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Digital Badge of the Month: Clean and Green



In May, encourage students to keep the Earth clean and green this spring. Examples of voluntary activities include:

- Assisting teachers in environmental science classes or help the school create a “Green is Clean” event.
- Host a Green night or host an organization/company tour
- Plant local school gardens with students
- Help a student plant and raise a flower

Visit <http://docdro.id/OPMEiGb> for more information about the Volunteer Programs digital badges.

Organizational Volunteer Program of the Month



The most important job Working in the Schools (WITS) volunteers have is to expose students to the joys of reading. WITS classroom volunteers are dedicated to one teacher and a class of students throughout the school year. They do everything from one-on-one reading with a student to facilitating books clubs in small groups, and sometimes even read aloud as a special guest reader. WITS also provides literacy mentors to 3rd through 6th grade students in 40 CPS elementary schools. WITS works in schools in almost every neighborhood and is committed to meeting the needs of the school and understanding how we can forge a partnership around those needs. WITS has been reading with students in CPS for over 25 years – nonstop!

If you are interested in having WITS at your school, please contact Kristen Strobbe at kristens@witschicago.org.

Volunteer School of the Month- Richard H. Lee Elementary



At Richard Lee, they believe it takes a village to raise a child. That village includes the staff, parent and the community. Lee has several volunteers who serve as one on one mentors/ tutors. Many assist with small groups in classrooms, as recess and lunch monitors and chaperone on field trips. Teamwork is the key!! Volunteer Coordinator, Deborah Wesley says, “The benefit of volunteering here at Lee is the satisfaction knowing you have an active part in molding the future of our students, no matter how big or small, your contribution matters”. The school motto is “Learners today, Leaders tomorrow”.

Lee is a 1+ school that is transitioning into personalized learning, to help meet the needs of all students. The faculty, staff, volunteers here are dedicated and have a growth mindset to help Lee students reach all their potential.

To volunteer with Richard Lee Elementary, please contact Deborah Wesley at dawesley@cps.edu.