

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

Hello CCK Parents,

I can't believe it is already time for this letter to go home; as usual, the school year has flown by! Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who have made the first year of the Parent Association such a success! Our inaugural Sweetheart Dance could not have been a bigger hit and our annual fundraiser, the newly dubbed Southern Soiree, raised more to support our school than ever before.

As you may remember, the Parent Association (PA) was created to encourage and promote a sense of community among the parents of our school, 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 talented group of parent volunteers, the CCK Parent Association hosts school events for the entire community, which provides opportunities to work together, build community and support our school.

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

As a parent of a CCK child, you are automatically a member of the Parent Association (PA).

The goal of the CCK Parent Association is to:

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

What is the Parent Association responsible for?

The following events offer a vast array of volunteer positions that provide opportunities to pursue interests and share expertise with the CCK community:

Buddy Family Program

Our Buddy Family program welcomes new incoming parents and children to CCK. 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

Back-to-School Playdates

Prior to the beginning of the school year, new and returning CCK families will gather on the CCK playgrounds by age-level for play dates. It is an opportunity for parents and children to meet other families before school begins.

Timing: August

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: Fall/Spring dates TBD

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 an annual fundraiser in the Spring to benefit the children's programs of Christ Church. The event includes food, entertainment, a silent auction, and door prizes. This event raises funds to support Christ Church ministries with children and families, including Sunday School, Nursery Care, CCK and a local children's charity. It's always a fun evening at Christ Church with fellow CCK parents and Church members.

Timing: Spring event (October – April planning process)

End-of-Year Picnic

At the end of the school year, CCK families will gather for an annual 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

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 2019-2020 PA Chair - Stephanie Ladley at stephanie.ladley@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 serving 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 **Friday, May 31, 2019 (last day of CCK camp)**. Your dedication to our school and your willingness to serve in any way will help us thrive. We look forward to working with you throughout our 2019-2020 school year!