

Room Parent Duties

Events and Specialty Items:

- Walk-A-Thon
- Halloween Party
- Christmas Party
- Christmas Ornament
- Valentine's Day Party
- Pasta Feed Auction Item
- Teacher Appreciation Gift
- Yearbook Coordinator
- End of Year Carnival

Walk-A-Thon:

-Class project: Each class will be asked to complete a project to represent their grade. The projects will be assigned from the Walk-A-Thon committee a few weeks before the actual event. The room parent will work with the students in their class to complete the project.

-Supplies for the day of the Walk-A-Thon: Each class will need to provide one cooler with ice, sharpies for marking the lap passes as the students complete each lap, scissors, and it is always suggested that each grade have a pop-up tent for shade.

-Walk-A-Thon parent volunteers: On the day of the walk-a-thon we will need to have parent volunteers to help with set-up/take down of the decorations, pre walk-a-thon tasks, as well as parents assisting with duties while the students are walking.

Dates to remember:

Already past... wasn't it AWESOME!!!????

Class Parties:

Dunham celebrates three holiday parties each year, Halloween, Winter/Christmas, and Valentine's Day. The parties are normally about 45 minutes long. Room parents are encouraged to post a sign-up sheet asking for assistance with party supplies and day of party volunteers. Some parents are unable to attend the actual party, but appreciate being able to contribute. It is always best to check in with the teacher and find out what their preferences are.

Dates to remember:

Halloween Party – Friday October 30 regular dismissal at 2:30

Christmas Party - Friday December 18 – early dismissal at 11:45

Valentine’s Day – Friday February 12 – Regular dismissal of 2:30

Christmas Ornament:

Each year the students create a Christmas ornament to be hung on the Dunham School Christmas tree located in the Community Room, until Christmas break then they will go home with each student for their own tree. There are 1” x 1.5” school photos available in the office for this project. You will need to purchase the supplies yourself, but this activity is eligible for reimbursement up to \$1.00 per child. Just turn in your receipts to the office. The room parent will be responsible for hanging the ornaments on the tree on Monday December 14. They will also be responsible for taking the ornaments down on Thursday December 17th, wrap in the tissue paper that will be provided and returned to the students, so they can take it home on Friday.

Dates to remember:

Christmas ornament hung on tree - Monday December 14th

Christmas ornament taken down and returned to students - Thursday December 17th in the afternoon, or Friday morning, but must be returned to students before end of school at 11:45.

Pasta Feed Silent Auction item:

The Dunham pasta feed is a dinner and performance that is held for the immediate and extended families of Dunham. The children put on a performance and afterwards we enjoy a pasta dinner. During the dinner there is a silent auction, and each class is asked to create one class gift basket or project. In the past we have had some wonderful gift baskets with delightful themes such as Movie Night, Gardening, and Cooking. Some classes choose to create a more personal item such as class artwork.

Example: An example of a Movie Night basket would include

- 1 large basket
- DVD of a popular kids movie
- Stuffed animal of main character
- Popcorn
- A variety of large candies that you would find in a theater

- Small blanket to cuddle up in.

Dates to remember:

Auction item due: Friday March 4

Pasta Feed : Saturday March 5

Teacher appreciation gift:

In the Spring we show our appreciation for our wonderful teachers and aides by giving them each a gift from the entire class. This is usually a personalized gift such as a painted pot for the teacher and one for each of the aides, with the children's names on them with a plant. Another idea would be a gift basket. Some room parents choose to collect monetary donations, while others have asked for specific small items to create a present. The PTO will have special events for the teachers during the week, but the gifts from the class are given on Thursday of that week.

On that same day the children present a flower to the teacher and each of the aides. The flowers often come from the family's garden, but not every family has a garden, so we ask that the room parent provide a bouquet of flowers and pass them out to students who need it. It is also the room parent's responsibility to provide a vase for the teacher and the aides to put the flowers in.

Dates to remember:

Gifts / Flowers to teachers and aides from students – Thursday May 5 (I will need to verify the date, and I will do that ASAP)

Sixth Grade Graduation:

This event is only for the parents of 5th graders. Each year the fifth grade class is responsible for setup of the sixth grade graduation. Details of this event will be provided in a separate document. The Fifth and six grade will meet around the end of April/ beginning of May to discuss details.

Dates to remember:

6th Grade Promotion – Wednesday June 1

Yearbook coordinator:

In order to really represent each class and the display the wonderful year they have had we ask that each room parent maintain photos of the kids in your class and or coordinate with other parents for pictures for the year. If no parent has volunteered from your class it will be your job to design the collage page for your child's class in the yearbook. Details on how to create the collage online will be provided in a separate document. Please make sure to include every student.

Dates to remember:

Final date to have all photos turned in: Mid April

End of Year Carnival

The end of the year carnival is a Dunham tradition that is a wonderful way to say goodbye to friends, teachers and kick off summer vacation. There are fun games, bouncy houses, and treats for all the children to enjoy. Each class will need volunteers to run the booths in shifts of 1 hour increments. It is the responsibility of the room parent to organize the volunteers as well as be sure they are relieved of duty after their shift by the next volunteer. This last item is very important as we want all parents to be able to enjoy the carnival and not be stranded at a booth the entire event. The carnival runs for approximately two hours 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Most booths are easy set up and are easy take down, so there is not much time needed to prep. It is advised that each room parent gets 2-4 parents per booth. Two for one hour each. It's even easier if you can get two people to do it the entire time, it goes by super fast! (I do not advise 1/2 hour shifts)

-milk jug ball toss - First Grade

-sack races – Second Grade

-cake walk – Third Grade

-tattoos/ Hair – TK and K

-bean bag toss – Fifth Grade

-ring toss – Fourth Grade

Additional help needed - extra help is always needed so if you have more than enough parents please let Jennifer Crum know and she will assign them shifts at food booths, jumpy houses, and other games. She always need a lot of people to help set up and clean up too.

It's a really great carnival and the kids have a blast all the games are prepared for you as well as the prizes so it's basically a just show up and work kind of thing. If anybody has other ideas or interests or things they would like to add they are welcome to do that just let Jennifer Crum know so She can keep it organized. If you have any other questions, just ask.

A flyer will come out in the Friday folders as it comes closer -usually sometime near open house.

Contact for End of Year Carnival – Jennifer Crum - Jennifercrum@sbcglobal.net

Dates to remember:

End of year carnival: Thursday, June 2 – early dismissal 11:45