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Dear DCA Families,

We are so excited to kick off the 2019-2020 School Year. Throughout this year, we are celebrating being the Lion's Pride - deepening our commitment to building a strong school community, while sharing DCA's history and the many accomplishments to come.

Our school's mission sets our path squarely toward building a community that glorifies God. It's our goal to create an environment that empowers each student through strong relationships at school, with parents and family, in churches, and throughout our greater community.

This mission is only accomplished with your partnership and involvement.

Throughout the school year, there will be many opportunities for you to get involved in the school. DCA requires that each family complete at least ten (10) volunteer hours each year, in addition to serving at the spring fundraising event. A fee of \$100 will be assessed to any family who does not complete all of their required volunteer hours.

You have the opportunity to sign up for different activities that interest you. It is my goal for you to find a way to use your passions and talents for DCA. In the pages that follow, you'll find more information about ways to serve and some of the events we have planned this year, as well as instructions for tracking and reporting your volunteer hours. ***The enclosed parent volunteer form must be returned to the school by August 23. You can send them in your child's take home folder, text a picture to 512.576.4133, or scan and email to julia.andrus@gmail.com.***

Please contact me if you have any questions or ideas for other ways to contribute to DCA! The service, passion, talents, and time that you give are invaluable to our school. We truly appreciate all that you contribute to our Lion's Pride.

Sincerely,

Julia Williams
Public Relations Director
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Join the conversation in DCA's private Facebook Group! Search for DCA Parents and Families.

2019-2020 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Grandparents Day - September 6

One of our favorite events, students are always so excited to show off their school to their grandparents! Help us put on this special event - volunteer roles include set up, cooking and serving food, and clean up. *Earn 1 hour for this event.*

DCA Farm Field Day & Raffle Committee - Fall Semester

We have been given a great opportunity through the DCA farm. Before harvest, on September 28, we will host a DCA Farm Field Day, in conjunction with our annual fall raffle. Join the the planning committee to help bring together this first Field Day, and serve at the event. *Committee members will earn an hour for every hour served - most likely, around 5 hours.*

Pies for Pastors - October 10

Our local pastors are an amazing part of the DCA community - and we want to show them how much we appreciate them! This year, we will host an appreciation event, inviting all of the area pastors, and serving lunch with a pie fellowship to follow. *Earn an hour by baking a pie or helping serve at the event.*

Christmas Program Assistance - December

Volunteers are needed to help with stage design, set up, and take down. *Earn an hour for each hour served, as you work with Mrs. Schniederjan to showcase the school's creativity and talent!*

Steak Out Committee - Spring Semester

Our annual spring fundraiser provides so many opportunities to get involved! All families are required to attend and serve at the event. Join the committee for additional volunteer hours and help plan another successful Steak Out Dinner and Auction! *Committee members will earn an hour for each hour served - most likely, all 10 hours.*

Class Parties - On Going

Work with other class parents to create some of the best memories of the school year!! Bring snacks or party items, help plan, or serve during the party. *Earn one volunteer hour per party!*

Extra Curricular Events Help - On Going

Whether it's judging the Speech Meet, working the water station at the track meet, assisting with athletics events, or driving for a field trip - helping at extra curricular events is such an important way to ensure that we are able to offer these options to students. *Earn an hour for every hour served.*

Lunch Room Servers - On Going

With more classes offered this year and more kids going full days - lunch room duty is one of the most important volunteer roles! Each class will be assigned one month, with a classroom coordinator to help schedule volunteers. We will also need assistance with grocery shopping, which is a great way to get hours if you can't serve during the day! *Earn 2 hours for each day served, plus an extra 2 hours if you are the classroom coordinator!*

Repairs, Maintenance, Clean Up, Construction, or Handyman Jobs - On Going

We often need help with furniture repairs, maintenance around the school, organizing, or cleaning up the grounds and playground. *Earn an hour for each hour served, while helping keep our school in tip-top shape!*

Other Areas of Expertise - On Going

Whatever your passion and talent - we know it can make a big impact at the school! Music, cooking, painting, building, or something else entirely - please share any ideas you have! God has given you great gifts that can be used to advance DCA! We will also post opportunities in our DCA Parents and Families Facebook Group.

PTO EVENTS

A great way to get plugged in and connected to the DCA community is by joining the PTO! The Parent-Teacher Organization is led by parents who are passionate about creating a great environment at the school, while also giving parents the platform to be involved in their child's education in a deeper way. Our goal is 100% membership - meaning one person per family enrolled. Because, together everyone achieves more!

Their events put an extra special touch on the school year. Your involvement in these events helps earn volunteer hours as well!

2019-2020 PTO Coordinators:

Stacy Ball - 530.227.8618

Tawny Allen - 806.773.3500

Teacher Welcome Back Meal - August 19-23

The first week back to school is busy for our teachers and staff! Bless them with a home cooked and delivered meal.

Welcome Breakfast for New Families - August 23

The PTO invites all families to a welcome breakfast for new families on August 23, following school drop off. New parents will be able to ask any questions that have come up during the first week of school, while also getting to know others better!

