

April 28, 2010

Dear Central Parents,

Room parents are needed for all Central School classrooms for the 2010-2011 school year. Your involvement will make a difference! Research shows that students with involved parents tend to thrive in the classroom, score better on standardized tests, and have fewer behavioral problems. Even if you have limited time, becoming involved at school benefits you, your child, and the school. Each classroom has a Room Parent team, which includes a lead room parent, assistant room parents and helper room parents, as follows:

- **Lead room parent** - in collaboration with the classroom teacher, organizes and plans classroom activities, including parties and field trips, and coordinates classroom photos of such events for distribution to the yearbook committee. The lead room parent also coordinates teacher gifts and may communicate news from the classroom and the PTO. In addition, the lead room parent provides support to both the Library and Cultural Arts Program in several ways, which include scheduling Readers during classroom library time, as well as coordinating and scheduling volunteers for monthly Cultural Arts classroom presentations.
- **Assistant room parents** – help the Lead Room Parent as needed with the responsibilities noted above, and may also be asked to chaperone field trips and assist with classroom events, including the Cultural Arts Program and classroom library time.
- **Helper room parents** – this role provides a wonderful opportunity to participate for working parents or for those with very young children. Specifically, helper room parents may provide snacks, beverages or paper products for a class party or they may assist with other projects at their convenience. (Please note that younger siblings are not allowed to participate in school field trips, classroom parties, etc.)

Around the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, room parents will be notified of their assignment. A gathering may be planned to discuss responsibilities, catch up on news, and to socialize with friends. Moms, Dads, and Grandparents are welcome to volunteer as room parents. If you are interested in participating as a Room Parent, please complete and return the form below to the PTO mailbox in the school office **by Wednesday, May 12, 2010**. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warmest regards,

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Incoming Co-First Vice Presidents Central PTO, 2010-2011

(Return the completed form to the PTO mailbox in school office by Wednesday, May 12, or send it in your child’s backpack in an envelope labeled “PTO mailbox-Room Parents.”)

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Parent(s)’ name/s: _____ Home phone: _____
Home address: _____
E-mail address: _____ Cell phone: _____
Student(s) name(s) and grade(s) as of the 2010-11 school year: _____

I am interested in helping my child’s class as the following (circle where applicable): 1) Lead Room Parent, grade __, 2) Assistant Room Parent, grade __, or 3) Helper, grade __
If you have been a Lead Room Parent before please list child and years:

Do you have special interests and talents you would like to share (i.e., carpenter, computer, crafts, sewing, art, music, events planner, etc.)?
