

Dear Las Lomitas Families,

Today I would like to write a bit about our wonderful **volunteers on campus**. Las Lomitas School functions like a large family to meet the needs of each individual student. Each “family member” contributes to an environment where all may succeed. There are many opportunities for involvement, including direct work with students as a volunteer on campus.

In a typical week, over 150 parents, grandparents or community volunteers support student learning by working in the classrooms, working in the library, serving hot food, leading literature discussions, helping at the compost station or being guest readers.

We appreciate the time and energy spent by volunteers, and want to remind everyone of the need for confidentiality when working on campus. Please report any concerns you may have to the teacher and/or administrator; do not discuss another child and/or your concerns outside of the school.

Please keep in mind that what you see as a volunteer is a snapshot. All children have strengths and weaknesses, good days and days when they are tired. We all appreciate the time and talent that volunteers bring to enrich learning opportunities for our students. Thank you for helping us make Las Lomitas a campus where parents and professionals work in an open, collaborative environment for the betterment of our children.

While I’m on the topic of volunteers, I want to thank Shirley Chiu, Elizabeth Wood and Susana Fung for volunteering to help with our **compost program** during lunch. Although this is hardly a glamorous job, it is an important one. By composting, the children learn that they can make a difference every day to make our fragile planet a better place. These wonderful parents model responsible behavior and help us keep 6 garbage cans of trash out of the landfill each day! We welcome others to join in so we may keep our composting program operating. Without additional volunteer support, we may need to discontinue this practice. Please contact Shirley Chiu at [shirley.chiu8888@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.chiu8888@gmail.com) if you can help out for 45 minutes one day a week. Thank you!

Until next time,

Sue Sartor  
Principal