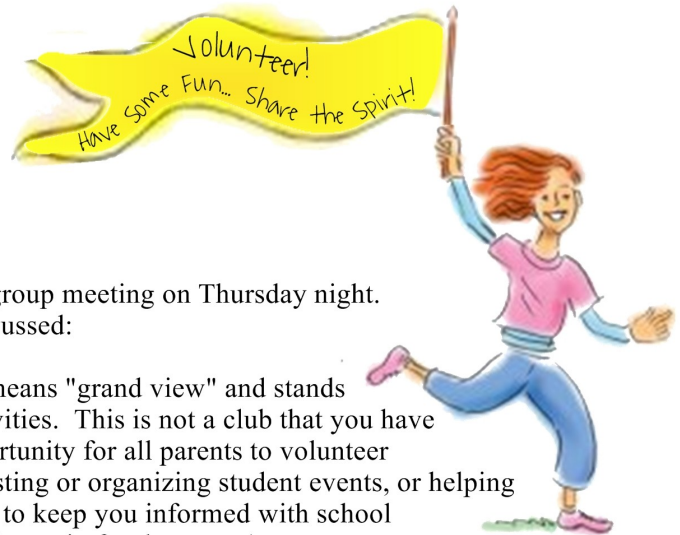


St. Bernard's  
**V.I.S.T.A.**

Volunteers Involved in School & Teacher Activities



Thank you to all who could make it to the parent volunteer group meeting on Thursday night. For those of you who couldn't make it, here is what was discussed:

- ★ The "Booster Club" is now renamed VISTA which means "grand view" and stands for Volunteers Involved in School and Teacher Activities. This is not a club that you have to join first in order to participate, but rather an opportunity for all parents to volunteer whether it is by helping with teacher prep work, assisting or organizing student events, or helping out at the Taste of Italian. It is a wonderful resource to keep you informed with school activities and make sure you get at least 5 volunteer hours in for the year. (However, you are more than welcomed and encouraged to do more than 5!)
- ★ To ensure that everyone stays in the "loop", there will be multiple ways for you as parents to check the schedule of events and lists of how you can help.
  - 1) An agenda will be emailed or sent out to all families before each VISTA meeting. If there is anything that you would like discussed or have ideas about, please share! You can either come to the meeting or pass on your thoughts and ideas to another parent you know who will be attending.
  - 2) The agenda and minutes will also be posted on the "Buzz Board". (Across from the music room.)
  - 3) A VISTA link off of the St. Bernard's School website will lead you directly to the list of upcoming events.
- ★ There is a group of parents that get together on a weekly basis to help the teachers with their prep work - cutting, copying, laminating, etc. There will also be Take-Home Kits located in the school office for those who would like to help with teacher prep work but are unable to help during the day. Either one is a great way to earn more volunteer hours! If interested in helping out in this area, please contact Tami Petrescue at 684-4712 or [tpetrescue@mncable.net](mailto:tpetrescue@mncable.net) or Becky Yuska at 681-1438 or [yuska@mncable.net](mailto:yuska@mncable.net).
- ★ We would like to start celebrating teacher birthdays by making a pan of bars or goodies to be shared amongst the teachers (or keep it all for themselves if they so desire!) If you are interested in participating in this activity, please contact Lucy Scholin at 964-5268 or [Lucille.Scholin@SanfordHealth.org](mailto:Lucille.Scholin@SanfordHealth.org) or Heather Stroble at 688-1519 or [hjkjs2@live.com](mailto:hjkjs2@live.com)
- ★ We would also like to implement a buddy system to help new families become more acquainted with the "ins and outs" of St. Bernard's activities.
- ★ After much discussion, it was decided to alternate morning and evening monthly meetings until December. At that point, we will see how it is working and make any changes if needed. We will try to make it the first Thursday of every month in the cafeteria. The meeting schedules will be as follows:

October 6th at 8:30 am  
November 3rd at 5:30 pm  
December 1st at 8:30 am

Hope to see you at the next meeting!