



How to Get Involved with the Cook-Wissahickon HSA

1. Join the HSA

All parents, guardians, teachers, and staff members are encouraged to become involved with the Cook-Wissahickon Home and School Association by attending our monthly meetings to coordinate plans to support our school community and by volunteering throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to participate in monthly HSA meetings, but only dues-paying members can vote. Membership dues are \$5 per family and additional donations are welcome and greatly appreciated! Our goal is 100% participation. Please visit cookwissahickonhsa.com/membership-and-volunteering/ to download a membership form or fill it out online. All money we raise goes toward supporting the school and our students. In the past we've used funds to pay for buses for school field trips, to fulfill teacher requests for supplies, and to fund improvements to the school, such as risers for the choir, the addition of book corners in classrooms, and purchasing whiteboards for classrooms. We have also supported the Wissahickon Sustainability Council's efforts to green the school with the meadow, the outdoor classroom, and more.

2. Get Connected

We will keep you informed about school news, volunteer opportunities, special events, and more. Just be sure we can reach you!

- Join our email list: Subscribe at <http://eepurl.com/dF2gIrl>
- Follow the CW HSA Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/cookwiss/)
- Follow us on Twitter ([@CookWissHSA](https://twitter.com/CookWissHSA))
- Visit cookwissahickonhsa.com/
- Join the closed "Friends of Cook Wissahickon" Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/82550853448/?ref=bookmarks>) for a great private place to interact with other parents and ask questions about upcoming events or even homework!
- Bookmark the official CW District Page: <https://cookwissahickon.philasd.org/>
- Register for the Philadelphia School District Portal to make sure you are registered for official district and school announcements and to be able to check your student's academic and attendance records:
https://webapps1.philasd.org/downloads/tdm/Parent_Portal.pdf

3. Participate

While Cook-Wissahickon provides a solid groundwork for our kids to learn, additional support from the community and families leads to real success. We all have different availability, means, and skills, but there are many different ways to contribute. Browse the following list to find what best fits your interests and schedule! Everything helps and is appreciated!

- **Show up:**
 - Attend school and HSA events like monthly HSA meetings, Back-to-School Night, Green Your Home and Community Event, Fall Festival, Movie Night, Evening of the Arts, and more!
 - This is a great way to meet other CW families and staff.

- **Volunteer:**
 - Get Your Volunteer Clearances: <https://www.philasd.org/face/volunteer/>
 - Volunteer in your child's classroom. Look for emails from the school and HSA about opportunities to be a Classroom Parent, a Guest Reader, a Field Trip Chaperone, or to help out with clerical needs.
 - Sign up to volunteer for regular, repeat events like Pretzel Day, Uniform Sales, Library, Wednesday Folder Stuffing, and more. Look for emails from HSA with these volunteer opportunities or send an email to cookwisshsa@gmail.com to express interest.
 - Volunteer for special events like Movie Night, Fall Festival, Book Fairs, Holiday Shop, Schoolyard Cleanups, Field Day, and the 5K.
 - Let us know if you have a special interest or skill set and are interested in helping with fundraising, grant writing, community outreach, etc.
 - Join an HSA Committee: Attend meetings (<https://cookwissahickonhsa.com/calendar/>) and watch for emails!
 - Volunteer for clubs and extracurriculars as need arises (send an email to cookwisshsa@gmail.com if you have interest):
 - Robotics (Currently needs a coach & 2 volunteers)
 - Choir (Chaperones, Spaghetti Dinner, Fundraising)
 - Musical (Look for more information later this year!)
 - Sports
 - Gardening Club
 - Newsletter/Yearbook

- **Donate:**
 - Collect Box Tops for Education. Send in Box Tops (do not need to be glued onto collection paper) to your child's homeroom teacher in an envelope marked "HSA - Box Tops". Each is worth \$0.10 for CW!
 - Donate uniform clothes your student has outgrown or no longer needs.
 - Donate supplies, snacks, or money to your student's class, the school, or extracurricular activities. Or Donate to the HSA via [Paypal](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=QBK2GHUY3QZ78) (https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=QBK2GHUY3QZ78)
 - Have your student participate in NUT (No Uniform Today) Days - For a cost of \$1 students can dress down on half days, Fridays, and few select days. Visit <https://cookwissahickonhsa.com/nut-days/> for more.