



VAA - Voice

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Revitalizing Volunteerism At Vienna Adventist Academy

We Need Your Help

Behind every successful school, you will find a thriving community of volunteers helping with tasks beyond teaching. Lifting loads that would suffocate instruction and helping with details that would otherwise rob teachers of valuable time to plan and carry out effective lessons. The teacher's calling is instruction and inspiration that stirs learning in every child, but the life of a school is family involvement. Involvement that creates positive connections for the child and support for the whole school experience.

Do you see a need? Take a phrase from Mr. Bigweld in the the movie, Robots. "SEE A NEED, FILL A

NEED." Determine what the

solution would look like and plan your move while you are still motivate. Too big to do your self, then share your dream and mean it. The best part comes next. Take your first step and act on your plan. Come on in and offer to help. Do something about it. When others see you are motivated to action and the goal is worthy, they will join you. The best motivator for others is your first step of making a difference.



This year we are keeping a track record of volunteerism for our school. Credits are assigned for every hour of participation in our VAA Volunteer Initiative. We want to encourage participation from both child and parent. Each family's contribution to service will accumulate in the form of service credits. Family members earn credits as individuals or together. e.g. Father, or mother and child helping in an event for an hour = 8 credits. Four credits for the child and four credits for the adult. The goal for each family is to earn 20 to 24 service credits each month by contributing time to the VAA cause. A total of 200 credits per family is the goal for the year.

Take a look at the list to the right and commit to something. Move through the process of SEEING A NEED-> CREATING AN IDEA -> PLANNING -> DOING

More areas of need are on the second page of this article. You can add ideas of your own as well.



Credits can be earned by contributing time or a donating to a cause. Here are real needs where you can help:

- Run a Fall Festival Booth for an hour
- Provide and hour of sports after school (3:15-4:15 pm)
- Direct a craft activity for an art class
- Share you career experience for a class or chapel.
- Provide health talk/training for children e.g. dental hygiene, healthy eating habits
- Teach a cooking class for an hour
- Teach basic sewing for an hour/week
- Help coordinate our volunteers
- Help coordinate an event
- Assist in supervising a field trip activity
- Be an event photographer
- Help catalog new library books for an hour
- Run an after-school club for an hour a week
- Grade papers for an hour
- Provide a chapel talk (Fridays 8:15 am)
- Present a worship talk for a classroom
- Assist with VAA's Web Site/fb/twitter

- Provide incentive prizes (Dollar Store fun items) for the student store Store opens once per week for students to redeem incentive tickets.
- Provide healthy snacks for after school kids
- Run a gardening club
- Help Supervise the recycling club
- Teach scrapbooking for an hour
- Participate in our lego robotics team challenge (event trip involved - March 2015)
- Help with P.E. sports activities
- Help with after school intramural Basketball / Soccer / Softball
- Contribute a newsletter article to the VAA Voice
- Create a bulletin board for a classroom or office
- Help disinfect a classroom to keep germs at bay.
- Provide seasonal decorations for a classroom / foyer
- Assist with being a classroom parent
- Surprise a teacher with an act of appreciation
- Supervise recess for an hour
- Assist with answering phones in the office for an hour (2:00 pm - 3:00 pm coverage)



Our Pre-K class is seen here trading their tickets for fun items or healthy snacks.

The Student Store opens after lunch each Friday. Students collect tickets each week for having clean and organized desks and lockers, and also for wearing the appropriate and complete formal or PE uniform on surprise inspections. Tickets are also awarded randomly for good listening and willingness to be helpful.

Students are always eager for Fridays to arrive so they can finally go shopping. Donated items help to maintain this incentive program for our kids.

You are invited to support this weekly event by contributing a variety of items to have on the shelves.

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A special thanks to you who have already given and continue to contribute time to making VAA a better place. It is a blessing to know this valuable work, of creating the best of environments for your children and our students, never has to be done alone.