

## Parents and Schools Work Together Toward the Same Goal

Parent involvement in school life equals higher student achievement, better attendance, higher graduation rates, and more positive student attitudes and behavior. It improves a community's problem-solving abilities and creates a more supportive learning environment. When schools and parents work together to enhance a child's developmental building blocks, that child tends to succeed both in school and throughout life.

Make a Difference  
*Attend ParentNet*

### *ParentNet Builds a Community Network*

A parent-directed program open to everyone in a school community, ParentNet provides a forum for parents who share a universal goal—the healthy growth and development of their children.

Through ParentNet meetings, we facilitate discussion of everyday

parenting topics, encourage parent networking and mutual support, and enhance communication between parents, students and our school.

We encourage diverse perspectives and opinions and strive for a supportive atmosphere and a true sense of community. Together, we gather new parenting tools and make more informed choices regarding the health, safety and well being of our children.

### *Fellow Parents Lead the Way*

ParentNet meetings are held several times a year at each grade or development level and are led by trained parent volunteers from our school. A faculty advisor attends as a school liaison, assists with school-related questions, and helps clarify the process for further communication and problem solving with the school. Together, we may follow up on important issues, recommend specific parent education programs or initiate new programs to benefit our school community.

### *Participants Follow Guidelines*

Parents are asked to follow six guiding principles:

- Honor the philosophy and spirit of ParentNet
- Speak for yourself—avoiding hearsay
- Stay within your comfort zone
- Respect diverse opinions
- Maintain the confidentiality of others
- Continue the dialogue of important parenting topics within our school community

### *YOU Make a Difference*

Whether you have a specific parenting concern or simply want to hear what's on the minds of other parents, your presence and support at ParentNet meetings makes a positive difference to everyone in our school community.

Who benefits from ParentNet? Mothers and fathers, stepparents and guardians—all adults responsible for raising a child.

*But most of all, the greatest benefit is to our children.*

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