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**BECK ACADEMY**  
eNews



A BI-WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF THE BECK PTSA

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### *What's Happening*



- October 23-Nov 3 Benchmark Tests
- October 25 Cookie Dough Delivery
- October 26 End of 1st Quarter
- October 26 Magnet Open House
- October 27 SIC Meeting
- October 30 Marvelous Monday
- October 30 Fall Strings Concert



- November 4 Report Cards, 1st Quarter
- November 10 Veteran's Day Assembly
- November 13 Marvelous Monday
- November 14 PTSA Board Meeting

### *PTSA Highlight*

#### **PTSA Reflections Contest**

Please see pages 9-11  
for information on the  
2017-2018 PTSA  
Reflections Contest!

**Entries are due  
10/26/2017.**

Forms can be downloaded at:  
[www.beckacademyptsa.weebly.com](http://www.beckacademyptsa.weebly.com)

The Beck eNews is published every other week on **MONDAYS**. Submission deadlines are the Wednesday prior to publication week, by 5pm. Our next e-News publication will be sent out on **Monday, November 6th.**



## ***A Message From Our Principal, Jennifer Meisten***

As the first nine weeks are drawing to a close, I wanted to take a moment and recognize what a great start we have had this school year. Our teachers, students, staff and parents have put in a tremendous amount of work and it is exciting to see our students experiencing success. The year is off to a busy start and we are excited about the programs we are able to offer our students. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students recently took part in a full day of hands on Science activities alongside a wonderful group of Clemson Chemists. Next week, our sixth grade students will participate in a program called Bricks 4Kids with interactive activities to teach Mythology. Over the next three weeks our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents will be having their Individualized Graduation Plan Conferences with our guidance team.

If you have friends or family who do not live in the Beck Academy attendance area but would like the opportunity to become a Beck Knight, please encourage them to attend our Magnet Open House on Thursday, October 26 from 5:30-7:00. This is a great opportunity to learn about the outstanding classes and programs at Beck and the magnet selection process. Coming up this week, we are celebrating Red Ribbon Week and the theme is *Your Future is KEY so Stay DRUG FREE*. Students will be asked to sign our pledge to stay drug free and may participate in activities throughout the week. Please see the table below for more information about our daily themes.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Monday	Red Ribbon Kick off and Signing of the Pledge
Tuesday	<u><i>Team Up Against Drugs</i></u> Students may wear sports team attire. Students not wanting to wear sports attire should wear BECK DRESS CODE.
Wednesday	<u><i>Crazy Red Ribbon Hair Day</i></u> Students may dress up their hair with red ribbons. Students should wear BECK DRESS CODE with their crazy hair.
Thursday	<u><i>Sock it to Drugs</i></u> Students may wear crazy socks with BECK DRESS CODE.. Students may roll up pants to show socks.
Friday	<u><i>Red Out</i></u> Students may wear red tops and jeans to pledge to be drug free. Student not wanting to wear red tops/jeans should wear BECK DRESS CODE.

***Jennifer Meisten***  
Beck Academy Principal

# BECK ACADEMY'S

Thursday,  
October 26, 2017  
5:30 to 7:00 pm

## MAGNET OPEN HOUSE



- 5:30 pm: Meet with PTSA and other school organizations
- 6:00 pm: Presentation
- 6:30 pm: School tours

## Cookie Dough Pick Up!



### Mark your calendars!

Cookie dough pickup is Wednesday, October 25th. Please pick up between 12pm-2:45pm or 3:45pm-5:30pm. NO PICK UP during afternoon carline line. All dough comes frozen and must be picked up on the 25th.

Mark your calendar for the following prize days:\*

- Prize day, spin wheel, slap money, money machine, Thurs. Nov 2nd (during lunch)
- Glow party, Thurs. Nov 9th (during 2nd related arts)
- Limo/lunch prize, Fri. Nov 17th (during lunch)

\* These could change if principal has unexpected schedule changes. We will communicate it if any changes must to occur.

