



Thank you for your interest in the AWR PTA. There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available. We welcome your help at any level!

Below is a short description of the various activities and committees that the PTA oversees.

If you are interested in chairing a committee, helping on an existing committee or have **any other** questions you may:

- contact us at [hello@awrpta.org](mailto:hello@awrpta.org).
- Sign up online [VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES](#) (also available website/app)
- Check off what you are interested in and send back to main office
- Look for sign up sheets or sign up genius links throughout the year

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- **App (Ongoing)**- this communication tool helps keep the AWR community up to date on PTA information. Help is always needed to run and maintain the app.
  - **Art Show (held every 3 years)** An opportunity to see artwork from children of all grades displayed throughout the school one evening in the spring. Help needed organizing, labeling and hanging artwork.
  - **Author Day (June)** (2) children's book authors come to visit AWR. Help organize schedules and purchasing of books in advance
  - **Book Fair (Nov.)** – This 3 day event, held in the library, provides an opportunity for students to purchase books, with part of the proceeds going to the PTA. Volunteers would help to set up and staff the event.
  - **Book Swap – (June)** – Help to organize and supervise the collection and distribution of used books donated by students. A sign up email will also go out before the event.
  - **Box Tops- (ongoing)**- Help collect, count and submit box tops. Schedule winning homeroom prizes with teacher
  - **Bridges / AWR Gives Back / Outreach** – (May/June) – This is a charitable opportunity, where students participate in making lunches for homeless individuals. Volunteers would help to organize and assist the students with packing the lunches and/or toiletry kits. A sign up email will go out in May.
  - **Care Fair** – (Dec) – Each class picks a charity to sponsor, and sets up a display to give information about that charity. Then, all students have a chance to donate money to the charity(ies) of their choice. Volunteers would help collect and organize donations and to staff the event.
  - **Cultural Arts**-An assembly sponsored by the PTA for all grades. Two chairpeople to research, plan and book one assembly per year.
  - **Facebook page**-(ongoing) Communication tool used by PTA. Work with various committee chairs and assist with creating posts, updates and answering questions all via facebook
  - **Field Day** – (June) A day of games and activities run by AWR gym teachers. Volunteers needed to scoop Italian ices for the kids throughout the day.
  - **Fun Fair** – (June) –A school wide fair to celebrate the year's end, held after school from 3p-6p in our parking lot/field. There are bounce houses, food, games and activities for all the kids to enjoy. Help is needed to organize fair, set up, staff the event and clean up.

- **Kids Stuff Coupon Books** – (September) – Discount coupon book fundraiser open to all . Help needed to bag and distribute books as well as collect and track orders.
- **Marquee**- (Ongoing)- Add important dates/events to school sign in front circle on a monthly basis.
- **Mother/Son Event**- (Spring)- Coordinate and assist with planning the annual event (glow party) for mothers and son's (or special adult)
- **Movie Night** – A movie and snacks for all grades in our own gym. Volunteers would help collect RSVP's, staff event and assist with setup and refreshments.
- **New Student Orientation** – (August) – This is an event welcoming all new students to AWR. Volunteers needed to organize folders, plan scavenger hunt around school and staff event (late August)
- **Pajama Bingo** – (November) – This is an event for K-3. The kids gather in the cafeteria to play Pajama Bingo! Volunteers would collect RSVP's, organize and staff event as well as distribute prizes.
- **PTA Board**- The board consists of 5 positions. President, (2) Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Each position is a 2 year term. For more details on each position please reach out to [hello@awrpta.org](mailto:hello@awrpta.org)
- **Reading Rams** (ongoing) Book Fundraiser throughout the year to help the AWR Library. Donations are accepted and new books are purchased for all of the students to enjoy in the library for years to come. Volunteers needed to organize and collect donations
- **Reflections** – (Sept – Nov) –National PTA arts contest where students can participate with writing, singing, dancing, art.
- **Room Parents**- (ongoing)Each homeroom has two class parents who coordinate with the teacher to help plan class activities, help to disseminate PTA communication and keep the class up to date on school activities. Room parents are chosen in August, so parents are encouraged to volunteer for this at the end of the year or during the summer before the next school year. Two chairpeople also needed each year to oversee this process and assist all class parents.
- **Running Rams**- (fall and Spring) After school running program (generally for 8 weeks) for 4-6 grade students that want to learn how to run properly and improve their running abilities. Parents needed to assist at strength, training, running sessions as well as coordinate sign ups, prizes and tracking of goals
- **Safety Committee**-(ongoing) Help with Walk and Roll events and communicate updates with parents. Morning or afternoon volunteers to help assist with drop off and pick up always welcome!
- **School Pictures**- (September/October) Work with Lifetouch to organize photographers and communications to parents. Assist that day as well as retake day organizing homerooms as they enter gym for pictures
- **School Supplies** (May-Sep) organized school supply sale with third party company from June through July. Supplies delivered to students homes. **A portion of the sale benefits the upcoming 6th grade therefore a current 5th grade parent(s) is needed** to research companies, promote the sale and distribute boxes in August.
- **Sixth Grade Committee**- (ongoing) Open to all 6th grade parents. 6th grade has many special events to celebrate their last year at AWR, including class trips, PINS nights, dances and much more. A majority of the funds for these events must be raised. A committee is set in place each year to fundraise, organize and run these events. Two chairpeople are also needed to oversee these committees
- **STEM Fair** – (February) – This is for grades 3-6. An opportunity for students to display and discuss their STEM fair project. Help needed with sign ups, organizing and setting up locations as well as running event.
- **Spelling Bee** – (January) – This is for grades 4-6. Collaborate with teachers and run the finals of the spelling bee one evening.
- **Spirit Wear** – (Ongoing) – Help to staff sales of Spirit Wear at school events. Assist in taking orders and distributing Spirit Wear periodically throughout the year.

- **Spring Fling – (March/April)** – This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! It's a very fun, adults only dinner and tricky tray raffle. Help is needed on the committee throughout the year in several areas such as donation solicitation, publicity, ticket sales, etc, plus at the event. Any amount of help is appreciated. [Spring Fling Opportunities](#)
- **Staff Appreciation** – (First week of May) – During Teacher Appreciation Week, the PTA provides teachers with lunch, snacks and treats each day. Bakers are requested school wide, and lunches are donated. Volunteers needed to help to organize and distribute the food on a particular day.
- **Sweetheart Dance** – (February) – Assist with organizing, decorating, baking, setup and clean-up for a dance for all girls in grades K-6 and an adult male chaperone.
- **Talent Show** – (October) – This is for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Volunteers would help with tryouts, rehearsals and running the talent show.
- **Theatre Week** – (January) – Our 2nd-4th graders put on a show. Volunteers needed to help run show and assist with costumes, snacks, scenery and rehearsals..
- **Veterans Day** – (Every other November) – With cooperation of the administration, organize Veteran's Day activities school wide.
- **Website**-(ongoing) Communication tool used by PTA. Assist in updating pages, and adding information when needed. Work with various committee chairs to add all pertinent event information
- **Yearbook**-(ongoing)- Work with Lifetouch and existing software and templates to add candid, group photos, and event pages. Volunteers needed to photograph, organize, proofread and distribute our annual yearbook to all grades.

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Please check the box of any activities you are interested in helping with:

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