

Ways to Stay in Touch with Your Child's Teacher and School

- Write a Note: Write a note to your child's teacher and have your child deliver it. The note can ask for an answer to a quick question, give the teacher information about a child's special needs, or request a phone meeting for more lengthy issues. If requesting a phone meeting, be sure to include your phone number and when you can be reached, such as which afternoons or evenings you are available and between what hours.
- Manage Correspondence: Look through your child's backpack (in the black folder) for notes from teachers, staff and Parents Association. Set up a place where your child puts all the paperwork from school. Sign it and put it back in our child's backpack by the next day.
- Make a Date: Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled twice a year, in the fall and the spring. If you have a concern between conferences, request a meeting with the teacher. Don't wait. Many teachers will arrange to meet parents before or after school or during their prep period.
- Go on a Trip: Parents are always needed to go on trips. A mix of moms and dads is very helpful, especially for restroom stops. The kids really love when their parents go on trips.
- Volunteer for Class/Special Projects: Make phone calls to other parents, collect materials for upcoming projects, etc. Let the teacher know if you are available to help.
- Attend School Activities: Teachers are grateful to see parents at school events. Attendance at school events shows that you appreciate their hard work. It is a great opportunity to find out what is happening in the school.
- Get to Know the Key School Staff: In addition to your child's teacher, familiarize yourself with the principal, security officer, nurse, aides, secretaries, parent coordinator, and guidance counselor.
- Attend a PA Meeting: Parents Association meetings are a great place to meet other parents, stay informed on important issues and policies, voice your concerns, and share ideas. PA meetings are usually on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Notices will be sent home monthly reminding parents of the meeting and outlining the agenda.
- Talk to your child: Listen to what your children have to say about their day and their feelings about school. Review homework assignments and display your child's work on your fridge to show you care about what they are doing in school.