A Tough Nut to Crack...

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VS.
How do we define parental involvement?
Take a Minute To Answer this Question:
How does your school define parental involvement?
Increased parental involvement = increased achievement (except for outliers).

We can not have a true school/parent partnership without genuinely encouraging parental involvement.

Students’ feelings about their ability to achieve increase when parents are involved.
Two Types of Parental Involvement

**Home-Based**
1. Home Packets
2. Homework
3. Reading to Parents
4. Discourse about school and teachers
5. Others?

**School-Based**
1. Volunteering
2. PTA
3. Reading with Students
4. Others
Every classroom that exists, or ever existed, has extensive parental involvement but few recognize or capitalize off of this fact.
They won’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.

The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place. (George Bernard Shaw)

A gentle answer turns away wrath...
Non-Verbals

* Open Posture

* Lean Forward Slightly-adds emphasis

* Eye Contact-as appropriate

* Relax
Use Questions Sparingly-and open-ended when possible

- Paraphrase
- Reflect
- Summarize
Baggage... We All Got It!
R-E-S-P-E-C-T... We All Want It!
US vs Them?
Issues that detract...

* Parents do not know how to be involved.
* Parents feel like any and all school contact is negative.
* Sometimes parent/student mental health is impaired.
* Students are unreliable reporters.
* Time.
When Mental Health is an Issue

- Parent
- Child
- Does a family issue exist?
Mental Health...

- It is a journey.
- No brow-beating.
- No lectures.
- Encourage documentation by teacher, counselor and parent.
- Have resources available for parents.
- Have a consultant available for parents.
Questions or Comments

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