# ROOM PARENTS

### A PILOT PROGRAM FROM THE RED OAK PTO

## INFO FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

We're launching a new Room Parent pilot program at Red Oak to increase parents' engagement with classrooms and the school community.

Your child's teacher has asked you to consider being a room parent!

What's next?

Please read the FAQs on the next page.

Then, complete the official signup form here or by using this QR code. Two co-room parents are welcome to share the role! Each parent should fill out the signup form as usual.



## ROOM PARENTS WILL...

- Organize volunteers for class projects and events.
- Represent their class (students, parents, and teacher) at PTO meetings every couple of months.
- Offer fresh ideas and feedback to the PTO on school-wide events and initiatives.
- Help keep parents updated on class news.
- Serve as a liaison for fellow parents, the classroom teacher, and the PTO.

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Are room parents required?

No. This program is optional for the remainder of the 2022–2023 school year. Teachers can choose whether to select a room parent.

#### How do room parents sign up?

After their child's teacher asks them to step into this role, parents should read the info sheet and fill out the <u>signup form</u>. The PTO will reach out with next steps.

#### Our class has multiple parents who are interested. Is that okay?

Two people are welcome to share the role as co-room parents! (For this pilot year, we're keeping the maximum at two parents/caregivers per classroom.) If your class will have two co-room parents, each person should fill out the signup form.

#### Who can be a room parent?

Not just a "parent"! Any legal guardian of a Red Oak student can be a room parent for their child's class.

#### What do room parents do?

They organize volunteers for class projects and events. They represent their class at PTO meetings, and offer feedback and ideas for school-wide events and initiatives. They serve as a liaison for fellow parents, their classroom teacher, and the PTO.

#### What are the requirements/expectations for room parents?

Room parents should stay in touch with their child's teacher to find opportunities to help in the classroom, and coordinate other parent volunteers when needed. They should do their best to attend most monthly PTO meetings. The PTO will make every effort to make meetings easy to attend and accessible for parents with a variety of schedules. The PTO will provide more details as we get the program off the ground.

#### What if a room parent decides this isn't a good fit for them?

That's okay! Just notify the PTO (redoakpto.shkp@gmail.com). The classroom teacher can ask a different parent to step into this role.