



4 hours. That is all you will need to volunteer for the TAG program.

As a Traveling Art Gallery volunteer, you will make four separate 20-minute presentations in four different classrooms on one great painting. You will schedule with a teacher assigned to you for the months of November, January, March and May.

What is involved in the presentation? You will take your painting to the assigned classroom and talk about it with the students. We will provide resources and discussion topics for each painting. You do not need an art or art history background to lead the discussion. The purpose of TAG is to expose the students to different works of art and have them talk about what they see or feel when they look at the art. For some of the students it is their first experience with art history and aesthetics. As a TAG volunteer you can help the students foster a lifelong appreciation of the arts.

We need volunteers for all grades!

For more information or to sign up for the 2016-2017 school year please contact:

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The 2016-2017 Traveling Art Gallery: O'Hara Elementary School

The Traveling Art Gallery is an art enrichment program by which parent volunteers collaborate to bring art history, criticism, aesthetics and art-making experiences to the classroom.

Each volunteer becomes an expert on one work of art and then takes a poster-sized reproduction of the artwork to four different classrooms over the course of the year. The combined effort of thirty-two+ volunteers results in over 40 hours of arts enrichment for the school community!

As a guest lecturer, parent volunteers scaffold and lead discussions that encourage students to actively participate and interact with works of art.

Although our main goal is to work as a team of docents to help foster a lifelong appreciation of the arts in the students, it is important to relax, and have fun. TAG is a long-standing tradition that relies on the dedication and support of our parent volunteers.

Thank you for time to help continue this wonderful program! For more information or to sign up for the 2016-2017 school year please contact:

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**Van Gogh Go Go
sign up now to
become a TAG
volunteer**



TAG Volunteer Responsibilities include:

- Pick up your TAG assignment folder and begin to familiarized yourself with its contents. Each TAG folder includes
 - Welcome letter
 - Guidelines, Expectations
 - Class Schedule and Masterpiece assignment
 - Helpful Hints for talking about art
 - Ideas about using art criticism and aesthetics in the classroom
 - And since we are an heirloom organization, applicable notes, research, books, resources from previous volunteers regarding your assigned masterpiece.
- Gather information and prepare for your presentation. Plan to spend about 20-30 minutes, split between art/artist history lecture, interactive discussion with the students and extension activity (if you have time) that can be simply looking at other works by the artist, reading a related book, or even making an individual piece or art.
- Volunteers should contact their assigned teachers 1-2 weeks prior to each presentation to schedule a day and time. If for any reason a volunteer cannot make their scheduled presentation, they should contact the teacher and the TAG coordinator to try to set up an alternate presentation and/or find a substitute. Aim to complete one presentation in October, December, February and April.
- On the day of presentation, volunteers pick up their assigned paintings from the PTO closet, the key is kept in the main office and must be returned after each use. In some cases, volunteers share a masterpiece so it is important that paintings are returned to the closet after each presentation.
- At the end of the year, volunteers return their folders and all materials inside to the TAG mailbox in the main office so that the program can be enjoyed again year after year.

*All in-school volunteers **must** have up-to-date clearances and wear a visitor badge when going to classrooms. For more information regarding district policy and how to obtain PA clearances, visit the Fox Chapel Area School District homepage and scroll down to download the PDF volunteer clearance directions/forms:

<http://www.fcasd.edu/ohara-resources/o-hara-forms.html>

**Support arts enrichment,
Join TAG today**



Included in the TAG collection of large-scale framed prints are pieces by Miro, Bearden, Escher, Matisse, Frankenthaler, Warhol, Picasso, Rousseau, Breugal, Klee and Renoir.

Interested in adding to our collection? Please contact Annie Avondolio anne.demarco@gmail.com

**TAG is fun and easy,
just Warhol yourself over to the school
and help foster a life-long love of art
in a generation of kids!**



