

St. Louis Park Public Schools Volunteer Program

Annual Report 2017-2018

*Working
together
to support
student
achievement!*

- Approximately 240 community volunteers
- Over 6,475 hours
- Serving 22 programs and special events
- Over \$159,868 worth of service*

**Dollar value as determined by the Independent Sector at \$24.69 per hour.*

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.



Pictured above are volunteer instructor Marilyn Nelson (3rd from left), classroom volunteer Sara Yale (4th from left), and their Adult Options in Education class at Lenox.

Marilyn Nelson began her career with St. Louis Park Schools in 1978.

After retirement from a long and successful career as an ESL Teacher with Adult Options In Education in 2017, Marilyn graciously agreed to continue to teach her ESL Class at Lenox as a volunteer; which shows you a lot about her character and commitment. Marilyn puts in so much time and energy towards her students that it is no wonder she has such a dedicated following of adult learners that petitioned for her to continue teaching at Lenox after she announced her retirement, and no surprise that she has won awards, such as MN Literacy Teacher of the Year.

Thank you, Marilyn, Sara, and all our volunteers, for your passion and so many years of service!

Adult Options in Education

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

Volunteers - 28
Hours - 1,636

Band & Orchestra

Community volunteers bring their instruments and join band and orchestra classes at the Middle School or High School for regular practice. *Robert Stryk (pictured below) volunteers with the High School band.*

Volunteers - 4
Hours - 219



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 - 46
Hours - 1,754

Cafeteria/Playground

Volunteers - 3
Hours - 84

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 - 5
Hours - 124

Media Center

Volunteers provide invaluable support by taking inventory, shelving books, helping students check out materials, and generally keeping all the materials neat and organized.

Volunteers - 15
Hours - 306



Pictured (clockwise) Lindsey Summers, Aquila reading volunteer; Marcia Oleisky, Aquila media center volunteer, Sandi and Paul Martig, Aquila classroom volunteers; History Day volunteer judges

History Day Volunteers

Volunteer judges received training before talking with students about their projects, evaluating, and ranking them during High School History Day.

Volunteers - 14
Hours - 74

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 - 12
Hours - 77



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Resource Speakers

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

Volunteers - 15
Presentations - 18

MS Food Shelf

One dedicated volunteer spent 80 hours keeping the Middle School Food Shelf orderly and stocked.



Homework Help

Volunteers assist students in the Homework Help program at the Meadowbrook Collaborative, Peter Hobart and Susan Lindgren. *Jamie Johnson (left) volunteers at Meadowbrook.*

Volunteers - 14
Hours - 172

High School Athletics

Volunteers help students and teams in various high school sports.

Volunteers - 4
Hours - 277

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 - 6
Hours - 600



Early Learning Programs

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

Volunteers - 5
Hours - 209

Carol Lindborg (left) volunteers in Early Learning programs at Central.

Picture Person/ Art Appreciation

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

Volunteers - 49
Presentations - 354

James Schneeberg (pictured, right) is a Susan Lindgren Picture Person volunteer.



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Princess Ball

Volunteers from the Middle School and High School Youth Development Committee made the Community Education Princess Ball super special!

Volunteers- 5
Hours- 20

Pictured (left to right) Liz Reuter, Katie Harder, Shayanha Gatlin, Dezi Mergindol, and Angel Clark.

High School Learning Lab

Volunteers support students in math, history and social studies.

Volunteers- 10
Hours- 440

English Language Learners (ELL)

One dedicated volunteer spent 32 hours helping students practice their English speaking and writing skills and learn about American culture and customs.

Scott Glover (pictured, far right) works with students in the High School Learning Lab.



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