



# PARENTNET®

## Sample Beginning-of-year Newsletter Article

### Topics include:

- Facilitator training
- Look for ParentNet brochure in mail
- Invitation to first ParentNet meetings of the school year

*(Feel free to copy and use any portion of this article, changing the names, dates, etc. to reflect the needs of your particular school.)*

September is a busy month of preparation for the ParentNet program. As a program led by parents for parents, ParentNet depends on these key individuals. On September 29th, over 30 parents attended a half-day training at \_\_\_\_\_. Particular emphasis is on the “parent contract” that defines the terms of participation for all parents, selection of appropriate topics for discussion, and skills for facilitating discussions at grade level meetings. We thank these dedicated volunteers for their hard work, for their leadership in the program, and for giving up their Saturday!

A ParentNet brochure should have arrived in your mailbox by now. It provides a good overview of why we believe in ParentNet and what we hope to accomplish. Inside is an “insert” that lists the parent volunteers by grade level, as well as a list of meeting dates. We hope you will attend your child’s grade level meeting this fall, and especially encourage parents of new students, or parents who have never come to a meeting, to come. This is a very busy time of year at school, but an important one too, and we think you’ll be rewarded at the very least with some “food for thought” by making the effort to attend. As parents of \_\_\_\_\_ students, we will all be together for many years to come. We invite you to take the opportunity ParentNet affords to know one other a little better, sooner rather than later, and share this journey together.