

# BEST IDEAS

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# Ideas Submitted on the “Best Ideas” Report Form

## **CLARK CREEK ELEMENTARY**

Partnering with Heritage Presbyterian Church’s food pantry, Andrea Dean, 2013-2014 Executive Committee member opened a food pantry within Clark Creek to provide students in need, with bags of food weekly to take home. Administration has strongly supported Andrea’s efforts, including providing space for the on-site food pantry. Food donation bins are set up throughout the school and are picked up by Student Council and our Watch DOG volunteers. PTA is going to coordinate a food drive within some of our events. Parent volunteers assist in the distribution of the food which are often self-serve items such as crackers, pop tarts, apple sauce, etc. Note: Andrea has a long history of food pantry coordination and this was a large endeavor to organize.

## **CLARK CREEK ELEMENTARY**

This year for all events, not only did we send home fliers and make announcements, we also made sticker reminders to be given to each student to wear on their shirt or put in their agenda. This served as a great reminder to parents about family events or fundraising deadlines. We knew we had success when our own students would come home pointing out the sticker reminder to us. We also saw an increase in attendance at events. We are always racking our brains for how to be more efficient in communicating with your students’ families. This saved paper and time as we didn’t have to send out the same flier multiple times.

## **CLARK CREEK ELEMENTARY**

At Clark Cree, we believe that showing heartfelt appreciation is key to making our teachers and staff feel at home, appreciated and loved. We showered the teachers and staff with 12 Days of Appreciation (based on the 12 Days of Christmas). The 12 days of school before the holiday break feature a little treat for the staff each day. First a letter is put in their boxes so they know what to expect each day and it is also announced daily. 1st – Ornament Exchange, 2nd – Holiday Handscapes in staff bathrooms, 3rd – Chocolate morsels, 4th – Coffee and Cocoa Bar, 5th – Raffle tickets to try to win little gifts, etc. On the last day is a staff lunch. We had a baked potato bar and the parents brought in desserts.

## **HICKORY FLAT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

HFES PTA made national news headlines this year for our #BeKind initiative. It was our positive spin on anti-bullying. Our mission was to spread kindness by modeling the behavior — showing kids how it looks, how it sounds, and how it feels. Then we engaged parents and business partners to do the same. We personalized it with a video, printed 1,200 #BeKind t-shirts, and launched Kindness activities at school. Our story was featured on Fox5News, Good Day Atlanta, and various radio stations. We have fielded requests from seven states! #BeKind was a simple idea that went viral and is making a positive impact!

## **INDIAN KNOLL ELEMENTARY**

Indian Knoll PTA hosted their 1st Annual Family Pumpkin Run fundraising event on October 17, 2014. Three hundred fifty pre-registered for this first time event and another 100 participants showed up that night to run. We designed a fall-themed 1 mile obstacle course around the school. At the finish line we played a movie on an outdoor screen and also had an activities village with carnival games, food, drinks and music. We held a costume contest that the families really enjoyed. We teamed up with several local business sponsors to help with the initial expenses. Our All Pro Dads group helped construct several obstacles and the ROTC cadets manned all of the obstacles and games the night of the event. One of our most successful family/community events!

## **KELLY MILL ELEMENTARY**

Spirit Sticks were introduced this year in an effort to create positive reinforcement, as rewards for academic and behavioral success and as fundraisers. Each student received a Spirit Ring, to hold their collection, and a COLTS PRIDE stick. Throughout the year, each child received a birthday stick and the sticks were distributed at various events, including the Mother/Son Event and the Father/Daughter Dance. Spirit Sticks also awarded achievement, such as participation in Reflections or for the monthly Extraordinary Student recipients; and for behavior, teachers distributed CHARACTER IS MY SUPER POWER during their character trait lessons. Clubs used them to promote participation, including Fitness and Nutrition Club, Science Olympiad, Choir, Lego Robotics and Battle of the Books. The 5th Grade Committee also used them as a fundraiser and sold them as “Friendship Grams”. The students have enjoyed collecting them, teachers love the idea and it’s something that can stay with a student throughout their time at Kelly Mill.

### **LITTLE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

We made additions to the Math Superstars Program. We added the Math Fair. This allowed the parents and students to be involved together in math fun, games, and learning one evening at school.

