



Greetings Future Center School Volunteer!

Research shows that your child learns more when you are involved in their education. The small size of Center School means that parent and guardian help is critical to the schools success. Our community has a great tradition of helping the students and staff out. We have many opportunities for you to participate --- whether you want to be visible or invisible!

- **Join the Center School Community Association (CSCA), The Center School's PTSA.** Your membership fee and involvement helps maintain The Center School's high standards, builds community and supports education in Seattle.
- **Subscribe to the BLAST, our weekly email newsletter** to connect with TCS and your student. The BLAST is the primary publication to learn about what's going on at The Center School. Visit the CSCA website at <http://cscathecenterschool.net> and follow directions to subscribe.
- **Keep the lines of communication open.** Log onto The Source and check your student's grades and email their teachers as needed. A new feature of the Source is a new Seattle Public Schools hosted website for TCS at: <http://centerhs.seattleschools.org>
- **Keep talking with your kids** about issues that are important to you.
- **Respond to requests for volunteers**, whether it be a **one time project or on a weekly basis**. CSCA cannot be as effective at supporting your student without your help! **Volunteering helps** you get to know other parents through attending school events and building community too!

As you can see, being active in your student's school is easy and can pay big dividends in staying connected and part of the community!

**For more info on volunteer opportunities, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Jessica Wesch, at [volunteer@cscathecenterschool.net](mailto:volunteer@cscathecenterschool.net)**

## **CSCA Volunteer Opportunities – Let us know what's right for you!**

### **CSCA Board Support**

- PTA/CSCA Membership Coordinator
- Thank you note writer - Need a job you can do at home? This might be the 'write' one for you.
- Legislative Action representative – connecting our community to greater education issues throughout the city, state and nation.

### **Communication**

From school to families to the greater community, there are many aspects of communication that need attention to maintain our high student standards and keep our community informed.

#### **The Blast Weekly Email Newsletter**

- Support our editor by submitting events and reporting on activities – find your inner reporter!

#### **CSCA Web Support**

- On-line Reporters and Photographers - submit photos, articles and events to help everyone know of the great things happening (or have already happened) at TCS
- Events Editor – Give a voice and distribution throughout the TCS community for events, large and small. This role publishes event information to integrate with The BLAST, the TCS site and CSCA site. Computer and Internet access required simple online application to learn. Time commitment is consistent, but flexible and low maintenance.
- Site maintenance support – Familiar with HTML, CSS or PHP? Let us know. Not Familiar? Let us know, too
- See Departmental Liaison description

#### **CSCA Directory**

- A directory of staff and students made in the fall to promote family communication and involvement.

#### **School District and City Outreach**

- Help identify events and activities to share with the District's e-newsletter and/or outside media.

#### **Middle school outreach**

- Update Promotional Materials – Oct/Nov
- Open Houses – Jan - March, evenings
- School Tours – Jan - March, mornings
- Represent TCS at HS Fairs throughout the city

**Teacher Support** – Help a teacher in the classroom.

**Departmental Liaison**

- A liaison between teacher teams, the CSCA and the community; help teachers identify needs and accomplishments in the classroom and share them with the CSCA board, The Blast & website editors.

**Community Building Committee (CBC)**

This group of volunteers provides additional support for staff as well as organization for school events. This is an important committee that helps with many different school functions. A great way to get to connect with TCS families while making a difference for our community!

Hospitality	House Parties
Curriculum Night Support	Arts Showcase
Teacher Appreciation	Film Fest
Night out at The Rep	Parent education nights

**Fundraising**

A vital part of CSCA's ability to enrich programming at TCS.

- Direct Giving Campaign - Fall
- Development committee
- Grant Writing - see working with staff below
- Other/outside programs management – we don't have it but you could start it! (BoxTops, Labels, etc)

**Senior Events** -- From the Alumni Brunch in the winter, to the Prom in May and the celebrations of June (Senior Celebration Day, Senior Lunch, Graduation and Grad Night), you can help make this time one to remember!

**Staff appreciation team**

Our staff is always delighted with the talents shared, from baking treats, bringing flowers, assisting with our winter staff luncheon or our week-long celebration in May. Coordinate an event, help for a day or provide a treat!

**VIP (Volunteer in a pinch)**

Help with a variety of activities and events. On call, so to speak.

**Volunteer Coordinator for Community Volunteers**

Help us manage our at school volunteers, to keep our student safe while learning from a variety of adults.

**Working with Center School Staff**

**Grant Writing** -- Help us identify which programs are suited to please donors, identify grants and work with staff to compile a compelling presentation.

**Developing Arts Partnerships**

Work with our parent Arts Liaison to expand and enrich our arts partnerships throughout the Seattle Center and greater Seattle community. Scope may be a one-time connection for a workshop, a recurring visiting artist in the classroom or school-wide program development.

- Artists for Workshops
- Partnership Development
- SSIA/Arts Camps – Need 11 Center Kids to do it. – 27 Service Learning Hours!

**School Celebrations**

Work with TCS staff to spread the word and share the joy of our student's hard work and accomplishments.

- HSPE/Sophomore/PSAT Testing
- Arts Showcase
- End of Year Field Day
- School Community Building (student-staff) Activities
- Yearbook support

**Working with Center School Students**

**Ski Bus** -- Work with our Ski Bus Coordinator to chaperone trips throughout the winter

**MUN (Model United Nations)** -- Work with Teacher Andy Bell to support this exciting program