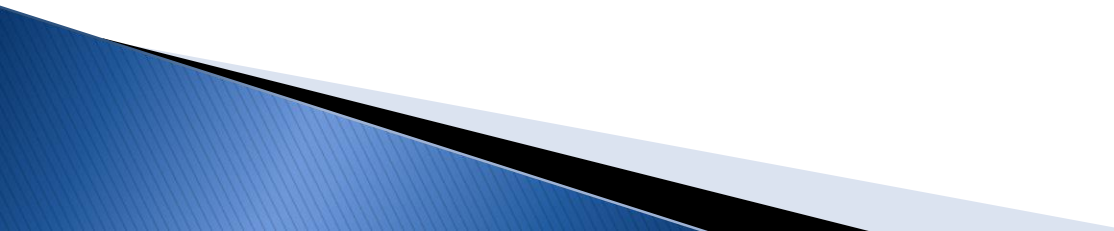




The Principal and the PTA

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The Principal & The PTA

- ▶ What is the role of the PTA?
 - ▶ What is the role of the school administrator?
 - ▶ How does the PTA work with the Principal?
 - ▶ How do we ensure our goals support the school?
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Parents: Child's First Educator and School Partner

- ❖ Share responsibility for children's education.
- ❖ Learn about school programs, curriculum, regulations and procedures and actively support them.
- ❖ Show commitment to education by attending conferences, PTA meetings, and other school programs.
- ❖ Participate in informed discussions, demonstrate mutual respect and teamwork.



Principals: School Official and Partner to Parents

- ❖ See that the school follows the curriculum adopted by the school board.
- ❖ Supervise all school personnel, including training, evaluation, hiring and firing.
- ❖ Be accountable for budget expenditures.
- ❖ Oversee the building safety, maintenance and security.
- ❖ Set the tone, climate of learning, professionalism and morale of the staff and concern for students.

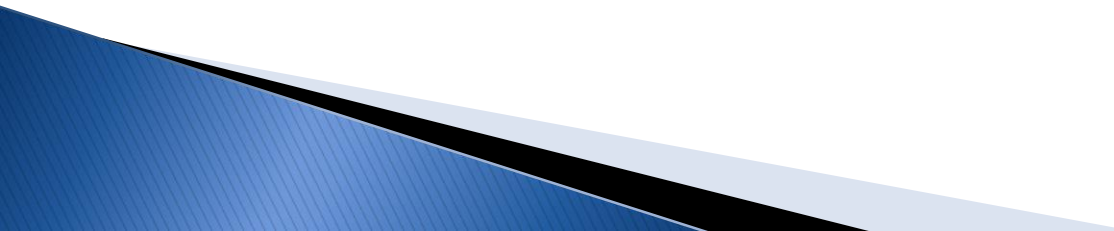


What can the PTA do to Build Partnerships with the School and Principal?

- ❖ Present concerns and issues to the principal. Develop a forum that allows for frank and open discussion.
- ❖ Focus on education and how to benefit students.
- ❖ Be alert to staff and community talents and resources.
- ❖ Plan programs and events that support school goals.



What can the Principal Do to Build Partnerships with the Parents and PTA?

- ❖ Be available to the community. Invite parents to private appointments to discuss concerns.
 - ❖ Work to make parents comfortable and welcome in the school.
 - ❖ Be active in the PTA and encourage teachers to participate, too.
 - ❖ Help parents stay informed on current issues in education.
 - ❖ Recognize PTA volunteers' efforts.
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Tips to Build a Strong School Community

- ❖ **Parents can establish a PTA that is inclusive.**
 - ❖ Embrace all parents and caregivers; reflect the school community culture
- ❖ **Make the principal–parent dialog visible.**
 - ❖ Invite the principal to write an article for the newsletter; host coffees or chats with the principal
- ❖ **Network with community establishments**
 - ❖ Work with banks, hospitals, libraries to get free services and mentors
- ❖ **Invite community groups and youth serving organizations to school.**
 - ❖ Work to shared goals; shows, sporting events service learning projects



More Ideas...

- ❖ Carry out fundraisers tied to specific goals
 - ❖ Campus beautification, playgrounds, underwriting classroom activities
- ❖ Nominate the school or principal for awards
 - ❖ PTA's Parent Involvement Schools of Excellence, NAESP Outstanding Principal, your district awards
- ❖ Promote health and nutrition
 - ❖ Healthy Schools program, school lunch programs,



Working Together

- ▶ Keep each other informed
- ▶ Work out problems. Keep an open mind. Listen to each other.
- ▶ Be positive and enthusiastic about your school
- ▶ Develop a win-win attitude.
- ▶ Celebrate each other's accomplishments.



Questions to Ask, Comments to Share



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