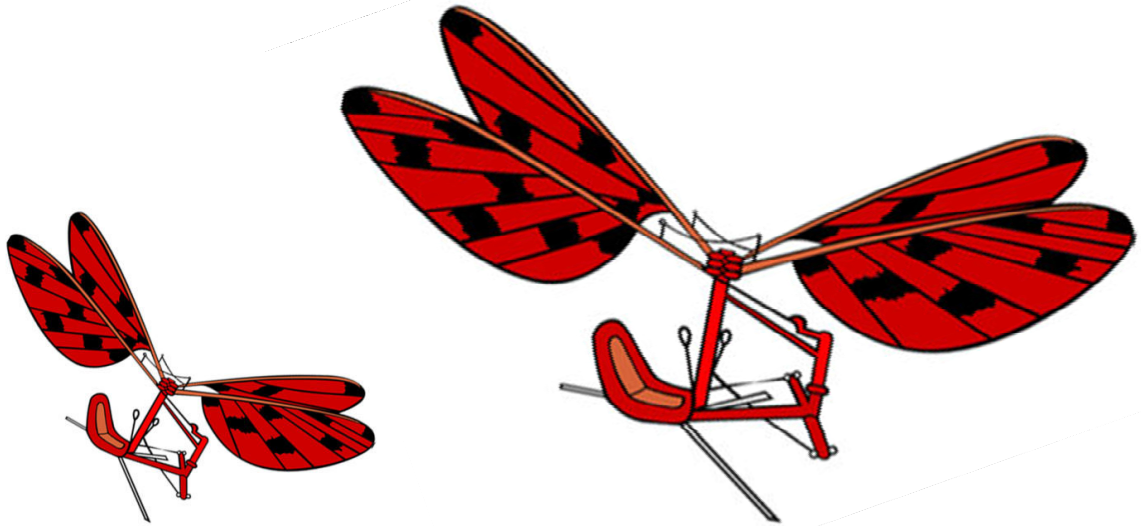


VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL



Many hands make light work

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School
De Driestam

Dear parents and caregivers,

A school needs children, but it needs parents as well. How can you help out?

Every schoolyear the school organizes various activities with the help of parents, such as the Sinterklaas- and Christmas celebrations, the Driestam-days, sports day and excursions. Many of these extracurricular activities are only made possible because of parental assistance. It's these extras the children enjoy most and therefor are essential for the quality of our education. That is why we call on every parent, caretaker or grandparent to occasionally (or more often) come and help out at school.

In this booklet you will find an overview of the extracurricular activities. There is a great diversity of activities that you can contribute to, even if you are short of time! For example, you can help organize a celebration or help a few hours to decorate the school in a Christmas theme. Please read the booklet and you will probably find something to your liking. On the last page you'll find an application form on which you can register how you wish to contribute this year.

Your help is important! You would be doing the children a great service and of course... many hands make light work! On behalf of the team of Spilcentrum Driestam and of course the children we thank you very much for your involvement.

Please fill in the following website to show when you are available:

<https://forms.gle/WSYRRGbBcgdcVBbR8>

With kind regards, on behalf of the Driestam, Dikkie en Dik and the activities committee,

Annemarie van Zoest

The stamgroep mentioned sometimes is your child's class, stamgroepleider means the teacher.

Continuous activities – Help all year

Representative Advisory Board (Medezeggenschapsraad - MR)

The representative advisory board consists of parents and teachers who have been democratically chosen to represent their peers and advise the school board in matters that affect the entire school, its students, parents and all that involves educating children. On De Driestam the advisory board are five parents and five teachers. All advisory board meetings are accessible for other parents.

The assignment of the Representative Advisory Board is to audit the school board, to ask critical questions and to promote the interests of the parents and teachers of De Driestam. Therefore a position in the advisory board is an important one.

Time investment: The advisory board meets monthly on Tuesday evenings. It might be necessary to spend time preparing for these meetings.

Currently there are no positions available in the advisory board. Once there is an opening, this will be communicated in the school's newsletter and through additional channels.

Taskforce Parental Involvement

As you may know, last year the school started with the implementation of the program 'Parent Involvement 3.0'. The purpose of this program is to stimulate the cooperation between parents, school and child regarding the child's education and general development. We have chosen for this program because we believe that we are collectively responsible for the growth of our children and because it follows the Jenaplan philosophy.

