



Tips for Parents

Create a Welcoming Environment

- Serve as volunteer ambassadors welcoming other parents at special events.
- Help make the building friendlier by working with staff to create directional signs, painting murals, or planting flowers.

Communication

- Offer to translate for non-academic meeting (or other meetings as appropriate) with families or small groups.
- Develop effective communication process with your child's teacher before a negative issue or crisis arises.
- Acknowledge your child's teacher's strengths and let them know they are appreciated.
- Develop a method for communicating with your child's teacher on a regular basis. Share family news that might impact your child's learning or behavior at school.

Shared Decision Making

- Familiarize yourself with school and district policies.
- Participate in school-based community organizations such as school improvement team, parent-teacher organizations.

Enhance a Culture of Learning

- Understand the curriculum and what your child is learning at school.
- Discuss your child's school day, homework and class work regularly and express what you value about education.

Speak up for child and advocacy

- Attend school board meetings and address the board about issues of concern
- Understand the communication process for bringing issues of concern or resolving disputes to the school.
- Learn about student and parent rights and responsibilities. Advocate for the service and supports that help all children grow successfully from cradle to career.

Building Community Connections

- Develop connections with other families within your school community.
- Offer to provide work, cultural and community experiences information to your child's class.