### **LITTLE RIVER ELEMENTARY**

Men's Challenge – Dad's Club. In the monthly newsletter, the dads are challenged to engage with their children. Examples — Read to your child, a book chosen by child and a book chosen by Dad. Cook a meal with your little one. Spend 5 minutes listening to your child about their day, etc.

### **LITTLE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Donuts for Dad – This event was hosted by the Dad's Club and the PTA Board. We had originally planned only a couple of Dads would show up. After the RSVPs, we had 600 Dads at the event. We supplied coffee, orange juice and donuts. It allowed all the Dads a chance to spend time with their child in the morning. It was a free event for Dads that are members and \$2 for non-members. This was a very successful event.

### **LITTLE RIVER ELEMENTARY**

Little River Elementary 5K/Fun Run – LRE PTA already has 100 runners signed up to run. We still have a month left before for the race. We have over 35 volunteers helping along with the LRE PTA Board. The community and school involvement has been overwhelming. 35 local companies have already supported the event. All profits go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

### **RIVER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

Every individual who "Joined Our Kingdom" was entered into the drawing. One father, one mother, one male student, and one female student were drawn to win a Golden Ticket. That ticket awarded them entrance into all at-home high school athletic, arts and drama events and activities throughout the 2014-2015 school year at the Ridge.

### **SIXES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Sixes PTA is proud to support the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Plan, or PBIS, that Sixes Elementary implemented this year. As part of the plan, students have the opportunity to earn "Star Tickets" from teachers, staff members, bus drivers, and in the After School Program by showing exceptional behavior. Expectations for behavior have been clearly defined and posted throughout the school. The Star Tickets are saved for the day the mobile PBIS store visits the class! Students can use their tickets earned by good behavior to purchase small toys and school supplies. Not every item is priced the same, so some students choose to save their tickets for another time after they have earned more tickets.

### **SIXES ELEMENTARY**

To encourage all of the Sixes' teachers, staff, cafeteria workers, and custodians to purchase a PTA membership, we offered them 1 raffle ticket per membership they purchased during our bask to school luncheon, which was held in the pre-planning week. We had many great raffle items donated by local businesses and artists. PTA allowed the teachers and staff the opportunity to put their raffle ticket(s) into the bucket of the items they wanted to win. Many staff members purchased numerous memberships so they had a greater chance of winning the prize they desired. This allowed us to start the year off with extra memberships!

*Thank you for submitting  
your best ideas!*

# More Ideas From Our District...

## Planning Ahead for a Great Year

First things first — set goals for your PTA.

Over the summer: Review every PTA program your school does, every volunteer activity, and every budget line item. Then ask yourself, is this the best use of our time, our energy and our money? And most importantly, does this align with our PTA mission?

Stop assuming that everyone knows the value your PTA brings to your school. Educate the families on the purpose of PTA, the benefits of membership and results at your school. Be sure to communicate your upcoming goals, your current plans and your past achievements.

Instead of having a fundraising event or campaign where students/families have purchase items or get pledges, do a Write One Check campaign. 100% of the money goes to the PTA and it is an easy way for families to contribute without any hassle or extra work.

Always invite one of the Students of the Month to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at your PTA General Meetings.

## Increasing Membership

Create your Membership Forms on duplicate paper so that the person who signs up for a membership gets a copy of the form as a receipt. Don't have just one membership table at Open House, place multiple membership tables in various places in the school. Make it EASY to become a member and not have to fight a long line to sign up!

Make sure Membership forms are translated into the languages spoken by the families in your school.

Make the PTA calendar and school directory only sold with a PTA membership. You can't get one unless you join the PTA.

Always have a place available where they can sign up to be a PTA member! Don't make it too hard for them to find.

To increase membership, ask all vendors who have a booth at your Fall or Spring Festival to purchase a membership along with their booth fee.

Create a Premium Card to give away with membership. These Premium Cards offer discounts to various businesses throughout the community.

If you have a family Movie Night or Bingo Night, allow for free admission for PTA members and then charge for non-members. Have a PTA membership table right there so they can opt to join PTA right on the spot and get in the event for Free.

For the first teacher whose classroom reaches 100% membership participation, award a \$25 gift card to the teacher. This brings an incentive to the teachers to promote membership in their classroom emails to parents.

