

## THOSE WHO CAN, DO. THOSE WHO CAN DO MORE, VOLUNTEER!!

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“Big challenges call for an amazing tribe of volunteers” Michael Lindenmayer-Forbes

As a new member of the Wickenburg School District’s team, one of my favorite responsibilities is acting as the Volunteer Coordinator.

As a school volunteer for more than 20 years, I have seen the great benefits of parents, family and community members serving the schools. Volunteers make valuable contributions to the schools by supporting the staff. As parents we are able work side by side with our child’s teachers and learn their teaching style and expectations, thereby helping our child and their classmates achieve their greatest success. This is true with community members as well as family members.

Great volunteers are fantastic people to work with, as they add energy and approach tasks with enthusiasm. Their positive spirit is motivating and inspiring to others, leaving a lasting impression on the students and schools. Great volunteers think less about what they can get from the experience of volunteering and more about what they can contribute. I love this town and have worked side by side with many fantastic volunteers who have taught me much.

Whether you are helping a child individually or giving an educator or staff more time with students by relieving them of other responsibilities, your time is valuable and needed. Without a doubt, VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE. You do not need to have special qualifications or talents. Just have a passion for the success of kids, be reliable and have a great desire to help. When schools, families and community groups work together to support learning, kids tend to do better in school, stay in school longer and like school more.

We need great volunteers and we welcome you! Join our Team!!

**A BIG thank you to our great volunteers past and present! We appreciate all you have done and do for us!**



Volunteer working in Ms. Cardwell’s Kindergarten Classroom.