



BANK STREET SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN
PARENTS ASSOCIATION

ALL-PARENT COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

8:45 TO 10:00 AM

IN THE LOBBY

COMMITTEE & AFFINITY GROUP INFORMATION
2016-17

ADMISSIONS

Bank Street's Admissions Office welcomes parent volunteers to assist with the following:

- Serve as Parent Guides for prospective parents during the Admissions Office's evening Open Houses (you may attend one Open House or all four)
- Partner up as "buddy parents" with a new family that will be in your child's upcoming grade
- Provide assistance, as needed, with the Admissions Office's welcome event for new families in the spring

AUCTION COMMITTEE

The Auction & Benefit Committee puts the "fun" in fundraising! Volunteers are needed to:

- Plan the details of the party
- Solicit sponsors, underwriters, and donations for the event and its silent auction
- Assist with ticket and raffle sales
- Catalog and package auction donations
- Encourage parents and teachers to attend
- Help the day of the event with set-up and cleanup

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Join one of the most effective volunteer teams at Bank Street! If you like working with fun and dedicated parents who make a tangible contribution to the life of the School, the Annual Fund & Development Committee is for you. Help us make sure that Bank Street continues to provide the high quality education and life-changing experiences that make it a unique and top-rated institution.

- Attend 4 meetings
- Reach out to 8 to 10 families
- Make an impact! The Annual Fund helps to recruit and retain the best teachers in the field, offer financial aid for families, and support hands-on learning opportunities in the tradition of progressive education

THE FALL FAIR COMMITTEE

Volunteers needed! We need help planning this wonderful community event brought to you by the Bank Street School for Children Parents Association. Bouncy castle, games, arcade, crafts, photo booth, live music, wonderful food, a raffle and MUCH, MUCH more. This year's Fall Fair will take place on Sunday, October 16th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

THE GREEN ACTION TASK FORCE

The Green Action Task Force seeks to help the Bank Street community be more environmentally minded.

LEARNING DIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP

Our goals:

- To support families in the Bank Street community who have children with diverse learning needs at and outside of Bank Street
- To enhance communication and to share information about resources for learning support among parents as well as between the school and families
- To decrease the stigma of learning support

We aim to provide a safe positive place to give and receive support, and to receive and share resources. The members of the group have children at Bank Street receiving extra support such as occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, social skills classes, psychological support and other support services. Some members have children who are at special needs schools in the city. Many of these children have IEPs (Individual Education Plans) through the Department of Education.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, & ALLIES

The LGBTQA group represents the spectrum of sexual orientation and gender identity in the Bank Street community. The group comes together socially to identify common needs and goals in the school. Objectives include supporting one another and children; identifying mutual concerns and interests and determining how best to pursue them; and increasing visibility of the LGBTQ community.

MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE

Volunteers are needed to help sell Bank Street t-shirts, hoodies, hats, and other popular items. Sign up for a one-hour morning or afternoon shift during a scheduled sale day.

PARENTING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Our goals:

- Support the School's efforts to offer parenting education within our community
- Share Bank Street's approach to advancing child development and effective communication with children
- Develop new parenting initiatives to include our diverse parent body's interests
- Provide a forum to share parenting ideas

PARENTS OF CHILDREN OF COLOR (POCOC)

Parents of Children of Color is a coalition of parents whose goals are to identify common experiences and concerns, and share solutions that enable them and their children to more effectively navigate experiences concerning racial identity, both in and out of school. POCOC meets monthly and sponsors regular programming for the entire Bank Street community.

THE SCHOOL PHOTO COMMITTEE

School Photo Day is on Monday, October 3rd. Stomping Ground, a professional photographer, takes class and individual photos. Parent volunteers are needed to work two-to-four hour shifts to check in students and offer support to the photographers and teachers.

THE TALENT SHOW

Bank Street's annual Talent Show — Bank Street's Got Talent! — is one of the most highly-anticipated events of the school year! Help our young singers, musicians, actors, and dancers wow the standing-room-only crowd.

TOUCHED BY ADOPTION (TBA)

The Touched by Adoption parent group is a coalition of Bank Street families formed through adoption. It provides social support for all community members who are touched by adoption. The group advocates within the School for Children on issues surrounding adoption, provides programming on those issues, and helps increase teachers' understanding of adoption and how the curriculum can reflect and support adopted children. TBA works in conjunction with other SFC family affinity groups on school-wide events to facilitate understanding of adoption-related issues in the broader school community.

VOLUNTEERS-AT-LARGE

Throughout the school year, there are often times that volunteers are needed for small tasks and last-minute assistance. Signing up to be a volunteer-at-large does not constitute a firm commitment to any particular committee or event, but helps the PA create a list of potential volunteers who may be available to lend a hand on an *ad hoc* basis. This is the perfect opportunity for those parents who want to help but aren't available to serve on a standing committee.