



# Maria Montessori Preschool

*Sparking a child's natural curiosity and love of learning*

## Volunteer Program

Volunteer activities enrich and complement the Montessori experience with family and community support.

Casa families are required to complete yearly volunteer hours or pay a volunteer fee. One post-dated cheque from each family is required at time of enrolment.

*This is a per family program, not per child - families with multiple children in Casa programs are only required to complete volunteer hours of one child*

Benefits of our Volunteer Program include:

- Involvement in MMS Community
- Ability to offer great programs and events
- Get to know other MMS families
- Become familiar with entire school (not just your children's program)
- 'More hands make easy work'

### **Casa/Kindergarten:**

Each family is required to complete 8 volunteer hours (8 credits) per year or pay a volunteer fee of \$450. One post-dated cheque from each family is required at time of enrolment - dated April 1st, 2019.

### **Stepping Stones and the Volunteer Program:**

Stepping Stones only families are exempt from the Volunteer Program requirements, however, the hope is that the families will still be involved in meetings, committees, educational events, etc., in order to be a contributing part of, and help grow, a full and robust MMS community. Stepping Stones classes rely on parents to volunteer food items and their time during field trips, parties, and special events. Without these contributions, these special occasions could not take place.

## **Volunteer Credits:**

Volunteer credits will be totaled in June 2019 and applied to family accounts. Post-dated cheques will be returned to families with full credits completed. Invoices will be given to families with incomplete credit hours. Once paid, post-dated cheques will be returned.

Sign-up sheets will be at each event/meeting to track family credits.

## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Positions:

- Volunteer Program Coordinator: 8 credits (track volunteer program, signup sheets)
- School Photographer (photos at school events, etc): 4 credits
- Scholastics Order Coordinator: 8 credit
- School Community Council City Park: 2 credits

Events:

- Attend a Community Meeting: 1 credit per meeting
- Attend the Annual General Meeting: 1 credit
- Worker Bees: last Friday of each month: 1 credit per hour
- Volunteer at school event: each hour = 1 credit
- Donate food for school event: ½ credit
- Other opportunities as they arise: each hour = 1 credit

## **How to get involved?**

By the end of September volunteer opportunities will be communicated to parents in email and signs will be posted. You can also call or email us with the area you are interested in participating in and we will guide you through the process. Our school relies on the generous support of our parent volunteers.

Volunteer activities enrich and complement the Montessori experience with family and community support, if you know someone in the community who may be able to contribute to the program, please advise the classroom Directress.