



2026-2027

VOLUNTEER RESOURCE GUIDE



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (PA)

The Gaston Day School **Parents' Association** is a volunteer organization that works in cooperation with the school administration to achieve the mission - to educate our students and prepare them for academic success and responsible, productive lives. We work together each year to identify opportunities that will enhance the educational experience of every Gaston Day School student.

BEING A MEMBER

The success of our organization depends on the participation of every parent. **All parents or guardians of GDS students are automatically members of the Parents' Association — no sign-up necessary.** Together we can make a measurable difference for our school and our students.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is a **BIG** part of the success of the Parents' Association, which relies on the time, and talents of our parents and families! **We believe that everyone has something to contribute and we appreciate involvement on any level.** There are so many opportunities available for you to become involved — if you'd like to volunteer for a committee, check out a description of each committee and volunteer today!

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

GRADE PARENT

Grade level parent liaisons help facilitate communication and community within a specific grade level. They serve as a liaison between the school and families, supporting teachers, organizing grade-specific events and helping to coordinate parent volunteers as needed.

SCHOOL STORE

The main responsibilities of the store volunteers is to assist students with shopping, counting money, and paying. The store is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:45-8:20 a.m. in the lower school lobby.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

The Faculty and Staff Appreciation Committee cultivates initiatives to support Gaston Day's beloved faculty and staff throughout the school year. The committee coordinates these events with the help of parent volunteers.

BOOK FAIR

Gaston Day's annual Book Fair has volunteer opportunities throughout the week of **October 12-16**, and **April 5-9**, which include setting up the book fair, helping students shop for and purchase their books, restocking inventory, and breaking down the Book Fair.

SPARTANFEST

SpartanFest, Gaston Day's largest school-wide event, occurs in the spring of each year. This annual fair — focusing on families, friends, and fellowship — fills campus with rides, games, arts, crafts, and food, all made possible by the time and talents of parent and student volunteers. Volunteers are needed to serve on subcommittees and to work shifts on the day of the event.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Kristen Wright
President

Open Position
Vice President

Robin Loupus
Treasurer

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Cayla
Keplinger**
*Grade
Parent
Liaison*

**Susanne Doring,
Brandee Bryant
and Jessica
Carney**
*Employee
Appreciation*

**Sandy
Jones and
Katie
Leadingham**
*School
Store*

**Melissa
DeLony**
*Social
Chair*

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OTHER CAMPUS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Athletic Events

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