

# October is Parent Involvement Month!

~ October 2009 ~

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|  <p><b>Activities that Schools can do to support Families!</b></p> <p>Brought to you by:<br/><b>NC PIRC 1-800-962-6817</b></p> |   |  |   | 1<br>Post friendly and welcoming signs for parents and visitors.                 | 2<br>Provide parents with printed suggestions for simple things they can do at home to help their child. | 3   |
| 4<br>Together, we can make a difference in the life of a child.   | 5<br>Post your school's mission statement at the entrance so everyone knows what it says.   | 6<br>Introduce parents to each other.  | 7<br>Develop a list of things parents can volunteer to do.  | 8<br>Publicize your parent center or materials your school has for parents.      | 9<br>Announce Parent Involvement Month at all extracurricular activities.                                | 10<br>Nurture Parents.  |
| 11  | 12<br>Call three parents to discuss something positive about their child.                   | 13<br>Create a space for parents.  | 14<br>Review your school improvement plan for ways to involve more parents.                               | 15<br>Have a bulletin board especially for parent information and announcements. | 16<br>Create a parent suggestion box.  | 17<br>                  |
| 18<br>Communicate often.  | 19<br>Work with staff / students to plan a parent appreciation night / activity.            | 20<br>Hold a coffee with the principal at the start of the day.                                    | 21<br>Reflect on what your school does to invite and welcome parents to school. Develop new ideas to try. | 22<br>Ask parents about the friendliness level of the school.                    | 23<br>Set aside a day to invite fathers and grandparents.  | 24<br>Organize a family / staff sports night Teams made up of families and staff                            |
| 25<br>   | 26<br>"School Lunch Day" Invite parents or family members to join their students for lunch. | 27<br>Schedule a workshop for school staff on the importance of parent involvement on achievement. | 28<br>Have students to write invitations to parents for next parenting event / activity.                  | 29<br>Tour the communities where your children live.                             | 30<br>Praise all parents you see today!  | 31<br>Plan a Saturday Academy for parents. Offer sessions on parenting, ways to be involved, and academics. |