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Studies have shown that when parents are involved, students achieve at a higher level. There are many ways that parents can support their son's or daughter's education. The most obvious means of involvement is to take an active interest in their daily assignments; however, there are also plenty of opportunities for parents to participate at **TA Blakelock** as well. These opportunities are available for parents during the day as well as the evening.

*TAB has an immediate need for volunteers in the following areas:*

- 1)  Website updating – We want to make the TAB website more interactive and helpful for parents. If you are a web master and are looking for a way to give back to the school – please contact us!
- 2)  Parents Coffee House – The school has offered a room for monthly coffee house for parents to chat about various school and student related topics – we're looking for a parent or two to help with these day time get togethers. What a great chance to meet other parents to talk and share information!
- 3)  Breakfast club assistance – in March, the breakfast club will be in operation 5 days per week – volunteers are needed in the morning to help with the food
- 4)  Butterfly Garden
  - i) Organize a fundraiser to help purchase construction materials in order to finish the Garden for the grand opening in the spring
  - ii) Looking for volunteers to maintain Butterfly Garden over summer months, please consider volunteering for a week or two, students will get community hours for volunteer time

- 5)  Music Department – currently looking for parents to assist with fundraisers for the music department to enhance TAB music department

- 6)  Parent Council – currently looking for parents to take minutes, and to advocate & lobby for a new music room, new track and field, science lab, etc.

***Other areas of volunteer needs:***

- 1) Build sets for plays/help with costumes for plays
- 2) Run tournaments – anything from euchre to sports
- 3) Support Student Council with poster making, fundraising such as car washes and dances
- 4) Help with math and science – in small groups
- 5) Field trip chaperones
- 6) Teacher / EA appreciation luncheon
- 7) General office duties – photocopying, filing, etc.
- 8) Parents with construction skills to help in shops or help build new items for the school – i.e. podiums
- 9) Staff assistance with groups as required

If you can help, please contact Sandy McDonald at [smcdonald@ontario.cancer.ca](mailto:smcdonald@ontario.cancer.ca)



“Children learn to smile from their parents.”

Shinichi Suzuki