Parent Engagement Materials
Early Years
For Principals
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TOPIC: Successful Family-School Partnerships

Summary: PTA’s process for building successful partnerships starts with the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships and consists of three steps:

- Raising awareness about the power of family and community involvement.
- Taking action to cultivate involvement through specific programs and practices.
- Celebrating success as your school sees increased involvement and its impact.

Read more here: https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/National-Standards-for-Family-School-Partnerships

TOPIC: A practice guide for working with families from pre-birth to 8 years

Summary: This article describes a course that provides practitioners and professionals with a guide on how to consistently and compellingly share information with families about caring for their young child. Read more here:


TOPIC: Family ties: how to get parents involved in children’s learning

Summary: Experts say, use social media to share classroom projects, involve mums and dads in homework and try visiting them at home

Read more here: https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2017/feb/24/parents-involved-school-teaching-engagement

TOPIC: Hamilton school program fosters home-school relationship

Summary: The Strengthening Families program is a nationally and internationally recognized parenting and family enhancing program designed for both high-risk and general population families. See more here:

https://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/hamilton-school-program-fosters-home-school-relationship/article_0594e00a-e6d6-5f60-a184-2a0cbf1bd960.html
TOPIC: School system to host ‘Parent Academy’

Summary: Gaston’s public schools want more parents involved in their children’s education. In 2018, the school system held two “Parent Academy” informational sessions for parents to receive tips on where to begin.

Explore more on this topic here:

TOPIC: 'Stop slinging mud at parents – follow these 10 steps to better school-family relations'

Summary: PTA UK’s policy director, mother-of-two and teacher-spouse Michelle Doyle Wildman sets out some simple things schools can do to build relationships with parents and families

Read more here: https://www.tes.com/news/stop-slinging-mud-parents-follow-these-10-steps-better-school-family-relations

TOPIC: Parent’s guide to kindergarten readiness

Summary: “Kindergarten readiness is not just about learning your letters, numbers and shapes through flashcards,” said Cora Causey, Ph.D., instructor in the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Education. “There is so much more that parents and early childhood educators can do. We need to look at social-emotional, cognitive and language development in order to best prepare children for interaction in the classroom.”