

2018-19 School Year

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to invite you to consider becoming a volunteer at our school this coming year.

Parents and community members who volunteer their time and talents are essential to helping students meet our school's academic goals and advancing our district's mission: To inspire and prepare all students with the confidence, courage and competence to achieve their dreams; contribute to community; and engage in a lifetime of learning. More than 4,000 volunteers contribute nearly 150,000 hours of service annually, and we need your help to continue this tradition of community involvement in school.

In order to help ensure the safety of students, staff and volunteers, our school district has established a procedure for the way we place and support volunteers in their individual assignments. All school volunteers, regardless of school or assignment, will be required to:

**Complete an online application.** Even if you are not sure whether or not you will volunteer this year, by filling out an application now, you will be ready to go for volunteer opportunities throughout the school year. **A new application is required from each volunteer every year.** If you anticipate volunteering in any capacity (i.e. parties, field trips, classroom, PTO events, etc.) in the 2018-19 school year, please complete the application by following this link:

ENGLISH RAPTOR APPLICATION - <https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/Nzg0OmVuLVVT>  
SPANISH RAPTOR APPLICATION - <https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/Nzg0OmVzLVVT>

- **Sign in and sign out of the building** each time you volunteer.
- **Wear a nametag** during your volunteer service hours.

If you have any questions about volunteering in our school or the above safety and security features of our program, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Lezlie Northagen, at [NorthagenL@district279.org](mailto:NorthagenL@district279.org), or 763-315-6419.

Our goal is that you will enjoy the opportunity to share your time, talents and skills while helping students in our school succeed in school and in life.

Together we can support your successful volunteer involvement.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven Schwartz, Interim Principal  
Basswood Elementary