



Ideas for Parent-School Collaboration That Work!

COMMUNICATION

- Establish best form early on
- Communicate frequently/
build relationships

KNOWING WHO'S WHO

- (parents)
- Make a list of staff & contact info
for staff working with student
- Make a communication log

FEELING CONNECTED WHEN PARENTS CAN'T BE AT SCHOOL

- Parent in charge of newsletter
- Donate class supplies
- In charge of book orders(Scholastic)
- Take home prep work, correct tests, etc...

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

- Fun family events(food nights, school picnics, books & pajamas night, etc...)
- Service projects for students(food drives, etc...)
- Charitable or fundraising events

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

- Establish how much communication works
for both parties
- Resist preconceived ideas about each other
- Communicate, rather than making assumptions

VOLUNTEERING

- Strengthens school/parent relationships
- Positive atmosphere, parent involvement
good model for students

DON'T BE "THAT PARENT"

- Be respectful
- Let teacher know early & often when she's doing
things well for your child
- Keep an open mind
- Respect teacher's time

BE PROACTIVE, NOT ADVERSARIAL

- Make a plan of action, no blame
- Use positive language

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

- Remember it's not personal
- Do not react in the moment

PROBLEM SOLVING – HOW TO FIX DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

- Communicate
- Look at the facts
- Focus on helping student

Websites referenced:

- <http://www.edweek.org/ew/issues/parent-involvement/>
- <http://www.teachervision.fen.com/slideshow/education-and-parents/53887.html?detoured=1>
- <http://www.districtadministration.com/article/benefits-teacher-collaboration>
- <http://www.glencoe.com/sec/teachingtoday/educationupclose.phtml/5minkefamilyschoolcollaboration.PPT>