

# St. Louis Park Public Schools Volunteer Program

Annual Report 2016-2017

*Working together to support student achievement!*



Jayasri Byreddi helps out in the Early Learning three-year olds classroom at Central three times a week.

Thank you to the many volunteers who make a difference in our students' lives every day.

This report includes data on community volunteers who are screened and placed through St. Louis Park Public Schools Volunteer Program, operated by the Community Education department, although our schools enjoy the support of many types of volunteers: parents, high school students, and community members. We thank and appreciate them all.



High school orchestra students love their volunteer, Kou Lee, pictured above conducting a class.

- Approximately 260 community volunteers
- Over 8,500 hours
- Serving 21 programs and special events
- Over \$206,125 worth of service\*

\*Dollar value as determined by the Independent Sector at \$24.14 per hour.

## Early Learning Programs

Community volunteers make connections with our youngest learners in Kids Place, Early Learning Preschool and Early Childhood Screening programs.

Volunteers - 4  
Hours - 260

## Band & Orchestra

Community volunteers bring their instruments and join band and orchestra classes at the Middle School or High School for regular practice.

Volunteers - 3  
Hours - 200

## Picture Person/ Art Appreciation

Trained volunteers teach six art appreciation lessons a year to children in grades K-5. "Themes in Art" was the focus of this year's curriculum. (At Park Spanish Immersion, the amity scholars teach the lessons.)

Volunteers - 45  
Presentations - 384

*Pictured (right) is Sarah Anderson.*



# Volunteers in Our Schools



## Classroom Volunteers

The majority of classroom volunteers work with students during reading or math time, working in small groups or giving students valuable one-on-one attention. They also assist with a variety of activities in the classroom, as directed by the teachers.

Volunteers - 73  
Hours - 3,376

*Students love to read to Louie and his owner Debbie Orentstein, (left).*

*Classroom volunteer Helen Bambenek doubles as the Pencil Fairy at Aquila, (below).*

## Summer Volunteers

Students ages 14 and older volunteer with St. Louis Park Community Education Kids Place program. In addition, students and community volunteers volunteered in the Summer Learning Academy in July and August.

Volunteers - 6  
Hours - 240

## Benilde Students at PSI

Students from Benilde St. Margaret volunteer in the classrooms at PSI to help students with reading, math, Spanish language skills and other activities directed by the teacher.

Volunteers - 8  
Hours - 800



## History Day Volunteers

Volunteers talked with students about their projects, then evaluated and ranked them during High School History Day (right).

Volunteers - 8  
Hours - 42

### DECA Judges

Volunteers serve as judges at the West Metro DECA Competition, role-playing business scenarios with high school students who have prepared business plans and practiced for interviews.

Volunteers - 3  
Hours - 13





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## Resource Speakers

Volunteers enrich classroom curriculum by sharing their hobbies, careers or special interests with students.

Volunteers- 14  
Presentations - 28

*Books Alive! volunteers, part of Maggie's Farm Theater, truly do make children's books come alive as they perform in classrooms throughout the district. Pictured are T. J. Mayrand and Deb Strand (far right).*



## Meadowbrook

Volunteers assist students twice a week in the Homework Help program at the Meadowbrook Collaborative.

Volunteers - 12  
Hours - 92

## High School Athletics

Volunteers help students and teams in various high school sports such as cross country, basketball, football and baseball.

Volunteers - 7  
Hours - 603



## High School Learning Lab

Volunteer Steve Pratt (left) and others support students in math, world history, and English including ACT/SAT test prep.

Volunteers- 9  
Hours- 331

## English Language Learners (ELL)

One dedicated volunteer spent over 50 hours helping students practice their English speaking and writing skills and learn about American culture and customs.

## Adult Option in Education

Volunteers help adult students with English Language skills and GED prep as directed by the teacher.

Volunteers - 8  
Hours - 800

## First Grade Assessments

Volunteers at Peter Hobart went the extra mile to help out with first grade assessments this spring.

Volunteers - 4  
Hours - 9

## Media Center

Volunteers provide invaluable support by shelving books, helping students check out materials, and generally keeping all the materials neat and organized. *Pictured at right is Maureen Valls*

Volunteers - 10  
Hours - 299

## Media Center Inventory

Volunteers helped the High School Media Center staff conduct inventory. *Pictured, far right, is Mary Sundberg.*

Volunteers - 4  
Hours - 14



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*Volunteers Camila Beyah, Stacyi Spates, and Jassmin Campbell, dressed in process costumes (left to right), with Youth Enrichment administrative assistant SeMonne Campbell, made the Princess Ball super special!*



## St. Louis Park Public Schools Volunteer Program

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## Lenox Kitchen

Volunteers from SLP SEEDS unpacked, washed and put away hundreds of dishes and kitchen supplies donated by SLP SEEDS to the Lenox kitchen.

Volunteers - 8  
Hours - 39

*Pictured, left to right, are Curtis Wilson, Julie Rappaport, Laurie Goldsmith, and Dr. Nina Bacaner.*



## Pi Beta Phi Collegians

Women from the Pi Beta Phi sorority at the University of Minnesota (pictured, left, with Principal Clarence Pollock,) created supply bags filled with pencils, erasers and other school supplies, and donated them to students at Aquila Elementary.