

It is that time of year again where our PTO is actively seeking nominations for the 2010 - 2011 school year. There are constant opportunities to help out at Darby all throughout the year, but some of our primary offices and team leadership options are:

President Elect: We think this sounds SO much cooler than Vice President and the role fits. This is a wonderful way to commit to a 2 year term with your first year serving alongside the year's president. It's a great chance to work on projects of interest to you while learning the job of president for the following year. It is also a fantastic way to get to know many aspects of life at Darby while meeting staff and other PTO members.

Hospitality: Everyone likes to gather around food and this person's role is to work with a team of those of you who love using food and fun to gather people! Our chairperson seeks one or more co-chairs for this position and there are many times that the PTO serves the entire staff throughout the year. The good news is that now our staff is a bit smaller!

Cookie Day: For those of you new to Darby, this monthly event that started as an idea to offer homemade cookies just one time to students is now a true PTO fixture. We hear every month from students who tell us it is their favorite day! The chairperson contacts the list of bakers each month to remind them of the date (usually the 3rd Tuesday of each month), then arrives before the first lunch to put out cookies, set up tables and start the ball rolling! Believe it or not, over the last few years over 2,000 cookies are served each month, most of the time baked by people who are unseen darlings, individually wrapped. Join us on **September 13** to see what the excitement is all about during any lunch period.

Teacher Appreciation: This is a fun job because essentially it happens just once a year! Previous years have seen everything offered from painting the teacher's lounge to a red carpet welcome in the early morning, notes to teachers, special snacks, any creative idea to remind our teachers and staff how significant they are in the lives of our students! This is a perfect position for a creative type who perhaps isn't able to commit to something long term.

Nominating: This person has the opportunity to not only meet lots of people at Darby, but to encourage middle school parents with students heading to Darby to become involved. The primary timeframe is spring of each year and ideally new officers would be elected through the nominations process in May.

Outreach: Even before the economy began to change, we noticed the needs increasing at Darby for so many. This position helps the PTO to serve students and families at Darby with clothing, financial and other needs following illness, death of family members or other times of difficulty. This position is one of great compassion, willingness to really reach out and to help communicate the needs within our school. They work closely with both the guidance office and the school nursing staff.

If you have any questions, are interested in filling one of these positions or would like to nominate someone you feel would be a good addition to the team, please contact Jodi Ransom at jamjar7@juno.com.