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What Engage Parent Involvement Looks Like

- Involvement at the school AND the district level
- Programs set up for parents such as parent-advocacy leadership
- Use technology to reach, unreachable parents
- Meets parents where they are
- Free fun events for families, i.e. family movie night
- Teachers reach-out first

- Set high expectations for parents at the beginning of the year. Don't set the bar low for those who can't participate.
- Hold parenting workshops and live stream them via your Facebook page.
- Give No Homework passes for parent involvement in big events.
- Use Push Notifications

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- In September: <u>As a Parent, I</u>
 <u>Promise</u>
- In October: <u>Coping With</u> <u>High-Stakes Tests</u>
- In November: <u>How to Make</u>
 <u>Parent-Teacher Conferences</u>
 <u>Work for Your Child</u>
- In December: <u>Help Your</u> <u>Student Get the Most Out of</u> <u>Homework</u>

- In January: <u>A Grade By Grade</u> <u>Guide to What Your Child Should</u> <u>Be Learning in School.</u>
- In February: <u>Parent Involvement =</u> <u>Student Success</u>
- In March: <u>Education World's Tips</u> <u>for Involved Parents</u>
- In April: <u>10 Tips for a Successful</u> <u>Parent-Teacher Conference</u>
- In May: <u>8 Ways Parents Can</u> <u>Promote Reading at Home</u>

Types of Events?

Muffins for Mom

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- Donuts for Dad
- Goodies for Grandparents
- Pastries for Parents
- Bulletin board decorating contests with parents
- Cultural Appreciation Days
- Spring Carnival
- Color Run
- Movie Night
- Bingo for Books

- Escape rooms themes/hosting
- Penny fundraiser
- Family Art Night
- Walkathons and 5k Runs
- Holiday parties
- Trunk or Treat
- Annual Haunted House & Hayrides
- Fall Harvest Festival
- Winter Gift Shop
- Parents Night Out

Types of Events?

- Saturday Family Zumba Class
- Weekend Yoga Class
- Saturday Storytime for Toddlers (at any level school)
- Host Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts at your school.
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Holiday Parade
- Fourth of July Fireworks and local HS band.
- Superhero Day

VIDEO LINKS

- Start a Mom's Club
- Start a Dad's Club
- Thank You for Your Service Night (military parents)
- Block Party
- 100th Day of School
- Parent Academy (mini-parenting conference)
- Coupon-swaps



Teachers Cannont Raise Your Child - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPUVM0VGMZY</u> Parent Involvement (Coachman Elementary School) - <u>https://vimeo.com/15950849</u>