

Art Docent Program at John Rogers?

We are trying to start an Art Docent Program at John Rogers for the 2009-2010 school year...and we need parent **volunteers**.

What is an Art Docent Program?

It is a parent volunteer based program to bring additional Art Education to the classroom. From November until May a parent comes once month for one hour to the classroom to present one piece of art – usually on form of an art print- to the class. The presentation should consist of the picture, the artist's biography, historical context, and potentially an art project.

Who are the volunteers? Do I need an Art degree?

Everyone is invited to participate and you do not need an art degree. Ideally we are looking for one parent per classroom to come once a month to the classroom to present. The day and time is to be determined by the teacher and the volunteer.

The school district has provided schools with a great curriculum for every grade. Each poster has detailed information printed on the back, which is a starting point for preparing your presentation. Doing some additional research in the library and on the internet might help in being better prepared to talk about the piece of art and the artist. In addition to the poster, the curriculum package contains books, with art project suggestions. We are working on getting Art supplies to be used for projects.

What is my time commitment?

The program will run from November until May. That means you would work in your child's classroom seven times during one school year. In Addition for each time you are in the classroom, you probably need 2 hours for preparation. At the beginning of the school year we are going to have a training session to get everyone ready.

If you are interested in volunteering and getting the Art Docent Program started at John Rogers, please email me and let me know.

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