



April

Volunteers Needed!

Research suggests that family involvement in a student's education is an important factor in bolstering student esteem and raising student achievement. Volunteer engagement dramatically increases the overall effectiveness of the school's educational programming.

Bear Creek Community Charter School's charter (contract) with the Wilkes-Barre Area School District requires parents to volunteer at least two hours per month during the school year.

Volunteer hours must be documented by the School, and we have made it easy for parents to document volunteer hours using the Parent Portal. Parents can complete the Volunteer Hours form by selecting Forms, followed by Volunteer Hours Record. These can be found under the Volunteer Program section. These forms should be completed and submitted no later than the 10th day of each month for the prior month's volunteer activities.

Detailed information can be found in the Student/Parent Handbook, or on the School's web site at www.bearcreekschool.com

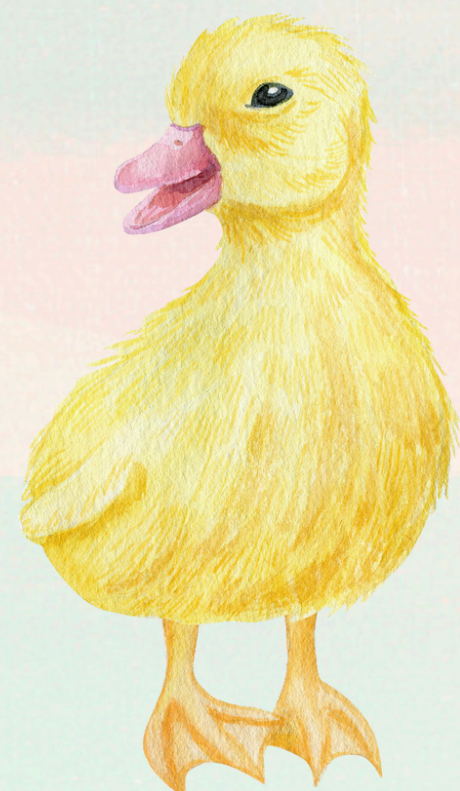
Volunteer Requirements: All volunteers must complete and submit a Volunteer Application (found in the Parent Portal) as well as Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Check and a Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance. Visit the school's website at www.bearcreekschool.com and select "Parents" to learn more about the volunteer application and clearances that are required. If you lived outside the state of Pennsylvania within the past ten years, an FBI Criminal Background Check is also required.

Monthly volunteer opportunities will be shared via email, social media, and our website. Your dedication to supporting our community school through volunteerism is essential to our success. Thank you for your dedication to our school.

Please forward any questions to Larissa Soroka.
larissa.soroka@bearcreekschool.com



*Thank You,
Mrs. Larissa Soroka*



Look at all the opportunities on the next page!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE



I would love to see some new people help out with breakfast or lunch.

Grab and Go Breakfast Cart - (Email Larissa.soroka@bearcreekschool.com the days you would like to volunteer for the month of April.)

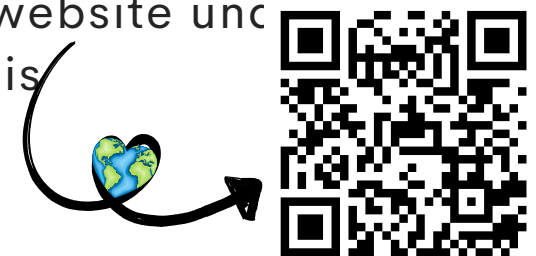
Please arrive at 7:45 a.m. Being on time is important as students begin to arrive at 8:00 a.m. Volunteer responsibilities include helping students fill their bag with the items they select, such as napkins, milk, fruit, juice, etc. At the conclusion of breakfast (approximately 8:35 a.m.) you will close up the cart and return it to the Food Service staff. One (1) hour of volunteer time can be logged in Parent Portal.

Lunch Monitor - (Email Larissa.soroka@bearcreekschool.com the days you would like to volunteer for the month of April.)

Please arrive at 10:30 a.m. This opportunity includes assisting younger students at lunch, such as opening milk cartons, prepping silverware, assisting with dressings and condiments, and assisting the school's staff assigned to Lunch Duty. Your responsibilities conclude at Noon. One and a half (1.5) hours of volunteer time can be logged into Parent Portal.

Earth Day Event!: (open to all families- Parents can get volunteer hours for coming!!)

On April 22nd, the Outdoor Club is going to do an "Earth Day Mission Challenge" where your whole family will meet Larissa Soroka at the Pavilion at 5:00pm and get your mission card. Upon completion of your mission, you will win a spring themed prize. There will be a flyer posted on our website under Explorers: Outdoor Club for all the details! The sign-up QR Code for that event is



K-Kids Materials. - (You can sign up at any point in the year.)

Volunteers are needed to assist with the cutting and preparation of materials for the K-Kids Club.

PTO- BINGO

Though the Bingo is in April, we are starting the volunteer sign up now. If you are looking to volunteer for the PTO's Bingo on Saturday, April 26th.

If you are interested in assisting with the bingo, please fill out this link-

<https://tinyurl.com/PTObingo2025>

There are 2 different ways to get your volunteer hours?!

1. Through our Volunteer Program (page 68 in handbook on our website) and run by Larissa Soroka/BCCCS.
 - These opportunities are typically during the school day, after school activities, and weekend events.
2. Through the PTO. These opportunities are still through our Volunteer Program but run by the PTO.
 - These opportunities are typically done at home, after working hours, or whenever you make it fit into your family schedule.

DID YOU KNOW?

I am always looking to involve parents in our school. I realize many of you work at the same time the kids are in school. So, if you have a school volunteer idea- send it!

I am open to all ideas to help you get more involved.

And on the same token, if you are finding it hard to get your volunteer hours in during the school day, reach out to the PTO and see how you can volunteer through their events and activities.



Second Wednesday of each month in the Community Room @BCCCS.
April 9th, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in supporting our school and doing any of the above volunteer opportunities, please fill out the below link.

<https://tinyurl.com/volunteerBCCCS>