The taskforce Parental Involvement consists of a number of parents and teachers and is divided into the following project groups:

- Vision development
- Communication
- Start-up talks
- Welcome to school

Among other things, these groups have realized that we should start this schoolyear with start-up talks, a new-schoolyear-mixer and walk-in-moments during classes. There are several positions available in these project groups.

If you want further information about a project or parental involvement in general, please contact Annemarie van Zoest, Laura Poelman or Marc van der Laar.

Time investment: There's a general taskforce meeting every eight weeks and a project group meeting every month. In addition to that you might have to prepare for meetings or take action on what has been discussed.

We are looking for Expats who wants to join our Parental Involvement Group.

Please contact Annemarie van Zoest for more information

Activities committee (AC)

The activities committee is formed by parents and teachers. The AC supervises and organizes special activities and celebrations such as Sinterklaas, Carnival, the Spring Festival and Celebration Week. They also determine the extent or limit of the annual parental contribution. The activities committee is an enthusiastic and innovative group and is always open for new members. In addition to that the AC always needs extra help and suggestions from you as a parent.

Time investment: The activities committee meets about eight evenings in a schoolyear to discuss projects. In addition, the AC is actively involved in the execution of all activities (tasks can be shared to decrease workload).

If you'd like to join the AC please contact Joy van der Beek or Sietske Tuip.

Stamgroep parents

The stamgroep parent supports the teacher in all sorts of ways all year round. The stamgroep parent will be at school on a regular basis, knows the children and is capable to mobilize other parents. The stamgroep parent supports practical matters unrelated to the general educational program. For instance, he or she helps with celebrations such as Sinterklaas, Christmas and the teacher's birthday. They also organize parental assistance for camp, excursions and other activities.

The stamgroep parent stimulates an open relationship between the child, stamgroep leader and parents and encourages other parents to become more involved with the school. It's possible that a group in a higher grade chooses to do the tasks of a class parent (partly) by themselves.

Time investment: This differs per class, depending on the needs and plans of the teacher(s).

For more information please ask the specific stamgroep leader.

Language coach

The language coach is a Dutch speaking parent with great skills in English (and/or other languages). The language coach is available for all non-Dutch parents and helps translating and understanding the communication from school, such as the newsletters and e-mails from the teacher. Every group has at least one language coach who's contact details are known by the other parents. As a language coach it is important to be open to contact with other parents.

Time investment: This differs per class, depending on the needs of other parents. It's not necessary to be reachable continuously.

If you want to be a language coach please contact the stamgroep leader of your child.

Coffee-morning

Coffee-morning is an event that is being initiated by parents for parents. Whilst enjoying a cup of coffee or tea you can mingle and discuss all sorts of topics; from pedagogic issues to sports or entertainment. There is always someone present from WijEindhoven (a social support organization from the municipality of Eindhoven) who can assist in specific issues parents have.

As a volunteer you would organize these events eight times a year, provide coffee, tea and some input that might be interesting for the other parents. In addition, you encourage parents to connect and get to know each other. Time investment: 8 times in a year for approximately 1.5 hours. It will be appreciated if you are available once or twice to provide an extra helping hand.

Dates: August 28th, October 9th, November 27th, January 15th, February 19th, April 1st, May 13th.

For questions or volunteering contact Sietske Tuip or Joy van der Beek.

Language tea-café

The Language tea-café is a meeting place for people who have not yet mastered the Dutch language, but are working hard to get there. Foreign speakers can practice speaking and listening to the Dutch language in an informal and sociable atmosphere on Tuesdays once every month. Together with another parent or volunteer you can discuss various subjects and engage in language games. This is all in a free setting without the pressure of a course.

Volunteers for the language tea café take a short course or an assessment interview before starting. They will also receive a practical manual and it is possible to make an inspirational visit to the Language Café at the Eindhoven library.

What do we ask of the volunteers?

- Clear pronunciation of the Dutch language and affinity with language(-education).
- The ability to lead and stimulate a conversation.

- A respectful and curious attitude towards all cultures.

- Willingness to develop your knowledge and skills by taking courses.

Time investment: Approximately 3 hours every month, hopefully shared with other volunteers.

For questions or if you want to volunteer please contact Pietje van den Heuvel.

Taskforce Traffic Safety

The Taskforce Traffic Safety is a project group consisting of parents and teachers who discuss the traffic situations surrounding the school and offer traffic lessons in school. The taskforce coordinates these activities and collaborates with local police officers and the municipality. The taskforce mobilizes traffic coaches who guide the traffic around the school during drop-off and pick-up moments.

