

# Linking Family-School Partnerships to Student Achievement Presentation

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## 7 Steps for Building an Engaged Community (handout posted on bulletin board)

1. You have to want it.
2. Make the School a welcoming place.
3. Community building 101
4. Make connections early and often.
5. Invite, invite and invite again.
6. Make meetings friendly and inviting.
7. Lower expectations and be patient.

The payoff, an active, engaged parent body ready to support their school and help create a rich learning environment for all students.

## Tips for Parents, Parent Involvement that Makes a Difference (hand out posted on bulletin board)

1. Have high expectations for your children.
2. Talk about school.
3. Help your children develop a positive attitude toward learning and good work habits.
4. Read together.

The evidence is clear. Parents make a difference. And the way they contribute most to their children's education is through what they do at home. There were also tip sheets for teachers and principals.

## Ideas discussed to engage parents and the community:

- Wellness fair
- Fun fit night (stations of zumba, yoga, etc with smoothie station for refreshments)
- School council members to wear Tshirts and school council table with information at all school events
- Parent career day
- Use email contact list and twitter to reach more families
- Movie trailers made by students kick off a movie night (use of technology purchased through fundraising efforts)