Focus: Ways to parents and community members involved, engaged, and volunteering. Which opportunities exist? What is the importance of parent involvement?

Students do best in school when they attend school and they know their parents care about education and are involved in their child’s learning.

We welcome all parents and community volunteers at our school.

**Things to do at the school:**

1. A parents first and best option will be to talk with the PTA at your school.
   a. They have a lot of varying opportunities to help out and it’s easy to do.
   b. Most volunteering falls under the umbrella of the PTA.
   c. Volunteers help plan class parties, decorate teacher doors, plan and have class parties, help organize and chaperone field trips and school-wide reward parties – we like to have fun too, and so much more....
   d. Sign up with WATCH D.O.G.S.
   e. Sign up for extracurricular activities. The Logan Parks and Recreation Department is a great resource.

2. Talk with your child’s teacher to find out what they need help with.
   a. Read with students in classrooms, individually or in small groups, for 30
   b. There are things to do at home like cut out laminations
   c. Ask the teacher about Show & Tell or Career Day where you can share your expertise with the class

3. Talk with your child.
   a. Ask your child for ways they would like you to help them. Children are smart and have great ideas. They have set academic goals and leader goals that you can help them achieve.
   b. Attend Parent Teacher Conferences.
   c. Talk with your children in depth about school and listen to what they have to say and be understanding and sympathetic to their feelings and opinions. Suggest ways or verbally notice ways what they’re learning about applies to real life situations.

4. Talk to the Parent Liaison or School Counselor.
   b. I would love the help and in reality, it’s the volunteers and businesses who make it a success.
   c. Help with a fundraising or charitable donation event.

5. Volunteer at community organizations like the Food Pantry that help students and their families
6. Join the School Community Council and help decide which programs will best meet students’ needs and how to best use Land Trust Funds.
7. Attend Board of Education meetings.

**Things to do at home:**

a. Check your child’s backpack every night for flyers, homework assignments, etc.
b. Read with your children every day for 5-20 minutes.
   c. The most important thing is to spend time with your children doing things together – cook together, play games with your children, do activities that they enjoy together. Spending time with your loved ones makes the best memories.