



Encouraging Parent Involvement!

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Why does it matter?

- School day: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
 - 6 hours/day... 30 hours/week
- That leaves 138 hours a week when they're not with us! We can't give our students everything they need in just 30 hours per week. We need help from their parents!

What does parent involvement mean to you?

- Volunteering
 - Bake sale
 - Classroom help
 - Career day
- Donating
- PTO
- Learning at home
 - Homework help
 - Reading before bed

And lots more...

Types of parents

- [VIDEO: The Bake Sale](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ue_EAEC12X0)
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Types of parents

Activity

- What do parents think and feel?
- What do parents see and hear?
- What are parents saying and doing?
- What do parents want?

What do parents THINK and FEEL?

- Isolated and no one is on their side
- Overwhelmed
- Excluded
- Intimidated
- Judged

What do parents SEE and HEAR?

- Resource/police officer
- No good calls, all bad ones
- Staff complaining
- Condescending language/actions
 - Parents hear: "I can take care of your kid, I don't need your help."

What are parents SAYING and DOING?

- “You don’t know my kid”
- “I’ve been trying to reach somebody for days”
- “Leave me alone”

What do parents WANT?

- What is best for their child!
- Success
- Safety
- Validation
 - That their concerns are be taken seriously
 - That their child is being cared for

What can we do to remove barriers?

- Communicate!
- Start off on the right foot
- Promote a positive and accepting school climate
- VIDEO: Utilizing the School Counselor
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGr2kdsq0wY>

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