

SOUSA HSA COMMITTEES AND PROGRAMS LIST FOR 2017-2018

Become involved with Sousa! Below is a listing and description of the many Sousa HSA Committees for you to join in the 2017-2018 school year. Please take some time to review it and fill out the attached sign-up sheet to get involved.

AGATE (Advocacy for Gifted and Talented Education) REPRESENTATIVE: Be Sousa's representative at district-wide monthly informational and educational meetings and report back to the HSA as needed.

ALLERGY AWARENESS: A committee to share ideas about ways to help support children dealing with allergies and their special needs in school. Organize a special week at Sousa in the fall dedicated to teaching all children about allergies and how to be a "PAL."

BOOK EXCHANGE: Be a part of an incredible week of students exchanging their read books for those brought in by other students. Help coordinate class schedules, collect books, arrange books in age appropriate levels, assist the children in choosing books and enjoy watching their enthusiasm. Time commitment: a week and a few days prep in February/March.

BOOK FAIR: Help coordinate parent volunteers, classroom times and assist students in choosing age and financially (dependent on amount of money sent from home to spend) appropriate books. Help set up and take down the fair. The book fair takes place in January/February and lasts for a week with one evening event.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Responsible for collecting Box Tops from parents, submitting to the company and obtaining the monies owed us. Box Tops are submitted several times a year.

BUILDING BEAUTIFICATION: Join a committee comprised of educators and parents and help plan and execute projects aimed at enhancing the beauty of the school's building.

CLASS PICTURE DAY: Assist the professional photographers in making the class and individual photos turn out great. Responsible for coordinating class schedules for picture day, collecting payment, and distributing photos. This event occurs in October with an additional day for retakes in November.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Get involved in an organization that teaches empathy for those in need. Help organize local, district-wide, nation-wide, world-wide charitable fundraisers/programs and projects, including clothing and food drives. Participate in the District Outreach Committee. Time commitment: ongoing throughout the year.

COMPACT REPRESENTATIVE: Join a committee comprised of Dr. Meoli, teachers, paraprofessionals, and parents where decisions are made regarding certain policy issues in the school. Time commitment: monthly weekday meetings. This position is a two-year post. There are two positions available.

COOKING LAB: Help make the children's hands-on cooking experiences unforgettable. Responsible for ensuring the kitchen is well stocked and ready for use. Time commitment: intermittently throughout the year.

CREATIVE ARTS: Work with a group of teachers and the principal to find and book a variety of assemblies for the entire school. Time commitment: intermittent throughout the year depending on the type of programs scheduled.

CULTURAL ARTS REPRESENTATIVE: Be Sousa's representative on the District Cultural Arts Committee. Come have a say in the cultural activities planned for the district. Communicate the information to the Sousa HSA.

DADS' NIGHT OUT: Help plan a fun off-site evening out for the Sousa dads. Gather appropriate raffle prizes and enjoy time with other Sousa fathers. Event planned for September/October.

DIRECTORY: Help maintain Sousa's online directory. Time Commitment: ongoing.

FIELD DAY: Help cheer on the kids during their action packed field day activities. Coordinate the collection and distribution of watermelon and bottled water for the event. This fun-filled day takes place in June.

FIFTH GRADE MOVING UP: Help plan an unforgettable celebration for the graduating 5th graders. Event takes place in June.

FIFTH GRADE YEARBOOK: Help create a memory-laden yearbook commemorating the lives and times of the graduating fifth graders. Time commitment: intermittent throughout the year.

FRIENDS OF THE ART ROOM: Assist the art teacher Mr. Moore throughout the year with special projects. Volunteers are needed each week on a rotating basis and will be assigned based on personal availability. Artistic ability is not required!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Assist the librarian Ms. Moser in the library with special projects and as needed. Hours are flexible and mostly determined by your own personal availability.

FUNDRAISING: Assist the fundraising Vice Presidents in organizing and managing various fundraising activities throughout the year. Bring your new ideas for innovative fundraising with you.

GARDEN COMMITTEE: Help maintain and use Sousa's vegetable, butterfly and flower gardens as outdoor classrooms. Work with the teachers to develop a program for the students. Time commitment: ongoing April - November.

GET OUT THE VOTE/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Work with other parents and schools to help educate the Sousa community on the proposed budget, coordinate volunteers to get out the Sousa vote. Attend district-wide meetings. Time commitment: April & May.

GREEN COMMITTEE: Help make Sousa and the world, a greener place. This Committee focuses on educating and providing opportunities to help make the environment safer for us, our children and grandchildren. Time commitment: ongoing.