Spirit Week & Homecoming Parade Committee - September

Crazy hair day, Hawaiian, or Patriotic.... Help plan the themes for each day of Spirit Week! Then get really creative designing the DCA float to show our support for the Dalhart Wolves!

Veteran's Day Parade - November

We are so thankful for our Veterans, and the kids love getting to show their appreciation and patriotism! Sign up to help decorate the float and/or ride in the parade!

School Fellowship Nights - Fall and Spring Semester

We are excited to host these special nights, where parents will have a chance to learn more about the strategy and operations happening at the school from the Board of Trustees, the administration, and our school faculty. These nights will be a chance for fellowship and interaction, as we all come together to make our school stronger. Help plan these two events, provide food, or serve at the events!

Book Fair - March 2-6

We love reading at DCA! The Book Fair is such a great opportunity to make reading even more fun for students. Volunteer to help set up, decorate, work the book fair, and clean up.

Special School Events - On Going

The PTO often hosts special lunches and receptions, coordinates snacks for teacher appreciation, and other special school events throughout the school year.

2019-2020 FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

DCA Farm Field Day BBQ + Raffle - Fall Semester

For so many in our community, the fall season is defined by harvest on the farm! This year, we get to celebrate DCA's first harvest too, at our DCA Farm Field Day on September 28.

To thank our donors who helped make the farm possible, we will host a meal in their honor and fun activities in the field. We will also draw the winner of our annual fall raffle!

All families are responsible for selling \$900 worth of raffle and/or dinner tickets, or other monetary donations.

Attendance at the event is not mandatory, although families are encouraged to attend. We will need volunteers to serve at the event and help it go off without a hitch! These volunteer positions are expected to earn five hours. The Public Relations Director will be in touch to share where your help is most needed.

Steak Out - Spring Semester

Our annual spring fundraiser makes such a huge impact for our school and gives a great opportunity to showcase our spirit and accomplishments! This year, we will focus on sharing what makes our school so special, while raising funds through a delicious meal and auction full of unique items and experiences.

As such, it is mandatory for all families to sell the assigned tickets to the event or the monetary value of the tickets. Additionally, each grade will be assigned a portion of the meal, as well as serving duties prior to, during, or after the event.

If you are unable to fulfill your duty, please find someone to cover your responsibilities. A fee of \$100 will be assessed to any family who does not take care of their portion.

The Public Relations Director will share more about this year's event and how you will be asked to participate as the event gets closer.

Amazon Smile

Earn money for DCA while you shop! Visit smile.amazon.com and select Dalhart Christian Academy as your charitable organization of choice.

REPORTING VOLUNTEER HOURS

As you can see, there are so many ways to earn your 10 volunteer hours throughout the school year - while also contributing to our school environment and your student's success! We will remind you of these events and volunteer opportunities, provide pertinent information, and coordinate with you as needed.

However - it is your responsibility to track and report your volunteer hours as they are earned throughout the school year. All official events will have a sign in sheet and volunteer hours will be verified.

Additionally, you can email or text your volunteer hours to the Public Relations Director - especially for service hours that are performed outside of an official school event. Please send these in a timely manner so that we can easily keep track of your service to DCA! The Public Relations Director will log hours at the end of each month.

FACTS App / ParentsWeb

In your FACTS app or ParentsWeb account, there is a place to review your volunteer hours. If you spot a discrepancy, please contact the Public Relations Director as quickly as possible to resolve the issue.

These platforms host so much of our school information - including our Parent Alert Text System. Please sign up, making sure we have a valid cell phone number and email address.

If you need help getting set up or figuring out how to log hours, please contact the school office!

Visit factsmgt.com - and click Parent LogIn to register
District Code: Dal-TX

Fines and Enrollment Credits

Each family is responsible for serving at least 10 volunteer hours, with additional service requirements for scholarship recipients. If you do not fulfill your requirement in full, a \$100 fee will be assessed.

Additionally, if you commit to serving in a specific capacity or time slot, it is your responsibility to find a sub if you are unable to fulfill your commitment. Our new DCA Parents and Families group will be a great resource for connecting with other parents and volunteers. Please notify us within 24 hours if you cannot make your commitment. Every no-show will be assigned a \$10 fee.

We are also so thankful for those who serve beyond these requirements! We are pleased to offer \$100 off enrollment fees for the following school year for every additional 10 hours served.

Thank you for your service and contributions to our school!

2019-2020 PARENT VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Name(s): _____

Preferred Method of Contact: _____

Cell Phone

E-Mail

Please select all that apply:

Volunteer jobs I'd like to help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparents Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Class Parties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DCA Farm Field Day Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Curricular Event Help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pies for Pastors | <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving in the Lunch Room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steak Out Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance, Organizing, Etc. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Skills & Interests:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning / Organizing | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading / Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking / Baking | <input type="checkbox"/> Building / Repairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music / Performance | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts / Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Learning | |

Yes, I'm interested in joining the PTO! A member of the PTO will contact you with more information!

Availability: **During the School Day** **Weekday Evenings** **Weekends**

Other Comments: _____
