

Trillium Charter School

Family Events: Year at a Glance

This summary of family events and fundraisers throughout the school year is provided by **Together for Trillium (TFT)**, our parent-teacher-student organization. TFT strives to build community through social events, support educational programs and staff, coordinate volunteer activities, and assist with fundraising. Find out more at:

<http://trilliumcharterschool.org/tft>

Name	Description	Season
Ice Cream Social	Social event prior to start of new school year, for families to reconnect and meet new people, sponsored by TFT	end of summer
Back-to-School Coffee Hour	Celebrate the start of school year & hear about plans for the new year from TFT and the Director of Trillium	morn of first day
Coffee Klatch	A monthly social event, complete with free coffee, tea and doughnuts. Opens at 8 am for staff, 8:30 for others.	year-round
Scrip	Gift cards or coupons can be purchased from various local and national merchants through the Scrip program; merchants then give back a percentage of the money to Trillium. Scrip proceeds support TFT events and grants. "Fundraise while you shop."	year-round
Kids for Kenya Caf� in lobby	Coffee, tea, bagels and other breakfast pastries available for sale before school each morning; funds support sister school Humble Hearts, in Kenya	year-round
All-school meeting	Weekly meeting during which students and staff can speak, bring proposals or discussion topics, and vote on matters regarding use of building, rules and regulations, etc.	year-round
Staff meeting	Weekly meeting on Friday afternoons; parents sign up to donate healthy snacks for approximately 25 people, including some kind of protein	year-round
Chinook Book sales	Families sell copies of these coupon books, featuring green and local businesses; portion of funds supports TFT	fall
Intermediate school camp-out	Two-night camping event for 3-4-5 students, teachers, and parents	fall
Upper school camp-out #1	Two-night camping event for upper school students, teachers, and parents	fall
Lower school "sleep-under"	Evening event for 1-2 students, including dinner and games; kids sleep at home. Breakfast is served at school the next morning before class.	fall
Walk + Bike to School day	International event to encourage children, youth, and families to use safe, active transportation	fall
Trillium in Bloom	Community-building event featuring student concerts and workshops, with a concurrent art sale as fundraiser. Art is donated by Trillium families and friends.	fall
Run for the Arts	Students sign up sponsors, then participate in 30-min run to raise funds for arts and music.	fall

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Rooftop garden produce sales	Some produce from Trillium’s rooftop garden will be available for purchase; funds support Garden program.	fall
Berry sales #1	Orders taken for frozen berries; benefits Garden program	fall
Intensive classes	One week of classes in mixed-age small groups, with time to explore a subject deeply; taught by teachers, families and community members, along with adult volunteers	winter
Intensives for Grown-Ups (IFG)	One day with two class sessions, generally 3 hours each. Offers adults of Trillium the opportunity to share interests, such as coffee roasting, bike maintenance, canning, etc.	winter
Raffle baskets	Trillium’s largest fundraiser. Trillium families and friends solicit donations for 4 themed collections, and then sell raffle tickets for the collections. Drawing held near end of year.	spring
Trillium Seed Exchange seed sale	Intermediate students order seeds, design packaging and ads, and sell vegetable and flower seed packets from their business, the Trillium Seed Exchange. Educational program as well as fundraiser for Trillium Front Yard projects.	spring
Flower sales	Orders taken for flower & herb starts; benefits Garden program	spring
Berry sales #2	Orders taken for frozen berries; benefits Garden program	spring
Lower school camp-out	One-night camp-out for 1-2 students, teachers, and parents	spring
Upper school camp-out #2	Two-night camping event for upper school students, teachers, and parents	spring
Village Building Convergence	Ten-day citywide “place-making” event, including natural building projects such as Trillium’s cob wall. Future projects may include an outdoor classroom and de-paving part of the asphalt lot.	year-end
Graduation	In addition to high-school senior graduation, ceremonies may be held for other grades as well (preK, 5, 8, etc.)	year-end
Staff Appreciation Dinner	Annual dinner for all staff and their partners, with food and wine donated by Trillium families	year-end

Some additional social events, such as potlucks, movie nights, gaming nights, off-campus family events for skating or swimming, and school dances may occur throughout the year.

Each advisor may organize one or more social events throughout the year as well, to promote community building within the class.

School photos and the sale of Trillium t-shirts do occur annually, but don’t have a single, set time of year. The yearbook is published near the end of the school year.