

# Parents Association

Hello Shady Side Academy Country Day Parents,

My name is Amelia Grubman and I am serving as president of the 2022-2023 SSA Country Day School Parents' Association (PA). On behalf of the executive board, I am very pleased to welcome back returning CDS families and send out a warm greeting to all new families joining the Country Day community for the upcoming school year!

The other members of the CDS PA Board are Vice President Laura Bernardo, Treasurer Sarah Pitt and Co-Secretaries Megan Grguras and Elizabeth Urish. We are so excited for the year ahead!

Our goal for the PA is fairly simple. We hope to plan events that bring families together to build the kind of close school community that reminds us why we love SSA and Country Day for our children. Some events will look much like they have in the past – the Back to School Picnic and classroom parties, for example. Others, such as Parent Coffees and a Spring Uniform Swap will be reimagined or entirely new. You, as parents, are vital to achieving this community-building because we all – students and families alike – can benefit from your enthusiasm, ideas, creativity and contributions. With your help, we can have a year full of friendship, fun and memories!

To that end, the CDS PA Board believes our role is to create and communicate opportunities for involvement, and then you decide the extent to which you would like to participate. From serving as Chair of Teacher Appreciation Week, to spending an hour collecting cookies for the annual Cookie Shoppe, to just showing up for Parent Coffees, there are so many ways to contribute and connect. No amount of involvement is too little. In the end, it all adds up to produce a wonderful year for our children, faculty, staff and YOU.

And with that, we are already reaching out with our first opportunity! We will need volunteers to serve as Homeroom Parents for each classroom. If you are interested, information regarding this position can be found attached to this letter. Additionally, please watch for a sign-up genius to be sent out in the next few weeks requesting chairpersons and volunteers for specific events throughout the year.

As noted on the Country Day calendar, the first event of the year will be the **Back to School Picnic on Monday, August 29, from 4–6pm**. Additional details to follow.

I look forward to a wonderful year with all of you!!

Sincerely,  
Amelia Grubman  
CDS PA President

## **Volunteer Opportunity - Homeroom Parents**

We are seeking 2 volunteers to serve as homeroom parents for each classroom. For those who have done this in the past, we welcome you to volunteer again. For those who might be new to the role or the school, this is a great way to get involved. It provides a perfect opportunity to get to know your child's teacher, as well as other students and parents in their class. Your primary responsibility would be working with the individual teacher to organize celebrations for your class. Some of these might be school-wide celebrations, but each grade level and class also engages in different activities, so you would coordinate with your child's teacher to see what is needed for the year. Homeroom parents will also be encouraged to organize at least one "class playdate" outside of school for each semester. You are encouraged to ask other parents in the class to help as well. Another responsibility, if you choose to do it, is to organize a group gift for your child's teacher at the holidays and/or the end of the year.

Thanks for considering serving as a homeroom parent! Volunteer opportunities such as these help to enrich our children's SSA experience. Please feel free to contact me directly via cell, text or email if you would like to sign up, or if you have any questions.

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