

Successful events at SRV rely on the active involvement of our families to make them happen.

We are so grateful for your support and look forward to working together this year!



Ready to get involved?

Contact Class Parent Co-Chairs, Stephanie Browning and Dani Stefanik or SCV Chair, Kiersten Lenat for more information.

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A PARENT GUIDE TO GIVING AND GETTING INVOLVED AT





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We Invite You to Learn, Play, and Grow with Us!

The School in Rose Valley fosters deep connections and lifelong friendships among everyone who finds a home here. Our students, parents, grandparents, staff, and alumni show their love of our school in countless ways every year and there are always new ways to be involved on campus. Our community truly thrives when each member plays an active role. We invite you to share your special talents and interests with us and look forward to working together throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

SRV is fortunate to have significant community participation both in the classroom and at the many school events throughout the year. This guide outlines the numerous ways parents and other family members can help enrich our School. There are no small jobs and every role is important in supporting our vibrant programs and helping SRV grow into the future. Parents are encouraged to be both active participants in our community and financial supporters of the School. When we work together the possibilities are endless!

Active Participation: We welcome you to participate in the SRV experience by being involved in the classroom, volunteering for Specials Lunch, attending Sing, and joining event committees.

GROW:

Contribute to the SRV Fund

Like most independent schools, SRV relies on the generous support of families and friends to bolster our operating budget every year. We encourage all parents to make SRV their number one philanthropic priority. From time to time, we will invite you to participate in capital and endowment campaigns as well.

Why Does SRV Need to Raise Money?

The SRV Fund provides tangible benefits that enrich our program such as a tuition assistance program, small class size, engaging child-focused academic programs, robust Specials, and professional development.

Who Is Asked to Contribute to the SRV Fund?

We ask everyone in the SRV community - Board, staff, alumni, alumni families, parents, grandparents, and friends of the School to contribute every year.

How Much Are We Expected to Give?

Please remember that each gift makes a difference and goes directly to fund the current year's activities. Our goal is 100% family participation and we hope each family will find a way to participate according to their means. SRV Fund gifts usually range from \$10.00 to \$10,000 each year. We deeply appreciate each and every contribution; whatever the amount, your gift matters!

How Can We Donate?

There are many ways to make a contribution. Check, credit card, stocks, and securities are the most common ways to give. Please contact our Business Office Manager, Nava Hall, by email at nava@theschoolinrosevalley.org or phone at (610) 566-1088, to discuss other options. Gifts can be made online at bit.ly/srvgiving.

You also can pledge your gift and make payments throughout the year if that better suits your needs. Many employers offer matching gift programs, which is a great way to boost your gift to the School.

PLAY:

Participate in Events

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May Fair (V): Saturday, May 4, 11:00 am-6:00 pm

Each year, SRV students vote on our school-wide curricular theme and explore this topic throughout the second half of the year. This study culminates on May Fair, the major all-community event of the SRV school year. This day features great food, games and displays made by the students, sheep hearing, face painting, "trinkets & tokens," and more. Best of all: dancing by each of the groups--from SRV's youngest preschool students through the 5th & 6th graders dancing the Maypole. Many hands make light work, so we ask that we ask that as many families as possible volunteer at the Fair.

OG Honoring Ceremony: Wednesday, June 5, 3:30 pm

This event celebrates departing 6th-grade students during their last week at SRV. All community members are welcome.

Bead Ceremony: Friday, May 7, 10:30-11:45 am

On the last day of school, teachers present a bead to each student with a word or phrase that captures the essence of the child and their growth during the year. The SCV hosts a coffee at drop-off time for parents to gather and relax before the event begins. Parents are encouraged to attend. Families gather after the ceremony for an all school picnic.

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Grandparents' & Special Friends' Sing:

SRV welcomes Grandparents and Special Friends to campus for the much-loved tradition of Sing. During this lively morning, our special guests enjoy song and classroom activities.

Harvest Fest (V): Friday, October 12, 7:00 pm

Harvest Fest is our adult-only beginning-of-the-year social event. This evening features good food, libations, music, and fellowship.

Book Fair (V): Saturday, November 3, 10:00 am-noon, Monday-Friday, November 5-9, at drop off and pick up

The Book Fair is the annual fundraiser for the SRV Library. Through Children's Book World, we offer a great selection of quality children's books, as well as selections for parents. Volunteers are needed to pick up/return the books, set up/break down the book fair, and sell books while the fair is open.