Membership Theme idea "Membership Matters"

"Golden Ticket" Membership Theme – every student who joined the PTA was entered into a drawing for a Kindle e-reader. Each student was given a Hershey bar with a golden wrap and one lucky, random students opened their candy bar to reveal the "Golden Ticket" and was the winner of the e-reader.

At all Family Fun events, PTA members get a free bottle of water.

Don't just offer memberships at Open House and Curriculum Night. Host a "Back to School Family Picnic" or a "Woo Hoo" breakfast for kindergarten parents and have membership tables and volunteer information there, too.

Host a Family Movie Night in which entry is free for families who have joined the PTA. The cost is the price of a membership for those who have not yet joined. Great way to boost membership!

Host a welcome back teacher luncheon – Great time to get your teachers to become members. Give them a free PTA t-shirt with teacher membership. This is good for them to wear on jeans days!

Make Membership tied to anything... give away free popcorn at Movie Night to PTA members. Give away free school spirit bracelets at Open House to PTA members. Give away a free Bingo card to your Bingo Night to your PTA members. These little things that kids want to be part of the group will help drive membership.

Have a Back to School Bash school dance at the end of the first week of school. Students who are PTA members get in for free. The cost for other students is the cost of a PTA membership. Great way to increase your membership and is a perfect membership drive for Middle and High schools!

## Welcoming All Families

If you have a school that is getting new students via redistricting, host a special Open House for those families where they can take a school tour, meet the teachers, and close the gap between their previous school and the new one. This is a great way for the PTA to greet the new families, introduce them to PTA and answer any questions they may have about the school and your PTA.

Take that extra step and make a phone call to families of new students to see if they have any questions about the community or school that you can answer.

Not only at Open House, but at all events, have PTA volunteers standing at the door WELCOMING every family who attends and generate an atmosphere where people feel connected.

Host an old-fashioned picnic at the beginning of the school year. Make it easy on your volunteers by asking families to pack their own dinner or have local eateries sit up tables where they can sell various food items. Play some music. Have a kickball game. And have some family fun!

Create a welcome packet for newly enrolled families.

Before the end of the school year, hold events at the feeder middle schools where you have a Q&A time about the high school, encourage the parents to sign up for the PTSA email blast, and ask them to sign up for PTSA volunteer opportunities.

Have a PTA Hispanic Liaison on your Board so that you can provide a Spanish speaking individual at every PTA meeting and to also help translate materials into Spanish that are being sent home.

Have a Newcomers Committee whose task is to welcome new families. Hold a newcomers luncheon. Create newcomers packets with all the vital information about the school plus coupons from community partners. Have a member of the Newcomers Committee personally call each new family to answer any questions they may have.

Create a Q&A document for the school for new and transferring parents. Include things such as transportation documents, how to volunteers, explanation of various school programs (EIP, ESL, etc.), getting to know the principal and more. Post this to the PTA and school website.

PTA regularly hosts "coffee chats with the principal" and cover a variety of topics plus Q&A time with the principal.

Host a Cultural Night and combine it with another family-fun event, such as Reflections, to boost attendance for both events and to showcase the different cultures represented at the school.

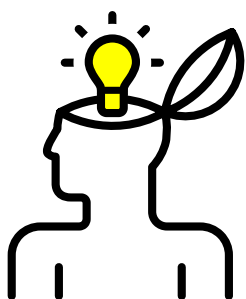
Make sure a PTA officer is standing in the lobby of the school to welcome families to all PTA sponsored events. Just a smile and a hello make a huge difference!

Host a Boo Hoo/Wa Hoo Breakfast for parents on the first day of school. It's a great way to get to know all the new kindergarten parents and you can share information with them about how to get involved at the school and ways they can volunteer and participate.

Muffins with Moms, Donuts with Dads, Goodies with Grands... all fun, low cost to the PTA events that brings families in to the school and helps build a sense of community. Be sure to include fruit for those healthy-minded parents and grandparents!

Host a Heritage Night where students and families can showcase their heritage and backgrounds. Students can participate in a Parade of Nations and carry flags from their countries. And they can perform songs and dances in native dress. The families can set up tables with food, pictures and artifacts from their representative county.

Ask for feedback! Send out a survey or have comment cards. You won't know how to improve unless you ask.



## Communicating Effectively

Send out weekly emails on Sunday nights. Recap the events from the past week, thank volunteers, reminders of upcoming events and links to sign up to volunteer.