Time investment: The taskforce traffic safety meets five times a year for approximately 1,5 hours. In addition to that you might have to prepare for meetings or take action on what has been discussed.

For questions or if you want to volunteer contact Mijntje Houët.

Traffic coach

At drop-off and pick-up moments there is a bustling gang of children around the building who run around between strollers, bicycles and cars without really considering traffic. We want the school's surroundings to be as safe as possible and we can only achieve that with your help.

A traffic coach:

- advices on good parking spaces
- leads the way to the right place to cross the road
- takes notice of unsafe situations
- observes and reports possibilities for improvement

This is a big responsibility which is why we provide you with a course in traffic safety, structural collaboration with school, the local

police officer and other traffic coaches and a lot of appreciation and support for your effort.

Time investment: You are needed six times a year for just 1 hour. The traffic coaches will be active during the weeks following school vacation weeks.

For questions or if you want to volunteer contact Mijntje Houët.

Library

The spilcentrum is very proud to own a library in the general hall of De Driestam. The children enjoy the use of the library very much and as a result enjoy reading even more.

Our school library's opening hours are as follows:

Monday: 8:45 – 10:15 am

Tuesday: 1:45 – 3:10 pm

Wednesday: 8:45 – 10:15 am and 0:20 – 0:45 pm

Thursday: 1:45 – 2:45 pm

Friday: 8:45 – 10:15 am

Each group has a specific day and time to check out books.

The assignment for the volunteer is to guide children whilst browsing and to take care of checking out and returning books properly. They also ensure that the 'return box' is cleared and the books are put back in the right place on the shelves. If we have multiple volunteers at our disposal we could potentially organize activities in the library for children to participate in.

It's also possible to come forward as a substitute volunteer or volunteer once every two weeks instead of weekly. The more volunteers the wider the possibilities and the better we can help to increase the joy in reading for every child.

Time investment: Opening hours are daily and last up to 90 minutes. Volunteers have to be available at least once every two weeks, but can also apply as a substitute volunteer.

For questions or if you want to volunteer contact Marion van Gennip or Joy van van der Beek.

Reading parent

When children learn to read, it helps to practice a lot. To support this, the school asks parents to help in grades 3 and 4. During school hours the children read in groups with the support of a reading parent and under the supervision of the teacher.

Time investment: We can use parental assistance every day of the week and it will take up to an hour of your time. You have to be available at least once every two weeks.

If you want to volunteer please contact the stamgroepleider of your child.

Lice-checking assistance

Several times per year (before and after vacation weeks) all children are checked for head lice. This is done as a precautionary measure in the hope that we can prevent a lice outbreak at school.

Time investment: For lice-checking you need to be available before and after all vacation weeks and generally takes about 30 minutes.

If you want to volunteer please contact the stamgroepleider of your child.

Brainport

Do you have a talent and do you want to use it for school benefits? We are always looking for parents who exceed in ICT and/or technology and would like to help the school with education in programming, website building, 3D printing and other skills to our children.

Do you have another talent? Building with wood, ball-room dancing, knitting, ceramics, yoga, chemistry experiments or anything else? Do you want to share this talent? Let us know! In consultation with the teachers and the taskforce technology group we can establish how to incorporate your special talent.

Time investment: in deliberation

For questions contact Sietske Tuip.

Incidental activities

Please fill in the webform in the email you received if you are able to volunteer for any of these.

Sinterklaas

Sinterklaas visits the Netherlands annually from mid-November until December 6th. Of course he comes to see the students of De Driestam and Dikkie Dik as well. Every year the 'Pieten' need parental assistance, for example with decorating the school, wrapping presents, packing candy and afterwards taking down the decorations. There are several activities in November and December you can help with.

Time investment: Every activity takes 1 to 3 hours. It's not necessary to be available for every activity.

Decorating School: November 18th 8:40

Preparing for Sinterklaas: December 5th, 8:30

Tidying up: December 9th, 8:40

Christmas

Immediately after Sinterklaas has left for his home in Spain, the school is transformed into a cosy, wintry, Christmassy atmosphere. We always need a lot of help with preparing and facilitating the Christmas celebration. You can help with decorating the school, the Christmas celebration itself and afterwards taking down the Christmas decorations. Of course, we intend to create an unforgettable Christmas celebration every year, which is only possible with a lot of help.

Time investment: Every activity takes 1 to 3 hours. It's not necessary to be available for every activity.

