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Volunteer Program Report

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A significant change in reporting volunteer tasks and hours occurred in this 44th year of the district's volunteer program: at mid-year, an online form opened for reporting the statistics that we annually track. This change addresses a goal of several years to move the accountability of reporting to the volunteers themselves, increasing the accuracy of the report and lessening the challenge placed on PTO Volunteer Coordinators, who for years collected, recorded and summarized the hours and tasks into the identified categories.

With this tactical change, the number of hours* and tasks** recorded below are dramatically lower than historical numbers. It will take time for the new tool to be ingrained in our culture. Currently, I am analyzing the form and the process. I believe it will become a more precise view of the number and impact of volunteers in our schools.

With that, the remarkable efforts of our volunteers continues to positively impact student learning.

Volunteer Highlights

- ◆ **1,018** approximate volunteer tasks — ** (see above)
- ◆ **15,294** approximate volunteer hours — * (see above)
- ◆ **Number of volunteers and hours with limited reporting using new online form:**

	2013 / 2012	2013 / 2012
	# of Tasks/Volunteers:	Hours:
Classroom	256 / 1,277	2,314 / 21,525
Enrichment	292 / 1,127	3,350 / 12,253
Fundraising	102 / 463	3,720 / 7,415
Miscellaneous	201 / 877	3,058 / 6,242
PTO Leadership	47 / 63	1,873 / 4,816
PT(S)O—Mtgs., other	111 / 538	855 / 1,440
Site Councils	9 / 21	124 / 533

Historical Data Comparison

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hours	70,897	74,670	58,322	54,224	15,294
Tasks	6,149	6,396	5,264	4,366	1,018

Note: In addition to the introductory note, these figures do not include the number of tasks/volunteers and hours involved in district committees or their subcommittees,, nor many volunteers at the high school, nor does it include many end-of-the-year activities and programs.

Strong minds, strong hearts, strong community

Summary Notes:

We will continue to analyze the support volunteers offer to the District Improvement Plan (DIP) and school improvement plans.

The following activities represent samples of specific volunteer activities that sustain DIP and SIP goals:

Instructional Improvement and Innovation

- ◆ Math Olympiad, MathCounts, Math Clubs, Knowledge Masters
- ◆ Art Docent and Art Appreciation events
- ◆ Salmon Release, Nature Mapping
- ◆ Harvest, Science, and Culture Fairs
- ◆ Band and Choir concerts, competitions and outside performances
- ◆ Classroom volunteers
- ◆ Support during assessments

Character, Climate and Community

- ◆ Fitness challenges
- ◆ Rock N Rollin Readers
- ◆ PTO socials, carnivals, auctions
- ◆ Earth Day activities
- ◆ Memory books/yearbooks, school photos
- ◆ Staff appreciation
- ◆ Health screenings
- ◆ Activity and field trip chaperones

Summary

Volunteers continue to positively impact the daily experiences of students and staff. Although accurate statistics are illusive, estimates indicate consistent parent and community involvement, which helps to ensure “that every student is future ready... for the global workplace, ...college and ...personal success.”

Communication Highlights

Budget considerations continue to impact the number of print publications, such as *OpenBook*, but communication in all venues remains at the forefront of our Community Relation goals.

OpenBook was again recognized in May with an *Award of Merit* by the Washington School Public Relations Association (WSPRA). It is also notable that our website, having passed its one-year anniversary, was awarded Honorable Mention by WSPRA.

The use of *SchoolMessenger* continues, although this year we have not had the need for emergency weather notifications. As the capabilities within voice notification systems change and expand, Community Relations and Technology staff members continue to review our service contract and the capabilities of that specific service. As we research other venues and with the capability of our “home-made” Listserv failing, we also have begun plans to use another vendor, Constant Contact, for parent and community email outreach.

Our current Listserv continues to provide quick dissemination of district information, and information exchange in that venue continues to increase.