Parent Engagement Materials
For all Teachers
2020
TOPIC: Highbridge Green School students present a project their parents helped design (also suitable for high schools and colleges)

Summary: Our recent story about the Highbridge Green School highlighted a unique collaboration between parents and teachers, who worked together to plan an English unit for the school’s first class of sixth graders.

https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2014/4/7/21095344/highbridge-green-school-students-present-a-project-their-parents-helped-design#.VOaU7PnF8lo

TOPIC: - Tackle the home-school engagement gap

Summary: Engaging parents can be tough. In a recent survey by ClassTag, 48% of primary teachers report that about a quarter of families are "hard to reach and engage." More than half of teachers say one of the biggest barriers in engaging parents is the "thinking that education is a teacher’s job, not a teamwork between parents and teachers."

Bridging the gap between home and school is imperative to student success. The right communication tools are key to supporting that effort.

https://www.smartbrief.com/original/2019/08/tackle-home-school-engagement-gap

TOPIC: - 'Parents and teachers: together, we can move mountains'

Summary: As a new teacher, Emma Kell did everything to avoid speaking to parents. Today, she believes communication is vital – but it’s equally important to get it right


TOPIC: - The 74 Interview: Harvard’s Karen Mapp on ESSA, Family Engagement, and How Schools and Communities Can Partner to Help Kids Succeed

Summary: Research shows that quality family engagement can prepare students for college, improve high school graduation rates, and better student achievement. The heart of this work involves treating families as true partners, with valuable insight into their child’s learning, Mapp said. Here’s how she recommends schools do that.
**TOPIC: - New 'Parent Lab' program aims to help kids by teaching their elders**

**Summary:** CHAMPAIGN — Studies show a parent’s literacy and education level are huge factors in determining a child’s success.

A new "Parent Lab" set to launch in early February is designed to teach parents in north Champaign how to help their children with schoolwork and improve their own literacy in the process.

The free program is offered through Parkland College Adult Education’s Project READ program, in conjunction with the Champaign Public Library’s Douglass Branch and Champaign Unit 4 schools.

Parents will work with volunteer tutors to become familiar with the skills and content that their kids and grandkids are learning in school, focusing on math and reading.

**TOPIC: - Getting to Know your Teacher, Getting to Know your Student’s Family**

**Summary:** Here’s are Two Simple Tools to Help You Get to Know Your Teachers or Parents!

https://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org/2019/08/27/getting-to-know-your-teacher-getting-to-know-your-students-family/