

TO: Eric Waddell, Superintendent  
FROM: Carol Lombardi, Mentor and Volunteer Coordinator  
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RE: November 2017 Quarterly Report

2017/2018 is off to a strong start. We have a robust schedule of volunteers and mentors at Mitchell and Shapleigh schools. This year, we lost 2 mentors due to changes in work and school schedules, but we have 4 new mentors so far, and several more who are interested, but not yet finalized. I work with the teachers and guidance counselors to pair students with mentors who are likely to be a good fit. The result is a wonderful friendship between the student and the mentor, which helps the student with their self esteem, their sense of belonging, their study skills, and their social skills. These positive experiences often help students to be more successful at school.

Weekly scheduled mentors and volunteers:

Mitchell School	19 students in grades K - 3 have mentors for an hour each week 26 library volunteers for an hour each week 7 classroom helpers for 1-2 hours each week 1 music volunteer for 2 hours each Thursday
Shapleigh School	13 students in grades 4 - 8 have mentors for about an hour each week 6 library volunteers for 4th grade for an hour each week 2 Traip homework helpers for an hour and a half twice each week 1 parent to make copies for literacy teachers for about 4 hours each week

Special Events Sep-Nov:

Shapleigh sports physicals	2 RN volunteers and a parent helper for 3 hours each
Shapleigh picture day/heights & weights	7 volunteers for 5 hours each
Mitchell picture day/heights & weights	10 volunteers for 5 hours each
Mitchell STAR testing	2 morning volunteers, 3 hours each per day for 10 days 2 afternoon volunteers, 2 hours each per day for 10 days
Mitchell flu clinic	1 RN volunteer for 5 hours
Shapleigh Stack-up day	12 volunteers for a total of 20 hours
Mitchell bulletin boards and copying	3 volunteers for 3 hours each

Our volunteers are very generous with their time and their talents. I feel that it's important that we express our appreciation to them, so I make sure to write them each a personal thank you.

I enjoyed meeting many of the new parents at the Shapleigh and Mitchell Open houses, and at the PTA meetings. I look forward to the volunteer expos at Traip and the Community Center. Word of mouth still seems to be the most effective method of recruiting new mentors, so please help spread the word!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with our dedicated parents and community volunteers, and with the students and friendly, supportive staff of Kittery's schools.