Convert your traditional newsletter into an email newsletter (consider using MailChimp, Constant Contact or similar service).

Have the PTA Exec Board make a pre-recorded message with PTA announcements that teachers can play for parents when they visit their classrooms on curriculum night or open house.

MAIL PTA membership forms to the homes over the summer (or see if you can get them put in the teacher letters) so that they can bring the filled out PTA membership forms with them to Open House.

If you have a lot of families in your school without access to computers, be sure that you are still sending your PTA information home as flyers. You don't want to lose those parents just because they do not have access to the internet.

Add text updates to your communication plan!

Do Parent Surveys throughout the year to get input on how events were received, or to receive feedback on where parents would like to see the PTA spend their money. Do they want more done for the playground? Or would they like to see it spent on curriculum support in the classroom? Or technology for the classrooms? Survey your teachers as well! Their input is vital.

Give a very simple survey 4 questions:

1. What are your top 3 fundraising choices?
2. What 3 events do you want to keep on our calendar?
3. What events would you like to eliminate from our calendar?
4. Do you have any further comments, concerns or suggestions?

Increase Facebook group members by offering a free spiritwear item for new members during a certain month. Hold a drawing to pick the winner of the free item.

Send out a weekly email update each Sunday night with photos and recaps of the events from the week before, volunteer links, reminders of upcoming events, hotlinks to things such as where to purchase a yearbook, etc.

Have your PTA flyers translated into Spanish or whatever languages are spoken at your school. Send them via PDF to teachers and they can print off individual copies for the students in their classes who need a translated version sent home with them.

Have a "PTA in Action" bulletin board at your school where you highlight PTA events, recognitions and accomplishments throughout the year.

Email teachers weekly a short blurb about the PTA upcoming events that they can just cut and paste into their classroom newsletters.

## Sharing Power

Have a Teacher Liaison position on your Board. The liaison can help develop your goals, share ideas from the perspective of the teachers, and share information from the PTA to the teachers. They can bring a much needed perspective for both teachers and PTA leaders.

Create a Pinterest page where teachers can Pin teacher favorites of items they'd like for the classroom, cool ideas for class projects and teacher appreciation gift ideas.

Offer "Duty Free Lunch" for your staff. Line up volunteers to work lunch duty. This is a way to support your teachers that doesn't cost anything.

Have PTA officers help out in the school for the first couple of weeks getting kids to classrooms in the morning, helping with lunch duty, etc.

Host a quarterly Parent/Principal Partnership meeting in which parents are invited to attend and learn through the eyes of the principal, gain insight, and become educated on topics such as Common Core and the Georgia Milestones.

Parent Involvement Committee host Parent Nights "The Inside Track" cover topics such as Social Media Responsibility, Testing Success, Middle School Transition, How to Get Involved in Your Child's School, etc.

Host a Meet Your Elected Official event where your Representative or Senator comes in and spends time with parents and teachers at an event.

## Celebrating Student Success

Celebrate student success by hosting Academic Achievement Awards for A and B honor roll students.

Have a Student Recognition Committee. They can work with the school to recognize the Students of the Month, Honor Roll students, and those who meet other benchmarks

Ask students to submit drawings for the next school spirit t-shirt. Or they can submit drawings for the front cover art of the school directory.

Commit to Be Fit. Have kids log in their physical activity much like a reading log and then provide incentives and rewards for time spent being active.

Have a "Caught in the Act (CIA) Club" – Character, Integrity, Attitude Catch students doing good things and reward them for their actions. Provides positive reinforcement to help instill those character traits.

Marquee Birthday fundraiser. Charge \$10 to have a child's birthday put up on the school marquee for their special day.



## Collaborating with the Community

A great way to Collaborate with the Community is to host a Veteran's Day event. Ask the students to invite their favorite Veteran to attend the event. Have students sing patriotic songs, write essays about the importance of or Veterans, etc. This can be a special day not only for the Veterans but a wonderful learning experience for the students as well.

Be sure to thank the business sponsors of your PTA. If you have a bulletin board or wall that you are allowed to decorate, make stars with each business sponsors name on it.

Need extra space for a family-fun event? Ask the high school that you feed into if you can host the event at their school and then see if high school students would like to earn volunteer hours by working at the event.

Have a Community Outreach Committee within your PTA who can develop programs that reach out into the community. They can hold can food drives, winter coat and mitten drives, partner with the Red Cross for a blood drive, etc.

