



# Volunteer Opportunities

Many opportunities are available to become involved. Monroe Public Schools pride themselves on keeping the children in our schools safe. For the safety of the volunteers and our students, volunteers are required to fill out a volunteer packet each year. Applications are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). This includes the "Washington State Patrol Criminal History Background Check" form.

## Docent Programs

***Docent means 'to teach.' A docent is a volunteer that is trained to present information in the classroom. Art***

### **Docent Program**

This program requires no background in art, just an interest and appreciation of art! Docents select a fine art print from the school's collection and research information about the artwork and the artist. This information is presented to the class along with a brief art lesson. The program is designed for the docent to be in the classroom for about 45 minutes once a month. Lessons may be integrated into the curriculum, follow a classroom theme, or just be of interest to the docent. Let your imagination be your guide! Art Docent training will be provided at the District Office in October. Specific date and time will be provided based on volunteer needs.

### **Culture Docent Program**

Culture docents are volunteers that provide information and hands-on learning activities related to their culture. This may include music, art, customs, holidays and celebrations, food, dress or other aspect of culture. Volunteers of all cultural backgrounds are invited to participate. If you would like to share information about your culture, please call Tess Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator, at (360) 863-4279 for additional information. Culture Docent training will be provided at the District office, date and time will be determined based on volunteers.

### **Science Docent Program**

Science docents complete research on a scientific topic and introduce an experiment or hands-on project to demonstrate the principle. A background in science is not required. A docent should plan to be in the classroom for about 45 minutes once a month. Volunteers support the science curriculum through use of district science kits or through the docent's science interest and/or specialty. Science Docent training will be provided at the District Office in October. Specific date and time will be provided based on volunteer needs.

### **Technology Docent Program**

This is a program for volunteers with computer skills to share. Docents assist classroom teachers with computer activities or work with students in computer labs. This is a great opportunity to share your computer knowledge and skills.

**For more information about the docent programs contact:**  
Tess Thompson, Monroe School District Volunteer Coordinator  
(360)863-4279 or [thompson@monroe.wednet.edu](mailto:thompson@monroe.wednet.edu)

# Operation School Bell

Monroe Public Schools is looking for volunteer drivers to transport students to Everett for **Operation School Bell**. This program is sponsored by the Assistance League of Everett and provides free new clothing and jackets to qualified students in our district. Each student “shops” with an Assistance League member to make their clothing choices. Volunteer drivers help students pick out shoes at a participating shoe store.

## **Volunteers will:**

- Complete a Monroe Public Schools volunteer application.
- Be screened through the WSP Criminal History Background Check.
- Obtain a Driving Abstract from WA Dept. of Licensing.
- Transport students in a district van.

If you are interesting in being a volunteer driver, please contact:

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