Big **THANK YOU** to all the kids and parents that helped make our Cookie Dough Fundraiser a huge success!

Co-chairs, Tina Goumas and Jennifer Smith

# L.I.F.T.

Afterschool L.I.F.T. will provide students with direct instruction in content areas in which they are struggling or need additional practice. The purpose of L.I.F.T. is to meet individual student needs with additional guided help in order to master the content standards. Specific dates and times have been set aside for students to participate in afterschool L.I.F.T. Students are allowed to stay on specific **Wednesdays from the hours of 3:30-4:30**. The dates are provided for you at the below.

## **Our weekly L.I.F.T. dates are:**

Parents are more than welcome to provide transportation for their student, but if transportation is an issue we will offer transportation for students to be dropped off at a predetermined location. If this is a need, a separate permission slip will need to be signed.

10/25	1/17	3/14	5/9
11/8	1/24	3/21	5/16
11/15	1/31	3/28	5/23
11/29	2/14	4/11	5/30
12/13	2/21	4/18	
1/10	2/28	4/25	



## **Interested in a Beck Chess Club?**

**We are currently trying to gauge interest for chess club at Beck Academy. Please let us know if you would like to see ThinkMove Chess at Beck Academy by completing our survey.**

**Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey.**

## ***Yearbook News....***



It's that time again....  
Time to order your copy of the Beck yearbook! Orders can be made online, with debit/credit cards, by clicking the link below:



Cash/check orders are also being taken with the order form, located on Page 11. The price for a yearbook is \$35 and personalization is available for an additional charge.

## **8th Grade Recognition Ads**

Honor that special 8th grade student with a 1/4, 1/2, or full page recognition ad. See page 10 for information.

Click [HERE](#) for the online order form.

Ad information, photos, and payment are due by December 15, 2017.

**Yearbook Order Form: Page 7**

**8th Grade Recognition Ads: Page 8**



# SAVE A PIECE OF HISTORY FOR YOUR STUDENT'S FUTURE.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 Yearbook

PRICE GOES UP ON  
DECEMBER 16th

**\$35**



## 2 Personalization

ADD  
**\$6**



- Offer ends 2/23

## 3 Icons - personalization required

- ADD icons for **\$3** each (options to right)

- Offer ends 2/23

### TOTAL

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Yearbook		35.00	
Personalization		6.00	
Icons (price per item - 4 max items)		3.00	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

cash payment

check payment. Checks payable to Beck Academy

**Personalization** (Enter student name exactly as you want it to appear)

Icon 1

Icon 2

Icon 3

Icon 4

Personalized monograms and additional icons available online at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com)

Graduation Cap 5236	Basketball 5002	Bowling 9025	FFA 5590
Senior 5177	Cheerleading 6003	Gymnastics 9008	Oregon 9042
Junior 5278	Football 5004	Dance/Drum 5013	Crest 9051
Sophomore 5379	Golf 5005	Hockey 5014	Yin-Yang 5023
Freshman 5480	Soccer 5008	Softball 5250	Star & Crescent 5255
11th Grade 5581	Baseball 5008	Lacrosse 5241	Star of David 5256
7th Grade 5982	Track/Track Country 5009	Field Hockey 5360	Cross 5257
6th Grade 6783	Volleyball 5010	Equestrian 5242	Peace Symbol 5012
Academics 5011	Wrestling 5130	Ski/Snowboarding 5361	Maple Leaf 5366
Band 5238	Jazz Band 5582	Yearbook Staff 5582	American Flag 5367
Chess 5239	Clean Water 5583	Visual Arts 5362	D. Hardy 5253
Music 5019	Anti-Bullying 5584	Building 5363	Heart 5018
Golf 9050	World Hunger 5585	Paw Print 5364	Smiley Face 5021
Homecoming 5015	Flag/State Guard 5980	Fog 5365	National Honor Society 5501
Painter's Palette 5240	Moxiness 5981	Wolf 5247	Flower 9036
Jazzband 5022	Cancer Awareness 5586	4H 5587	Palm Tree 9037
Photography 5982	Weightlifting 9001	First Robotics 5588	
Basketball/Softball 5001	Curling 9007	DECA 5589	