LITERACY COMMITTEE: Design and implement, with input from the school librarian and faculty, an innovative reading program to initiate school-wide reading awareness. Organize Sousa Family Literacy Night which takes place in June. Time commitment: ongoing.

LOST AND FOUND: Come be amazed at the ever increasing piles of lost items and help reunite these items with their student owners. Arrange for any unclaimed items to be donated to appropriate charities. Time commitment: intermittent.

MOMS' NIGHT OUT: Help plan an off-site evening out for Sousa's moms to get to know one another in a relaxed atmosphere. Arrange a location and secure vendors for the evening. Event is held in October/November.

MOTHER'S/FATHER'S DAY FAIR: Students can purchase affordable, practical and impractical items for those special people in their lives. Responsibilities include setting up, selling, wrapping and cleaning up the event. Experience the fun of witnessing some of the kids' purchases. Event is held the Thursday and Friday before Mother's Day.

NUTRITION COMMITTEE: Be involved in supporting a healthy school community. Help with food sampling events as we introduce our children to new foods, food drives and National Nutrition week when we educate our students on healthy eating habits and encourage physical activity.

PARENTS' COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Attend the informative monthly Parents' Council meetings held on Mondays at the PW Library. These meetings provide updates on what is happening in the school District. Communicate the information to the Sousa HSA.

PICNIC: Plan both a fun-filled welcome back and a year-end family picnic for Sousa families. These events are held on school grounds. The welcome back picnic takes place on an evening in September and the year-end picnic on an evening in June.

PIZZA WORKSHOP: Come get floured up while coordinating a pizza/calzone making event with supplies and guidance provided by a local pizzeria. The event is held on a Saturday morning in January/February.

SAFETY AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE: Serve as Sousa's representative on this important District-wide Committee to promote education and awareness surrounding this issue. Meetings are held on a monthly basis.

SCIENCE COMMITTEE: Help organize a Sousa Family Science Night which takes place in May.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Send all parents the school supplies list and coordinate the purchase and delivery of the supplies for the next school year. Time commitment: May/June and distribution of the supplies on "Meet the Teachers" day.

SEPTA (Special Education Parent Teacher Association) Representative: Be Sousa's representative at district-wide monthly informational and educational meetings.

SOUSA APPAREL/MERCHANDISE: Help enhance the incredible Sousa Spirit. Responsibilities include ordering and selling Sousa merchandise. All designs and items purchased must first be approved by the HSA co-presidents. Time commitment: ongoing.

SOUSA BUDDIES: Help make the transition to kindergarten as smooth as possible. This committee pairs up incoming fifth grade volunteers with incoming kindergarteners. Students voluntarily participate in welcoming the new kindergarteners by writing a letter over the summer and assisting them during the first week or two at school by helping kindergartners get off the bus and to their classrooms. Time commitment: May/June signing up; August/September sending letters to kindergarteners and informing 5th graders of their assignment.

SOUSA FLOAT & PRIDE IN PORT PARADE: Be an integral part of Port Washington's community spirit. Assist with the construction of the Sousa float and then help rally Sousa families to march up Main Street showing our Sousa float, spirit and pride! This event takes place on a Saturday in September.

SOUSA NOTES: Obtain pictures, stories, and articles depicting interesting news in and around Sousa and various Sousa activities. Publish and distribute at least 6 editions of the Sousa Notes per year.

SOUSA RELATIONS/TRANSLATIONS: Are you fluent in more than one language? If so, please consider being a part of this committee which works to create, translate and implement communication methods to encourage Sousa's diverse community to join together and be active in our children's lives.

SOUSA SOCIAL NIGHT: Help plan a wonderful off-site evening out for the adults in the Sousa community. Work with the fundraising vice-presidents to acquire auction/raffle items and help the day and night of the event. This social event is held on a Saturday night in March/April and is the school's biggest fundraising event.

SOUSA TALENT SHOW: Help coordinate a student-only talent show. Run audition acts, coordinate rehearsal and organize the logistics of the event. The event takes place in the Sousa Auditorium in January/February.

STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON: What better way to honor our great educators, administrators and staff than by helping to organize a luncheon to show our appreciation for all that they do for the Sousa community. Responsible for invitations, theme-based decorations, coordinating volunteers to provide appetizers, drinks, lunch items, desserts, etc. This event is a weekday in May.

TECHNOLOGY: Design and maintain the Sousa HSA website.

UNICEF: Responsibilities include educating families about UNICEF, distributing and collecting UNICEF boxes to the classrooms, collecting the boxes in the days immediately following Halloween, and submitting the collected monies to UNICEF.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE: Help new Sousa families feel welcome and comfortable in their new school and community. The committee plans and attends the Kindergarten/New Family Breakfast on the first day of school.