

You Can Help Make a Difference at CCK!
PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR PARENT ASSOCIATION!

Hello CCK Parents,

In years past, we have sent out a volunteer request form to parents at the end of the school year to prepare for the year ahead. However, last year was different, to say the least! There weren't as many volunteer opportunities due to the inability to meet in person. This year, we wanted to give everyone a few weeks to get settled before sending this letter. It has been a wonderful start to the year for our family and we are so grateful to the CCK staff who are making school a happy and safe place for our children each day. I trust you all feel the same way.

For those of you who may not be familiar, the Parent Association (PA) was created to encourage and promote a sense of community among CCK parents, to provide a strong communication link between the parents and the school (teachers and administration), and to help enhance existing programs within the school.

Led by a group of parent volunteers, the CCK PA hosts school events for the entire community, providing opportunities to work together, build community, and support our school.

I have introduced myself in a past letter, but wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to this year's PA President Elect, Falconer Warren. Falconer's daughter, Llewellyn, is in the M/W Younger Toddler's class this fall. Falconer is originally from Memphis, TN, and is looking forward to working with many of you this year. The PA Elect position is new this year and we are excited about creating a hopefully seamless transition from year to year with its introduction.

Who is on the Christ Church Preschool & Kindergarten Parent Association?

As a parent of a CCK child, you are automatically a member of the PA.

The goals of the CCK PA are to:

- Foster a spirit of community throughout the school
- Encourage and promote volunteerism
- Welcome new families into our CCK community
- Provide a forum for parents, teachers and administrative staff to exchange ideas and execute events

What is the Parent Association responsible for?

The PA organizes the following events, furnishing many opportunities to get involved based on your interests/areas of expertise.

Carpool to Coffee

A new event this year in lieu of Back-to-School Cocktail Parties, Carpool to Coffee will begin right after carpool to create a COVID-safe opportunity for parents to meet each other and start making connections.

Timing: October

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is a shared event with Christ Church and is a fun and festive opportunity to get together, dress up, and enjoy a meal together. We would love to have a CCK parent-run trunk this year!

Timing: Late October

CCK Service Projects

Each Fall/Spring, CCK chooses an organization to support and each grade level is assigned item(s) to collect to support the drive. We need parent volunteers to aid with organizing the collected items and delivering them to the chosen organizations.

Timing: November and March

Sweetheart Dance

Our Sweetheart Dance is a great opportunity for CCK children to get dressed up, dance to their favorite songs with their friends, and have fun with a family member or special friend. The evening includes decorations, snacks, dancing, photographs of the special evening and more.

Timing: February

Southern Soiree

CCK parents and Christ Church members work collaboratively to host this annual fundraiser in the Spring to benefit the children's programs of Christ Church, including Sunday School, Nursery Care, and CCK, as well as a local children's charity. This year, a portion of the money raised will go towards replacing the large mulch playground at CCK. The event includes food, entertainment, a silent auction, and door prizes and is always a fun evening at Christ Church with fellow CCK parents and Church members. This year's Chair is Becca Boyd and Allison Kent is the Chair Elect. They are looking forward to working together with their committee to plan a fun event.

Timing: April 29, 2022 (October – April planning process)

Teacher Appreciation Week

Help shower teachers with gratitude for the countless ways they've loved our children throughout the year.

Timing: Week of May 2-6

End-of-Year Picnic

At the end of each school year, CCK families gather for an End-of-Year Family Picnic on the lawn at Christ Church to celebrate a successful school year. Families are encouraged to bring picnic blankets and enjoy a catered dinner.

Timing: May

Buddy Family Program

Our Buddy Family program welcomes new CCK parents and children. New families are paired with current CCK families to help ease the transition to our school and community. Current CCK families are asked to reach out to their new Buddy Family prior to the beginning of the school year and maintain their relationship with the family throughout the Fall.

Timing: March – September

****All in person events are subject to cancellation depending on the current COVID policies.**

How can I become involved as a parent?

1. Fill out the PA Interest Form (attached or available in the CCK office).
2. Reach out to the 2021-2022 PA Chair – Stirling McDavid (stirling.d.mcdavid@gmail.com).
3. Attend committee meetings for the various school events throughout the school year.

Parent volunteers are **always** welcome and needed. Offering your time and talents to the many wonderful events at our school throughout the year is a great way to use your skills, meet new people, build lasting friendships, and support our children. **We need parents who are willing to take leadership roles in organizing key events**, as well as those who are willing to serve on our committees to help plan and execute events. These events cannot happen without your help!

If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please complete and return the attached form to the CCK office by **October 15, 2021**. Your dedication to our school and your willingness to serve in any way is appreciated and will help us thrive. We look forward to working with you throughout our 2021-2022 school year!