

Advice for those who are new to activities ...

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PRACTICAL ADVICE TO GET YOU STARTED

- Attend the new teacher orientation. Share with the new teachers about the student activities program and encourage them to be supportive and also get involved. Every year I was able to recruit 2 or 3 teachers to be class advisors and to help with the activities.

- Attend the first two meetings of the PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Students Association) and share with them the student activities program. Don't come with your hand out! Ask how the student activities program can assist the PTSA and enlist the parents to help with the student activities.

- Attend the first meeting of all the booster clubs (Athletic, Music, Vocal, Performing Arts, etc.) and ask how the student activities program can assist their organization.

As I am not a shy guy I always came "geared-up" (hat, shirt, and positive attitude) and a pocket full of business cards - I tried to talk with each person one on one and make sure they knew how to contact me. Over the years, the investment of my time paid super dividends in support, volunteers, and money!! Try it - you will like it!!