



CHMS Parent Co-op Program

1. There is a place for every parent to participate in our school. What makes Co-Op successful is not necessarily the quantity of involvement, but that each member fulfills what they sign up for.
2. We'd love to have people who are willing to take on a projects from a leadership standpoint, but realize that time is a parent's most precious resource! For those who want to take one something "big" we are incredible appreciative, but we also need weekly laundry help, and snack helpers, and parents to help with parties, library books, and even the occasional landscaper's eye. There are many ways to get involved.
3. Just remember that every moment spent participating in Co-Op helps provide a better community and enriches your child's experience here and helps your family prepare for school involvement for years to come!

In their classroom every day, children are learning how to take care of themselves, their friends, their work and their community. Co-Op is how parents can participate in the whole family's Montessori education!

Opportunities to practice Grace and Courtesy

For the school:

- Meetings and gatherings with the Parent Association - *1 hour or however long you spend doing the job*
- Our Back to School Nights or Parent Meetings - *1 hour*
- Filling out Ages & Stages Forms, Surveys, information for Parent Teacher Conferences - *1 hour*

For your classroom:

- Become a Homeroom parent!!! (*Ask your teacher what they're looking for*)
- Join us in the classroom!
 - Be Mystery Guest! (Share a book, craft, culture, talent, hobby, etc..) - *1 hour*
- Cutting, copying, animal care, fridge-cleaning, etc. - *1 hour or however long you spend doing the job*
- Teacher Appreciation Committee – *details with Parent Committee*

Opportunities to practice Care of Environment:

For the school:

- Parent to laundry classroom rags weekly (Over the weekend- take on Friday) – *1 hour*
- Be a classroom advocate to the Parent Association - *1 hour or however long you spend doing the job*

For your classroom:

- Bring class snack when it's assigned to your family (1-3 times a year) – *4 hours*
- Parent to laundry work mats monthly (Over the weekend- take on Friday) - *3 hours for PP, 2 hours Todder*
- Pet care in your child's classroom – *winter break 5 hours*

Opportunities to practice Care of Self:

For your classroom:

- Library parent to check out books monthly based on season, holiday, or themes – *1 hour*
- Coordinate with your teacher to come into the classroom and share something with us! – *Unlimited*
 - Culture, clothing, crafts, or just tell us about your job!! ANYTHING 😊 (kids love when parents come in to the classroom!)
 - Do you celebrate holidays? Come tell us about them!
 - Do you make soap? Or scarves? Show us!
 - Are you a doctor or nurse or vet? We would love to see your instruments!

- Are you a runner? Show us how to race around the playground!
- Classroom celebrations – *keep an eye out for signups!*
 - Halloween, Diwali, Thanksgiving, Winter Holidays, Valentine’s Day, Lunar New Year, St. Patrick’s Day, Spring Egg Hunt

Opportunities to practice Control of Movement:

- Weeding flower beds outside the building (anytime- no inside access needed) - *1 hour or however long you spend*
- Planting flowers or vegetables (in season) – our students love taking care of plants on the playground. Deferring the cost of this labor is a huge help. - *1 hour or however long you spend doing the job*

Big disclaimer: Co-Op is not meant to be punitive or a burden on families – rather a positive exercise in being a part of our school community. If there is a financial hardship in regards to Co-Op, please reach out