

Volunteers and Visitors

Dear Bellerive Families,

We are excited to welcome volunteers and visitors back to Bellerive! This connection is something that we have greatly missed but we will continue to go slow and take caution.

I want to explain the difference between a volunteer and a visitor. This difference is important because a volunteer is required to have a full background check as outlined below.

- A **Parkway volunteer** is an individual who has an opportunity to be alone with a student.
- A **Parkway visitor** is an individual in a school for a limited period of time who does not have the opportunity to be alone with a student.
- **Parkway Volunteers** must go through the background check process outlined below.
- **Parkway Visitors** do not need to go through the background check process.

Please note the following specifics related to volunteer and visitor opportunities:

- Visitors and volunteers will follow the same health and safety protocols as students and staff.
- Due to limits on space in the cafeteria and wanting to keep students socially distanced while eating both volunteers and visitors **will not** be allowed to join students for lunch.
- If a COVID outbreak (2% of the school population testing positive) occurs in a school or building, volunteers and visitors would not be allowed in the building during the outbreak period.
- Per Missouri Statute 168.133, those who wish to volunteer must complete a fingerprint background check through the Missouri State Highway Patrol and FBI. The cost for the background check is \$41.75 and is the responsibility of the volunteer. Please reach out if you need assistance. The background check will remain current as long as a volunteer stays active. If a year passes, the volunteer will need to complete and pay for another background check.
- Volunteers may complete the App Garden (Parkway volunteer tracking software). Use this link to start [App Garden Application](#)
- It can take volunteers anywhere from 4-6 weeks to be approved so please do not delay if you plan to assist in the coming months.

Below are some possible examples of opportunities for volunteering at Bellerive. This is not a complete list. We are still working to set our final dates and plans for the 4th quarter.

- Field Trip Volunteers
- Library Volunteers
- Book Fair Volunteers
- Helping set up PTO Events during school hours.

Some possible opportunities to be a **Visitor** at Bellerive could include:

- Being a guest reader
- speaking to the class about your profession or passion of yours related to grade-level curriculum
- attending an event such as a concert

**Note at this time we will not be allowing visitors to lunch or recess.

While we are excited to see volunteers and visitors back in the building, our main priority will continue to be the safety of our students and staff. So thank you for giving us the time to open our building back up safely to our families.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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Thank you!



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