Candle-Making Week (V): Monday, January 28-Friday, February 2

Candle-making is one of SRV's oldest traditions. During this week, the Woodshop will be transformed into a candle-making studio where students will learn to "wax, water, wipe" and produce beautiful works of wax art.

Winter Festival (V): Sunday, January 27, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Winter Festival is a family-oriented event that typically includes live music, dancing, crafts, a pot-luck, and the soul-warming Good Wishes Fire. Parents help plan the event and transform the campus into a magical winter wonderland.

Arts for All Auction (V): Friday, April 5, 7:00 pm, at The Old Mill

Arts for All is SRV's fundraising event of the year! This social evening includes hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and both a silent and live auction filled with coveted items, many of which have been handcrafted by members of our community. All proceeds go directly to support the SRV Fund.

GROW:

Other Ways to Support SRV

EITC:

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit program (EITC) allows businesses and individuals to direct their contribution to non-profit organizations, like The School in Rose Valley. Funds donated through EITC go directly to our Tuition Assistance Program. Tuition Assistance allows 45% of our families to make SRV a reality for their children.

The EITC program offers significant tax benefits for donors and our school. For more information about how you can make a smart investment in SRV's future, contact Erin Poulson by email at erinp@theschoolinrosevalley.org or call (610) 566-1088.

Capital Campaigns and Planned Giving:

Capital and endowment campaigns may be conducted periodically to provide funds for special projects such as facility enhancements, tuition assistance, and other special programs. If you would like to consider a legacy gift, we would be happy to discuss planned giving options with you.

LEARN:

Community Involvement

The SRV Community Volunteers (SCV) exists to promote a sense of community among students, parents, staff, and alumni. This group strives to support the School through fundraising, events to honor school traditions, adult social events, teacher support, and parent education.

There are lots of ways to become involved with the SCV throughout the year. Look for emails from the Class Parents throughout the year for opportunities to plug in. Following are some of those opportunities.

Class Parents

Every year, there are two to three Class Parents from each group who work with the teachers to enrich the academic and social life of the class.

The Class Parents also keep the families in each class informed about upcoming events and activities, and the volunteer opportunities of each.

Parent Ambassadors

Parent Ambassadors connect with prospective and new SRV families.

You'll greet families at events, make phone calls to inquiring families, help give tours, and generally encourage the community spirit between current families and those new to our School.

Event Committee Volunteer

At SRV, we gather as a community often to celebrate and raise funds for our beloved school. Each event is different and draws on a the wide array of skills and talents our parents possess (see below for events that need volunteers). Keep a lookout for emails and sign-ups throughout the year.

Lunch Coverage

On a rotating weekly basis, classroom teachers meet with specials teachers to plan curriculum and share insights about their students. During this time a staff member and parent volunteer(s) help serve lunch in the classroom. This is a great way to spend time with your child's class and learn more about our Farm-to-Fork Food & Education program.

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Sing: Every Wednesday Morning

Sing is a wonderful SRV tradition and we encourage you to take part as often as possible. Every Wednesday morning, starting at 8:20 am, the whole school, including students, staff, parents, and sometimes alumni, grandparents and family friends, gather together to sing songs. Musical selections range from old folk songs, to SRV originals, to fun children's songs. Don't worry about knowing all the lyrics as these selections can be found in our song book which is always available to borrow during Sing.

Admissions Open Houses (V):

Saturday, November. 3, 10:00 am-noon, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 9:00 - 11:00 am, Saturday, March 9, 10:00 am-noon and Thursday, April 4, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Open houses offer prospective parents the chance to tour SRV's campus and learn more about our unique program. Current parents are welcome to volunteer as hosts and should contact Kim Schmucki, Director of Admissions & Tuition Assistance, by email at kim@theschoolinrosevalley.org or phone at (610) 566-1088, for more information.

Putter Days (V):

Saturday, Nov. 17, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm & Sunday, April 28, 9:00 am - noon
We welcome you to spruce up the SRV campus with other parents while you earn back your maintenance deposit. On Putter Days, parents and older children pitch in on a wide array of campus projects and provide snacks.

Apple Day (V) : Friday, September 28, morning activities

Apple Day is a celebration of fall and serves as a reminder of our school's beginning; SRV was literally built on an apple orchard!

On Apple Day, we press cider with an old fashioned press, sing about apples and trees, bake delicious, apple-y treats, and so much more! Families are welcome to join the celebration. You'll receive the exact time your child's class will be pressing cider closer to the event.