If you are an elementary school, a great idea is to incorporate middle and high school students into your events. They can provide musical entertainment, they can put on skits to teach lessons about bullying, they can assist with the evening Book Fair. There are countless ways that older students can volunteer and help the younger students, all while setting a good example for them.

Have a Bingo family fun night and invite community members from the local senior citizen center. They will love it!

Host a Career Day in which you invite parents and business partners in to give demonstrations about their career. Students are able to ask questions and learn more about careers that may interest them.

Have a Used Book Sale. Ask families to donate used books and then organize them and have a book sale with books ranging from 50 cents to a dollar. Proceeds can go to fund new books for your Media Center. High schools can help their feeder elementary schools by collecting Box Tops and give them to the elementary schools.

## Health & Wellness

Promote healthy habits by swapping out candy and donut rewards with extra recess, outdoor lunch and frozen yogurt.

Host a PE Night at school to promote family engagement and healthy habits. Play kickball. Have relay races and an obstacle course.

Fresh Fruit Friday! Have a local grocery store partner with your school to provide the students a piece of fresh fruit on Fridays.

Create a cookbook full of recipes submitted by teachers, administrators and parents in your school community.

Have a lunch walking club for the students. This is a great way to encourage healthy habits. Once the students have completed their lunch, they can go walk laps on the playground.

Health & Wellness: have a local gym help the PTA sponsor a Biggest Loser Challenge for the staff, teachers and community members. Offer

healthy food choices and nutritious snacks at PTA events.  
Red Ribbon Week ideas – “Be Red-y to Say No to Drugs” where Red Ribbons were distributed to staff and students to wear to school, “Drugs are Ridiculous” day where students were mismatched and ridiculous outfits, “Proud to be a Drug Free American” where students dress in patriotic wear and “Team Up Against Drugs” day where the students could wear their favorite team’s shirt.

Health & Wellness: Have a PTA sponsored running club for the students. Log weekly miles, reward them for their achievements with a club t-shirt and register to run a 5K together as a group.

Great ideas for High School PTSAs:

No Place for Hate

Prom Promise

Red Ribbon Week

No Texting and Driving Events

Accident Avoidance Workshops

Healthy Choices Week – promote a week full of ways to make healthier choices. A local grocery store could contribute one apple for each child in school. Monday – Talk about healthy eating habits. Tuesday – Talk about taking good care of your teeth. Wednesday – Wild about water! Talk about the benefits of drinking water. Thursday – healthy snack day. Friday – Fitness day. Special assembly that focuses on fitness.

Host an Family Fun Fitness Day or a Kickball Tournament.

## Supporting Student Achievement

Enlist the help of a teacher who focuses on writing to host an Honoring Our Heroes Writers Workshop. At the workshop, students learn more about how to successfully write an essay.

Award Teacher Grants based on their ability to directly impact student achievement. Have teachers apply for the grants to fund initiatives for their classroom.

Have a Grant Writing Chairperson who seeks out and writes grant proposals.

Host Family Education Nights at your school where the community partners or administrators from the school teach the parents about a vital and relevant topic.

Have Reading/Literacy PTA Coordinator who organizes parent volunteers to help students who are reading below grade level. Each week have volunteers come into the school to have students read to them and work on their literacy.

Have an AR incentive program and provide coupons to the school book fair (or another type of reward) for those who reach their AR goals.

To help break down financial barriers, host a School Supply Drive at the beginning of the year and work in conjunction with your school counselor to make sure the donated school supplies get distributed to students who need them.

Be sure to have Exceptional Children’s Week activities designed to help students better understand what it means to live with a disability and to encourage them to accept each other’s differences. For example,

on the morning news you can highlight different historical figures or celebrities who have faced different obstacles and how they overcame them, such as Bethany Hamilton, Kyle Maynard and exceptional people with Dyslexia who have never gave up.

Host Exceptional Children’s Week and incorporate lessons from the guidance counselor on how to show compassion to students with special needs.

Promote Environmental Education by making that a committee within your PTA. Have recycling bins all over the school. Host drives to collect items. Have collection spots for ink cartridges and batteries. Have a phonebook recycling contest and award the classroom winner.

Incorporate the Rachel’s Challenge Program in your school. Students pledge to work toward creating a respectful school environment.

