

# CENTER ELEMENTARY ROOM PARENT MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

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## **What is a Room Parent?**

- A Room Parent is a parent or guardian of a Center Student who will volunteer their time to work together with other room parents of the same grade to provide a craft and a game for each party.

## **Why should I be a Room Parent?**

- Being a Room Parent is a fun and exciting way to get involved with your child's school and be able to help and participate in some of the most exciting times of the school year... the room parties!!!!

## **How many parties are there and when are they held?**

- Fall Party- October 31<sup>st</sup> party will begin directly after the grade level's parade. The parade starts with K & 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:10, and 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:20
- Winter Holiday Party- December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Volunteers may sign in and go to the classroom to set up at 1:15
- Valentine's Day Party – February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Volunteers may sign in and go to the classroom to set up at 1:15

## **Who can attend the class parties?**

- Only those who have signed up to be a Room Parent. NO siblings or additional family members may attend.

## **Is there a limit on how many Room Parents can attend each party?**

- Yes, there is a limit. There can only be two (2) Room Parents attending the parties in each classroom. The Room Parents need to communicate who will be at each party so that everyone gets a chance to attend based on their schedules.

## **What is a Room Parents job?**

- A Room Parent is expected to work together with the other Room Parents of your child's classroom to determine a craft and a game that goes along with the theme of the party.
- It is also the Room Parent's responsibility to purchase the items for the parties with their own funds.
- If there is a classroom where no or few Room Parents have signed up, it is expected that the other Room Parents for that grade help to ensure every classroom, of your designated grade, has a craft and a game prepared for the parties and that there is at least one Room Parent in attendance the day of the party to help in each room.
- On the day of the party, the (2) designated Room Parents will bring the craft and the game to the school and help the students in the class put together the craft, run the game and assist the Teachers, as needed.

### **Do I need to attend every party if I am a Room Parent?**

- No, you do not need to attend every party. We do ask that Room Parents choose at least ONE party to be the lead or co-lead. Since there are three parties throughout the year, if there are multiple parents that have signed up, it is suggested to divide the number of parents by three and those separate groups will work together to take care of the needs of each party and decide which two parents will attend the party. It is up to each grade's Room Parents to determine how you want to split the costs of the craft and game.

### **Can I bring treats or food to the classroom parties?**

- No food or treats are permitted to be brought into the school for ANY party. The CSA will be providing the snacks for each party and the ingredients will be listed in the Cyclone newsletter in advance of each party.

### **What are some examples of crafts and games that have been used in the past?**

- **Crafts**
  - Peel and stick type crafts work the best. Something easy that the kids can put together on their own with minimal assistance. Oriental Trading Magazine/ webpage has great choices for easy crafts in bulk sizes.
  - Any type of coloring craft works well (ex- decorate a pumpkin for Fall or color a heart for Valentine's Day)
  - There are only approximately 10-15 minutes to complete the craft (total party time is around 30 minutes)
  - We prefer crafts that do not include paint or lots of glue so that they are dry and can go home that same afternoon
  - Our custodial crew would also appreciate no glitter
- **Games**
  - Bingo is a popular game used in many classes
  - Hot Potato versions such as pass a pumpkin for Fall

### **This all sounds great; how do I sign up to be a Room Parent?**

- Please see a co-chair to sign-up after the meeting and if you need time to think about it, watch out for the google sign-up link that will be in the Friday, Cyclone Newsletter. The link will stay active through September 30<sup>th</sup>. After that date, you will not be able to be added to the Room Parent list.

### **What if I think of more questions about becoming a Room Parent after this meeting ends?**

- If you have any questions regarding becoming a Room Parent, please contact any of the following Room Parent Coordinator Co-Chairs:
  - Lisa Downing – lisa.lee.downing@gmail.com
  - Candy Quinn – clquinn0@gmail.com
  - Nicole Delguyd- Nicole.delguyd@gmail.com

THANK YOU!!