Decorating: December 9th 8:40

Christmas dinner: December 19th, 17:30

Tidying up: January 6th after the New Year's mixer

New Year's mixer

Every year we toast to the New Year with all children and parents together. To make this possible we have to make preparations and clean up afterwards.

Time investment: Volunteering for this task will take you just about 1,5 hours.

Monday January 6th, 8:15 onwards.

Reading breakfast for the lower grades

Reading breakfast is a comfortable breakfast in pyjama's held at the start of the National Read-aloud Days in January. We need help with preparing, distribution and cleaning up after breakfast.

Would you like to think along about reading-aloud breakfast? Or would you like to help acting out a story? We need help for several tasks regarding the breakfast.

Time investment: This activity will take about 2 hours in January

January 22th, 8:15 onwards.

Carnival

For Carnival, in February, the school will be festively decorated. Every year we have a parade with the participation of all students. We need your creativity preparing for the parade and decorating school, carriages and maybe even children. You don't see yourself as creative? No problem, we can use your help anyway.

Time investment: 1 to 5 hours in February, depending on your task and availability

Decorating: February 12th 8:40

Parade: February 21th, 10:00

Tidying up: March 2nd, 8:40

Open Day

On this day new prospective students with their parents can see how the school looks. Also grandparents and friends are welcome to come take a look.

We need help giving tours of the place and pouring coffee and the like.

Time investment: the whole morning.

March 18th, 8:40

Driestam-afternoons

On Driestam-afternoon children get introduced to all kinds of creative and crafty activities. Every year on four Fridays, we have a Driestam afternoon which are coupled together in pairs of two. During the first afternoon the children will learn about crafty techniques and practise their skills. During the second afternoon the children will work on a creative assignment and are encouraged to implement their recently learned skills. This process repeats during the second pair of afternoons. The content of the Driestam-afternoons changes all the time, so the concept is always in development.

As a volunteer, together with teachers and teachers assistances, you are responsible for the content of the afternoons. There are a number of activities to choose from, but there is also room to bring your own ideas.

Time investment: The afternoons are planned on Fridays in January and May. It will take you an afternoon and the time for necessary preparations. We recommend that you participate in a pair of afternoons (either in January, in May or both) but occasional assistance is also welcomed.

Friday January 17th

Friday January 24th

Friday April 3^d

Friday April 10th

King's Day Breakfast and Sporting day

In April it's our King's Birthday. To celebrate we organize a King's Day breakfast. Therefore we need help with tasks like preparing sandwiches, slicing fruit and handing these out to students. Afterwards there's some cleaning as well.

Afterwards the lower grades will play games at school and the older ones will have a sporting day. We need parental help for everything

Time investment: This activity will take 1 hour to a day.

Friday 17th April,

Breakfast 8:30

Games: 9:30

Sport: Morning or whole day

Photographer

In April a professional photographer comes to visit the school and takes a beautiful picture of all the children. For this day we need parents who pick up the children from their classroom, guide them through the picture-taking process, and bring them back afterwards.

Pictures with siblings will be taken after school hours after registering for them. Even if all the sibling attend the Driestam.

Time investment: It's possible to subscribe for 2 hours of assistance or more.

Wednesday 22th and Thursday 23th of April.

International Day of the Child Party

Before the Spring Festival we will have an international viering with the whole school.

Time investment: 1-2 hours

June 19th, during the viering.

Spring Festival

After Carnival we energize the springtime mood by decorating the school with spring-themed adornments and we organize the springtime festival. The activity committee is looking for parents who would like to help organize the spring festival.

Time investment: This will take 1 to 2 hours to decorate and 2 to 4 hours for the spring festival.

June 19th, 15:00 – 20:00

Sporting day

On Tuesday in the Celebration week there will be a sporting day for the entire school. We need a lot of parental help for this day.

We are also looking for parents who could teach a sport that day. If you can please contact Sietske Tuip or Joy van der Beek.

Time investment: All day

Tuesday July 7th.

Celebration week – last week of the schoolyear

De Driestam ends each year with a celebration week. This week includes a sports day, teacher-celebration and the exit of the 8th grade-students. The taskforce 'celebration week' can use all sorts of help, for example assisting on sports day, lunching with the students while teachers prepare for teacher-celebration and helping out with planning and organizing. If you want to help out, but you're not sure how, just subscribe and the taskforce will contact you.

Time investment: 1-3 hours.

Wednesday July 8th.