

# CHICKERING SCHOOL

## PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

GUIDE  
TO  
RESPONSIBLE  
PLAYGROUND  
VOLUNTEERING



Thanks for offering to volunteer on the Chickering School Playground. Please review the following checklist and list of expectations before your first playground shift. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Playground Coordinator.

### **Playground Volunteer Responsibility Checklist**

- ✓ All volunteers must complete a CORI background check. CORI checks are good for 3 years and are usually completed by you when your child enters Kindergarten and again at the beginning of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. If you have not completed this form, you are required to do so before you spend time on the playground.
- ✓ Please sign in at the office and wear the blue name badge.
- ✓ Introduce yourself to the teacher(s) on the playground and ask if there is a special area that you should attend to.
- ✓ When possible, please engage children in play. Many children welcome an organized game.
- ✓ In the event of bad weather there will be indoor recess. If in doubt, the front office will tell you if recess is outside or inside. Typically, recess will be inside if it is raining or if the temperature outside is lower than 22° F.
- ✓ If you cannot make your scheduled time, please try to find a substitute and notify the front office that you will not be coming.

# Playground Volunteer Expectations

## Confidentiality:

All you see and hear about children on the playground is confidential information. Teachers may not share information with you about children's learning problems, family issues, etc. Please don't ask, and if you overhear or observe child-specific information, please do not repeat it to others. If you have a concern about a child, please notify the Teaching Assistant on duty. Your information will help the school help the child.

*Note: Violation of this expectation will result in the revocation of volunteer privileges.*

## Injuries:

If a child approaches you about an "injury" **do** permit them to go to the nurse's office. However, if the child appears to have a more significant injury, he/she should be accompanied by an adult.

In the case of a more serious injury, send a child to a Teaching Assistant to request that the nurse come outside. If a child is lying down and appears to be having difficulty, do not ask him/her to get up. Keep the child calm and wait for the nurse.

## Concerns:

If for any reason you cannot fulfill your position as playground volunteer, please contact the Playground Coordinator or the Volunteer Services Chair.

## **Recess Guidelines**

### Safety

- Remember that all game equipment must be approved for the playground, shared with others, and used safely while taking turns.
- Avoid the use of sticks, rocks, and snowballs; avoid puddles and icy areas.
- Be properly dressed for each season.
- Notify an adult on duty if entering the school building for any reason.
- Stop, look, and listen when a whistle is blown.

### Limitations

- Remain in the designated playground area.
- Follow the guidelines for games on the black top and playing field for each grade.

### Respect

- Pass directly to the playground without stopping in any classroom.
- Listen to the adults on duty, whose job it is to keep the playground safe.
- Play fairly; avoid pushing; roughhousing and hurtful language
- Include everyone who chooses to participate in any game or activity and follow any posted rules.
- Listen for the school bell, line up quickly.

**Have Fun!**

## **4 Square Rules**

### **Square 1 serves to Square 3**

(Ball must bounce before you serve)

### **Open hand only to hit**

(you may not use a closed fist to contact ball)

### **Line is out**

(if you hit ball and it lands on a line the person who hit the ball is out)

### **Ball must bounce in your square before you return it.**

(you may not hit the ball twice)