

VOLUNTEERS

IT'S ALL ABOUT INCLUSION!!

- Whether it is sending in baked goods or overseeing a huge project, volunteers are invaluable to the success of the PTA. EVERYONE IS VITALLY IMPORTANT!
- To each child at your school, his/her parent is the "Volunteer of the Year", so NEVER seem unappreciative.
- You can NEVER thank enough. Notes, phone calls, or even VERY small gifts are great ideas, but be all-inclusive and consistent. The PTA can include postcard size cards and stamps for "thank you's" in the budget.
- Let everyone know that they are important to you by responding to their calls and notes in a designated time frame. Prioritize your responses, but get to all of them. Tell people that if they haven't heard from you within a certain amount of time, to contact you again. Messages can get lost.
- LISTEN! Sometimes "life" is too busy for some volunteers, and it is too much for them to take on ANOTHER project.
- Prevent burnout.
- All volunteers must learn to delegate. (That includes YOU!) Encourage them to call you, if they are uncertain about delegating.
- Don't forget the "T" in PTA. Your teachers are a vital resource and are fabulous volunteers. Encourage and invite them to be involved.