



The Lakes
A Montessori School

**VOLUNTEERING
INFORMATION
FOR THE 2026-2027
SCHOOL YEAR**

Volunteering Information

Parent participation is an essential part of the child's school experience, and parent help is a welcome and valuable resource for the school.

To volunteer in the classroom or as a field trip chaperone, ALL parents must have a background check completed and take a free Child Abuse and Neglect course. The background check is valid for five years. Before volunteering, you must submit the course completion certificate to the office.

Please see the links below if you are interested in volunteering:

1. Background Check Directions:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/76bf2486901/ee9a9fc9-30f9-4ca3-b4b6-19f8c5af768a.pdf>

2. Child Abuse and Neglect Course:

https://www.dss.virginia.gov/dss-training/Local%20Training%20Development/Family%20Services/CWSE5692_Mandated_Reporters/

After completing the course and background check, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a time to volunteer or the school office to serve as a field trip chaperone. We ask that parents refrain from volunteering during the first six weeks of school, as this is critical in establishing classroom routines and helping children overcome separation anxiety. Please understand that state regulations do not allow volunteer work with children without school staff.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding, and we are excited to have you involved in our school community.