

Dads Matter!

The Importance of Male Involvement

It is important that fathers be involved in their child's education at school and at home. When school staff welcome fathers and give them resources and ideas on how to support their child with school work at home, everyone benefits.



Families lead, kids succeed.

Research shows that.....

- *Families* benefit by increased participation of fathers in their children's schooling. Such attention and interest can strengthen and reinforce family interactions and ties in many important areas, including marriage and transgenerational relationships. A greater involvement by fathers also reinforces the importance placed on education by the family (Brotherson et al., 2005; Doherty et al., 1998; Eggebeen & Knoester, 2001; Gottman, 1998; Lamb, 2004; Marsiglio et al., 2000; Parke, 2004).
- *Schools* benefit from more father involvement. This involvement enriches the resources to draw on. That is, fathers' knowledge and skills can be tapped. Teachers' reports of children having few problems at school, such as poor attendance or failing a grade, are associated with children's reports of positive paternal behavior (Marsiglio et al., 2000).