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Or order online at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) or call 1-877-767-5217

*Jostens*

# Create a custom ad for your student's yearbook.



Eighth grade yearbook ads are a great way to celebrate student success and milestones and reflect on the person your student has become. Show your pride and support your school at the same time. Visit [jostensadservice.com](http://jostensadservice.com) to create your recognition ad. Please don't forget to buy your yearbook at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)

[www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com)

Last day to order: 12/15/2017

## Ad layouts

Available layouts depend on the ad sizes offered by our school. Refer to the yearbook recognition ad pricing to the right for more details. Ad layouts and sizes offered are available on [www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com).

### RECOGNITION AD PRICING

Received by 12/15/2017

#### COLOR

Full Page Not Offered

1/2 Page \$30.00

1/4 Page \$45.00

1/8 Page Not Offered

## SAMPLE ADS (more ad templates available online)

Full Page



1/2 Page



1/4 Page



1/8 Page



Don't miss this opportunity. Place your order today!

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# Beck READS!

Beck READS! encourages students to explore the books that have been nominated for this year's South Carolina Junior Book Award.

There are twenty SCJB Award Nominees each year. These are considered to be the "Top 20" books in our state, and the middle school students of South Carolina will vote to determine which book will win the #1 spot.

For each book you read, fill out a submission form and answer two questions about the book. Submission forms are located in the Media Center.

**The more books you read the more rewards you will get!**

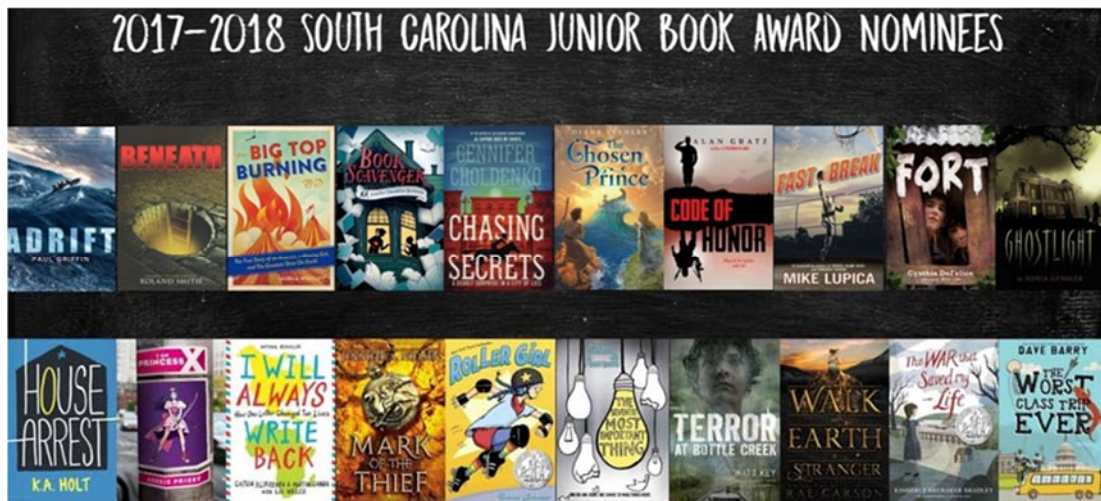
**Read 1 Book:** Get your name posted on the wall outside the Media Center.

**Read 3 Books:** Get a treat bag (including \$2 Beck Bucks) delivered to your English class.

**Read 5 Books:** Receive an invitation to the Beck READS! Pizza Party in February where you'll cast your vote for your favorite Beck READS! book. The votes of all middle school students across the state will be tallied to determine the winning book. The winner of the South Carolina Junior Book Award will be announced in March.

