

# PARENT VOLUNTEERS AT MORNINGSIDE

## ***Classroom and Grade-Level Volunteer Roles***

Within each class at MES, there are opportunities for parents to volunteer for both year-long roles (like class parents) and for one-off opportunities (like field trip chaperones). There are also a handful of grade-level volunteer positions.

### **Class Parents**

Each classroom at MES has 1-2 class parents who assist the teacher as needed throughout the year. Class parents often help source additional classroom supplies from the parents, organize class parties, coordinate teacher gifts, share reminders from the PTA about school events, and more. Class parents are assisted by the PTA Class Parent Coordinator. Sign ups for class parent positions happen at the start of the school year via the PTA's Membership Toolkit app.



### **Classroom Volunteers**

Throughout the year, there may be opportunities for parents to volunteer within the classrooms. Grades K-2 usually have regular opportunities for parents to act as mystery readers, lead crafts, or participate in some class activities. There are also several opportunities every year to chaperone field trips or help with class parties at all grade levels. MES teachers and class parents organize these sign ups, usually via Membership Toolkit or a SignUp Genius.

### **Grade-Level Social Chairs**

Each grade level has 1-2 social chairs who help plan 2-3 grade-wide social activities where MES families can get to know each other outside of school. Grade-level events may include park playdates, movie nights, picnics, or whatever fun ideas the chairs come up with. Social chairs may also work with the class parents to plan end of the year grade-level parties. Social chairs are assisted by the PTA. Sign ups for social chairs happen at the start of the year via Membership Toolkit.

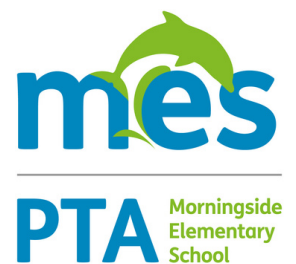
## Parent Volunteer Organizations

There are three main parent volunteer organizations at MES that families may choose to get involved with: the PTA, the MES Foundation, and the MES GO Team.

### The MES Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The MES PTA plans school-wide enrichment and social events, provides financial support and resources to teachers, and works closely with school administrators to build engagement with MES families. The PTA is led by an Executive Committee elected by the general body every April. Sub-committees are led by parent volunteers who comprise the PTA Board of Directors. While only paid members of the PTA can vote during meetings, all MES community members are welcome to participate in PTA events and activities. PTA volunteer opportunities are shared via Digital Dolphin and in the private school Facebook group.

*Learn more about the PTA:* <https://bit.ly/AboutMESPTA>



### The MES Foundation

The MES Foundation offers additional support to Morningside Elementary by providing financial support for additional curriculum materials, teacher and staff training, technology, and facilities improvement. The Foundation is separate from the PTA and is funded by parent and corporate donations. The Foundation is managed by a volunteer Board of Trustees.

*Learn more about the Foundation:* <https://morningsideschoolfoundation.org/>



### The MES GO Team

All Atlanta Public Schools are operated under the guidance of a GO Team comprised of elected parents, teachers, administrators, and community members. The GO Team is responsible for setting school priorities and managing the school budget including staffing. The MES GO Team meets monthly, with meetings livestreamed on the MES YouTube page. GO Team members serve two-year terms. Elections are held every spring.

*Learn more about the MES GO Team:* <https://bit.ly/MESGOTeam>

