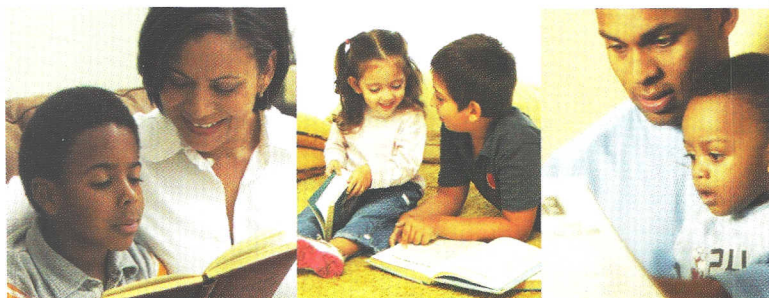


# PARENT INVOLVEMENT

*in your child's education*

## REALLY MATTERS!



Research shows that being involved in your children's education helps them do well in school while it also helps improve the quality of the school itself.

Remember, teachers, principals and others who work for the school are there to help you. Be a voice for your child. Work with the school to make sure your child's needs are being met.

As a parent, you are the advocate who speaks out for your child and the one who supports your child, not just financially but also emotionally, socially and academically.

Find the time to get involved — it makes a world of difference!

*(Please see reverse side for Tips)*

*Your*  
**ACTIONS,**  
*not just your*  
**WORDS, make an**  
**IMPRESSION that**  
*could* **LAST A**  
**LIFETIME.**

## 12 TIPS FOR GETTING INVOLVED

1. Take your child to school on the first day.
2. Let your child know that school is important. Be sure to ask questions about homework, and set up a quiet place for your child to work.
3. Read everything that is sent home from school—report cards, homework assignments, school lunch plans, and vacation and bus schedules. Show your child that you are well informed.
4. Get to know your child's teachers and school principal by attending school meetings and parent-teacher conferences.
5. Ask for copies of school policies (e.g., attendance, discipline, homework). Ask questions if there something you do not understand.
6. Volunteer to help out with school activities. Attend sports events, help out with fundraisers, or volunteer to work in the school office.
7. Visit your child's classroom when class is in session, not just at parent-teacher conferences. Set this up in advance with the school office and the teacher.
8. Talk to other parents. If there is a parent organization, join it. If there is no parent organization at your school, think about starting one. Finding two or three other interested parents is a good start.
9. Encourage your child to read at home. Visit local libraries or use book mobiles, school libraries, or book fairs and pick out books together. Choose books for each other to read.
10. Being involved in a child's education is just as important for stepparents, grandparents, and other adults who care for a child. Invite them to participate in home and school learning opportunities.
11. Get involved in school funding, planning and improvement efforts through school improvement teams or school board participation.

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