**Read 10 or More Books:** Get your name engraved on the Beck READS! plaque in the Media Center and receive a certificate on awards day.

Stop by the Beck READS! section of the Media Center  
to pick out your next book!







2017-2018  
NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS®

# WITHIN REACH



Entries from  
all grades and all  
abilities welcome.



## DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:

October 25, 2017

## FOR DETAILS, CONTACT:

Reflections Chair : Amanda Westmoreland  
email : [awestmo@gmail.com](mailto:awestmo@gmail.com)

Learn more and get involved! [PTA.ORG/REFLECTIONS](http://PTA.ORG/REFLECTIONS)





# National PTA<sup>®</sup> Reflections

## Student Entry Form



### THEME: 2017-2018 Within Reach

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Ownership in any submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this program constitutes entrant's irrevocable permission and consent that PTA may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish, distribute and create derivative works for PTA purposes. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries. Submission of entry into the PTA Reflections program constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/legal guardian (required if child is under 18 years)

#### JUDGING INFORMATION

##### GRADE DIVISION (Check One)

- PRIMARY (Preschool- Grade 2)     HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)  
 INTERMEDIATE (Grades 3-5)     SPECIAL ARTIST (All Grades)  
 MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

##### ARTS CATEGORY (Check One)

- DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY     MUSIC COMPOSITION  
 FILM PRODUCTION     PHOTOGRAPHY  
 LITERATURE     VISUAL ARTS

TITLE OF ARTWORK: \_\_\_\_\_

ARTWORK DETAILS: (Dance/Film: cite background music; Music: musician(s)/instrumentation; Literature: word count; Photo/Visual Arts: materials & dimensions) \_\_\_\_\_

ARTIST STATEMENT: (At least 10 words, 100 words max describing how your work relates to the theme)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### PTA/PTSA INFORMATION - To be completed by PTA before distribution

SOUTH CAROLINA PTA                  DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

PTA/PTSA SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONAL 8-DIGIT ID # \_\_\_\_\_

REFLECTIONS CHAIR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR PHONE: (MOBILE) \_\_\_\_\_ (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_

PTA ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*Chairs – Verify unit's good standing with your District President or the SCPTA office before advancing entries.*





# National PTA® Reflections

## Summary of Rules for Participation



Students must participate through a local PTA/PTSA in good standing and may enter in one or more arts categories. **Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted. Each entry must be the original work of one student only.** Only one student may be recognized as the award recipient for each entry. Other individuals may appear in or perform a student's work, but the work itself must be the creative product of one student. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited, except for background music in dance choreography and film production entries when cited. Entries will be judged on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality and creativity.



**Dance Choreography.** Accepted styles include solo/ensemble include: ballet, contemporary, ethnic and folk, hip hop, jazz and tap. Choreographer may be the performer, or one of the performers, but does not have to be. Video recording must not exceed 5 minutes and must be less than 1GB (one gigabyte) in file size. Accepted file formats include: AVI, Quicktime (.mov), MPEG (.mpg, .mpeg, .mp4), Windows Media (.wmv), and Flash Video (.flv, .f4v).



**Film Production.** Accepted forms include: Animation, narrative, documentary, experimental, or a media presentation (PowerPoint is prohibited). Entrant must be the director, screenwriter, and camera person including all storyboarding and editing. Video recording must not exceed 5 minutes and must be less than 1GB (one gigabyte) in file size. Accepted file formats include: AVI, Quicktime (.mov), MPEG (.mpg, .mpeg, .mp4), Windows Media (.wmv), and Flash Video (.flv, .f4v).



**Literature.** Accepted forms of fiction and nonfiction include: Prose, poetry, drama (screen play and play script), reflective essay, narrative, and short story. Entry must not exceed 2,000 words and must be handwritten or typed; one side only. Students for whom English is not their first language may submit literature entries in their own language. An interpretive translation in English must accompany the entry. Accepted formats include: Single-sided print on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, or PDF (.pdf) file format.