Host an Annual Book Swap at your school. This is a great way to encourage children to read more.

Host a Cultural Arts Day and focus on a different culture each year. Have books available, show art, enjoy dance performances, learn about their history.

Include as a line item in your budget a field trip donation so that the PTA can help offset the cost of field trips for children who cannot afford to attend.

School Stores are popular. “The Locker Stocker” Sells school supplies, agendas, spirit wear, even band supplies.

Host a “Sweets and Swaps” event – evening event where children come to school and get cookies and milk, listen to a storyteller, and then bring books to trade. The kids love leaving with the new books they traded for!

Arts in Education program – one full day where different artists come in and teach the students about their area of expertise. It might be a flutist, a basket weaver, a puppet show, hip hop dancer, etc.

Celebration of the Arts Day – Throughout the day, students experience a variety of arts related presentations including painting classes, musical demonstrations and theatre classes. Presenters could include an a cappella chorus, a professional musician, a graphic artist and a film producer.



## Increasing Volunteer Participation

PTA is like running a business! Keep things professional, follow procedure, keep the dialogue open between the Board, the volunteers, parents and administration.

Add a section to your Membership Form where parents could sign up to volunteer for an individual event instead of getting emailed to volunteer for every event.

Have a "Volunteers Day" to honor all the people who volunteer in the school during the year. As the year goes on, be sure to take photos of volunteers with students and make those photos in a video to be played during Volunteer Day.

Make sure your PTA offers volunteer opportunities for parents who are not able to be at the school during the day but they can do these activities at home.

During Georgia Milestones testing, when parents aren't allowed in the school building, is a great time to host a fun, off-site Volunteer appreciation luncheon at a local restaurant (community partner).

Donate a book to the school media center in honor of each parent who volunteers in your school.

Offer PTA Volunteer T-shirts (they need to be cute!) as an incentive for any parent who volunteers over 5 hours per year. Once they hit their 5 hours of PTA volunteer time, they can fill out the form with their size and get one of the shirts. They need to be stylish and cute enough that people actually WANT them and are an incentive to log some volunteer time!

SOS Committee (Support Our School) emails sent out to the committee when help is needed for the staff. Can range from needing copies, an extra set of hands in the classroom, or putting up bulletin boards, providing donations.

Create a Worker Bees Committee. This is perfect for those we like to work and pitch in but don't want to lead a committee.

Create a bulletin board thanking your PTA's "Helping Hands." Send home a flier with a handprint on it and ask the parents who have volunteered at school to write their name on it and a short description of how they have helped. This is a great way to recognize families who have helped throughout the year.

Make sure your PTA has a Volunteer Coordinator. This person helps each committee arrange for the volunteers needed for their event. After the event, the Volunteer Coordinator also makes sure that all the volunteers are thanked (preferably via a handwritten note or email). This person is also instrumental in helping your PTA keep track of many volunteer hours the families in your school have completed! They can also be of help when it is time to show your appreciation to your volunteers at the end of the year as they would have a complete list of everyone who has signed up to volunteer during the year.

Use Sign Up Genius or Volunteer Spot not only to get volunteers, but to send follow up thank you emails and to track volunteer hours for your PTA. Provide the Sign Up links in newsletters, on your website, and on your Facebook page.

Ask local middle or high school students to help volunteer at events. Often they need to fulfill volunteer requirements for groups they participate in at school so it is a win-win.

Host an Appreciation Brunch for your PTA Volunteers and award a "Partner in Education of the Year" and a "Volunteer of the Year. Show appreciation to your volunteers! Host a volunteer brunch. Highlight a volunteer of the month in the school newsletter. Following each event, make sure each volunteer is thanked. Emails are good, but handwritten notes are even better!

Provide a PTA handbook to committee chairs and board members on school and PTA procedures and policies.

Have two different volunteer/committee chair training sessions to go over budget, processes for requesting checks, school resources, etc. By having it at two different times (one during the day and one in the evening) you can accommodate everyone's schedule, whether a stay at home parent or working parent.

Need to encourage attendance at your Board Meetings? Offer snacks and door prizes. Show appreciation for your committee chairs and give recognition. Bring in a guest speaker. Find things that appeal to your Committee Chairs that will bring them to your meetings.

Use social media to thank volunteers by name after an event. They love the recognition!

Always remember: Hand written thank you notes go a long way!

