

Room Parent Coordinator To-Do List

Beginning of the School Year

- ✓ Distribute the **Room Parent Sign-Up Sheet** to teachers (file already exists in PTSA records).
- ✓ Collect forms **2 weeks into the school year** and compile room parent contacts.
- ✓ Personally reach out to room parent volunteers to confirm their readiness.
- ✓ Identify classrooms **without volunteers** and:
 - Ask teachers to email parents the Room Parent invitation letter.
 - Follow up with key parents to encourage participation.
- ✓ Create and maintain an **Excel sheet** with contacts for **each class's teacher, room parents, or point-of-contact parents**.

Communication & Engagement

- ✓ **WhatsApp Group:**
 - Start a **WhatsApp chat** for room parents.
 - Share updates about class parties, school events, and reminders throughout the year.
 - Provide guidance and resources to make their job easier.
- ✓ **Room Parent Intro Email:**
 - Send an introductory email to room parents with all initial instructions, including:
 - Guidelines for reaching out to their teacher.
 - Contact list requests from teachers.
 - WhatsApp group invitation.
 - Sample parent introduction email & budget outline.
 - Fund collection details (PayPal, Zelle, Venmo, checks, cash).
 - Timeline for first class party (usually October).

- Encourage them to **ask questions and seek help** when needed.

Budget & Contributions

- ✓ Suggested class contribution amount: **\$20-\$30 per child**.
- ✓ Ensure teachers do not collect money; parents should use **digital payments or checks**.
- ✓ Provide a **sample budget breakdown** for room parents.

Event Planning & Volunteering

✓ Class Parties:

- Room parents coordinate with teachers to confirm party dates.
- Remind room parents **about upcoming parties** in the WhatsApp chat.

✓ Teacher & Staff Appreciation:

- Remind about gifts for the teacher's **birthday** and **end-of-year appreciation (for new teachers you'll need them to fill in favorites. File exists in PTSA records)**.
- Prepare contributions for **Staff Appreciation Week (May)**.

End of the School Year

- ✓ Collaborative grade level parties. ✓ Ensure next year's coordinator has all files and contacts to transition smoothly. ✓ Send a **final thank-you** to all room parents and volunteers!