**Music Composition.** All instruments, sounds, styles and combinations are accepted. Copyrighted material is prohibited. The composer may be the performer, or one of the performers, but does not have to be a performer. Notation, score or tablature is required for middle and high school division. Audio recording must not exceed 5 minutes. Accepted file formats include: MP3, MP4, WMA, WAV, ACC (M4A) and FLAC formats. Music videos are **not** accepted.



**Photography.** Accepted forms of photography include: A single photo, panoramic, photomontage (one seamless print of multiple original photos), a multiple exposure, negative sandwich or photogram. Original black-and-white and color images are accepted. Entrant must be the one to take the photograph. Must be mounted or matted on cardboard mat, poster board, or other sturdy material. Accepted formats include: Matted print, or high resolution digital photo (.jpeg, .jpg, .gif, .png, .bmp).



**Visual Arts.** Accepted forms include: Architecture (2D/3D), carpentry, ceramics, collages, photographic collages (multiple photos cut/pasted), computer-generated image, crafts, design, dioramas, drawing, fiber work, jewelry, kites, metal etching/punch work, mobiles, painting, printmaking, sculpture and wind chimes. Framed entries not accepted. Paper entries must be mounted on sturdy material and 3D works must include packaging materials and 3 high resolution photos of the entry for judging and ID purposes.

Submit Student Entry Form & Artwork to:  
Deadline for Entry:

Beck Academy Front Office  
October 25, 2017

A partnership  
can make a  
**HUGE**  
difference.

# Become a **BECK** Business Partner

Want to have your business banner in the carpool line?  
Interested in putting your logo on our events?  
Looking for a special way to support our school?  
**Become a Beck Business Partner!**  
Contact Joy Ivester at [BeckAcademyPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:BeckAcademyPTSA@gmail.com)



**PTSA**  
**Membership**

**Help support Beck Academy!**  
Get your PTSA membership!  
Memberships are \$6 per membership.  
**Help Beck reach 100% participation!**

**Go Beck Blue Knights!**

Any questions, please contact PTSA Membership Chair,





# Beck Backers



The Beck Academy PTSA would like to thank everyone who has contributed so far to this year's Beck Backers fundraiser. A total of 64 families have donated over \$9,500. When you support this fundraiser, 100% of your contribution stays at Beck Academy and supports the educational needs of our children. Also, your contribution is fully tax deductible. Donations are still being accepted so there is still time to contribute.

THANK YOU!

Meredith Dobson, Beck Backers Chairperson

**Beck Heralds (\$50 - \$99)**

Buddy and Marianne Clay  
Gaye and Jacques Cantin  
The Ferguson Family  
Nate and Stephanie Manning  
Terry and Michelle Smith  
The Carbonell Family  
Melissa Tomberg  
Terry and Michelle Smith  
Dean and Jennifer Smith  
The Cremmins Family  
Leslie and Vernon Hayes  
The Kim Family  
Steve and Deb Lombel  
The Violette Family  
Charlie Taylor  
Scott and Erin Schwasnick  
Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Reavis  
Allen and Cindy McCravy  
Beate Leonhardt  
Elvin Liu  
Bill and Stacy Durrell  
Brycen Nelson  
The Shaw Family  
Harold and Janet May  
Anonymous  
Yvonne and Jerry Nuckolls  
Grace Singingheart  
TJ and Kristy Way  
Valerie Martin  
Bill and Allison Harder  
Mariana Ionite  
The Yenser Family

**Lancers (\$100 - \$249)**

Carlos Nobrega  
The Scroggins Family  
Pavani and Govind Rengarajan  
Trecy and Kathy Watson  
The Dobson Family  
Johana and Craig Haydamack  
Wendy and Chip Smith  
Molly and Judson Boehmer  
The Bird Family  
Jonathan and Kerra McAdams  
Saeeda Chowdhury  
The McClure Family  
Sam and Leanne White  
Dave and Paula Gorman  
The Hill Family  
Steve and Carolyn Hahn  
Philip and Maria Cole  
The Cizmic Family  
Kelvin Young Yun  
Anonymous  
John and Sherry Donohue  
Dan and Beth Brawley

