school, we utilize many volunteers to help with Kindergarten classes. Many students have never been in a school setting before and need help with basic tasks that many take for granted; they may need help tying their shoes or zipping their jackets. They will be learning how to walk in the hall without disrupting other classes and learning how the lunchroom works. Many do not know how to open a carton of milk or juice on their own or even how to carry a lunch tray. Many teachers like to run reading and math centers and this requires an extra set of hands to create smaller groups. If you have a few hours a day to give to your child's classroom teacher, they may appreciate the extra help.

Reading Help

We are very fortunate to have a group of people who are willing to come in a couple of times a week to help a child read. Grandparents and members of the RSVP program make up a good portion of this type of help. Some middle school and high school students also come over at the end of their school day, on a consistent basis, to help our children improve their reading skills.

Special Event Help

A number of special events and field trips occur during the school year that requires volunteer assistance in order to help keep our children safe. This kind of help could involve monitoring students at events like music and art programs, skating parties, pool parties or on field trips.

Who to Contact:

Classroom teachers, PTO, or other school staff will request helpers. However, our volunteer coordinator, Cindy Kain, organizes all volunteers. She is located in the room across from the main office of the elementary school. You can reach her by calling the school at 607-535-3250, Extension 4220.

Rules for Volunteering

For the safety of our children, all volunteers are required to sign in at the volunteer office and wear a badge. Mrs. Kain tallies volunteer hours from a sign-in sheet that indicates the day and time you spend here at the school. Also, know that we do background checks on all volunteers that come to school frequently.