**Jousters (\$250 - \$499)**

Tripp and Meredith Glenn  
Cathy Jones and Keith Goodall  
The Aiesi Family  
The Bannister Family  
David and Angela Harner  
The Lucas Family  
The Fields Family  
Patrick and Sangita Shirley

**Beck Warriors (\$500-\$999)**

Anne Latham  
The Grabarczyk Family  
The Foster Family

**Beck Knights In Shining Armor (\$1,000 and Above)**

Susan and Raoul Glenn

Thank you!



**Beck**



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Publix Super Markets has a great program that will enable our school to make money every time we shop at Publix. It's simple: Just present the Publix Partners card (the one that you received in the first day packet) when you shop and Publix will handle everything else. For every eligible \$37,500\* our supporters spend at Publix, \$250 will be given to our school at the quarter's end. If we haven't reached the \$37,500 mark by the end of a quarter, our balance will carry over to the next quarter.

There are on hundreds of products we use every day. Simply clip the coupon from the package and start collecting. Send the Box Tops in with your student or drop off in the front office next time you are at Beck. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents and when we all work together, the money adds up fast! Beck will have a several contests throughout the year. Stay tuned...

**If you have questions e-mail: Kerra McAdams at [kerramcadams@gmail.com](mailto:kerramcadams@gmail.com)  
Collection bin is located in the front office.**



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Beck Academy is a very special place and we are excited about the new year!  
The PTSA organization is an important part of our school. The overall purpose of a PTSA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. PTSAs benefit everyone. Strong schools mean stronger communities. Beck is well known as having one of the best and most active PTSAs in Greenville County!

**PTSA Executive Board Members  
2017-2018**

**President - Angie Hill**  
**1st Vice President - Rhonda Traynham**  
**2nd Vice President - Lynn Edmonds**  
**Secretary - April McClure**  
**Treasurer - Jana Scroggins**  
**Assistant Treasurer - Maria Vogt**

**Email:**

**[BeckAcademyPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:BeckAcademyPTSA@gmail.com)**

**You can send an email to the above address to reach any of the Executive Board or Committee Chairs and it will be forwarded to the correct person!**

**Check out information on our Beck PTSA website. Make our webpage a FAVORITE. Be sure to check it at least once a week!**

**[BECK PTSA WEBSITE](http://www.beckacademyptsa.weebly.com)  
[www.beckacademyptsa.weebly.com](http://www.beckacademyptsa.weebly.com)**

**PTSA Committee Chairs  
2017-2018**

Apparel/Merchandising - Meredith Glenn & Jennifer Adams  
Awards - Katie Mitchell  
Beck Backers - Meredith Dobson  
Beck's Big Event - Kim Eades & Kathy Rumchak  
Birthdays for Teachers - Karine Lawrence  
Box Tops - Kerra McAdams  
Business Partners - Joy Ivester  
Cookie Dough - Tina Goumas, Jennifer Smith & Jennifer Cook  
Directory - Danielle Colby  
E-Newsletter - Amanda Dease  
Grade Level Coordinator 6th - Jen Pestrak  
Grade Level Coordinator 7th - Tina Goumas  
Grade Level Coordinator 8th - Tracy Chastain  
Grade Level Coordinator Liaison - Amy Stone  
8th Grade Dance - Tracy Chastain & Carol Greene  
Hospitality - Brooke Cremmins, Dawn Ridge & Jeanne Anderson  
International Day - Amanda Dease & Janet Schultz  
Legislative - Gary Daniels  
Membership - Joye Grabarczyck  
Reflections - Amanda Westmorland  
School Store - Jennifer Lucas & Brittany Boheman  
Staff Appreciation - Susan Shelley & Kim Troyer  
Student Appreciation - Stephanie Manning, Catherine Daniels & Mary Margaret Bannister