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According to Grace Chen's Public School Review: Parental Involvement is Key to Student Success. April 30, 2018. Research shows that students' Academic Achievement increases when parents and caregivers are involved in their children's education. The more intensively involved the parents and caregivers are, the greater the positive impact on academic achievement. Research also shows that parental involvement not only enhances academic performance, but it also has a positive influence on student attitude and behavior. A parent's interest and encouragement in a child's education can affect the child's attitude toward school, classroom conduct, self-esteem, absenteeism, and motivation.



We are committed to supporting our parents and caregivers through trainings and collaborations so that they can meaningfully impact their students' academic success.

ACADEMIC PARENT-TEACHER TEAMS PROGRAM (APTT)

Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTT) is a model of family engagement that is grounded in the notion that schools can thrive when families and teachers work together, as genuine partners, to maximize student learning inside and outside of school. The model is research-based and aligns grade-level learning concepts, student performance data, and family-teacher communication and collaboration. One major benefit of this program is to create a team-based approach to parent teacher conferences. The team will consist of parents and teachers using a group conference platform. During the parent-teacher conference teachers will model various activities to assist with students learning at home. APTT focuses on foundational grade-level skills, which must be achieved by the end of the school year. Parents and teachers collectively meet three times per year to discuss students' progress and acquire new skills.

The Parent & Family Engagement Department will be piloting this program for the 2020-2021 school year.

To learn more about the APTT Program click [here](#) for additional information

PARENT HEALTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Parent Health Ambassador Program (PHAP) is a mutual partnership between the DeKalb County Board of Health and the DeKalb County School District. The PHAP program educates parents on the health and well-being policies on selected afterschool programs within DeKalb County School District. Parents will receive tools, resources, and information that promote a healthy lifestyle in afterschool programs. Students are encouraged to develop healthy eating behavior while attending afterschool programs.

Benefits:

- Creating healthy lifestyles to combat childhood obesity
- Access to volunteer hours through PHAP
- Incentives for participation

Participation requirements

- Participate in online training
- Assess snacks currently served in afterschool programs
- Collaborate with DCSD Parent & Family Engagement Department, Peer Master Trainers, and Afterschool Program Leaders.

Participating Schools: E.L. Bouie Elementary School, McNair Discovery Learning Elementary School, Narvie J. Harris Elementary School and Wynbrooke Elementary School.



VIRTUAL IMPACT HUB PARENT RESOURCES

Connections Academy

If you're new to distance learning and trying to support your child's education while also working from home, you've probably had questions and hit a few bumps along the way. You're not alone [Connections Academy](#) can help. Explore this curated list of resources and advice for parents, written and compiled by online school experts. You're sure to find some good advice for keeping your children engaged in learning at home.

All Grades

Motivational Tip	This document provides tips and ideas to motivate your student.
Student Struggle While Learning Can Have Positive Results	This document explains the value of productive struggle and how to incorporate it into your student's day.
Succeeding with a Growth Mindset	This document explains the meaning of developing a growth mindset and how to encourage it with your student.

Elementary

Productive Struggle for Elementary Students	This short video explains the value of productive struggle and how to incorporate it into your elementary student's day.
Growth Mindset for Elementary Students	This short video explains the meaning of developing a growth mindset and how to encourage it with your elementary student.
Coach for Active Learning: Elementary	This document explains how to engage your elementary grade student in active learning.

Middle and High School

Productive Struggle for Secondary Students	This short video explains the value of productive struggle and how to incorporate it into your secondary student's day.
Growth Mindset for Secondary Students	This short video explains the meaning of developing a growth mindset and how to encourage it with your secondary student.
Coach for Active Learning: Middle School	This document explains how to engage your middle school student in active learning.
Coach for Active Learning: High School	This document explains how to engage your high school student in active learning.
Coach for Success: High School	This document explains how to coach your high school student and describes effective virtual school habits.

Supports for Grandparents raising Grandchildren “A Grand Affair”

Grandparents have served as one of the most important safety nets for children whose parents are unable or unwilling to provide care. The goal of this program is to identify, promote, coordinate and disseminate information, resources, and best practices to help grandparents who are caregivers meet the educational, health and other needs of their grandchildren while maintaining their own mental and emotional health.

HelpGuide

HelpGuide.org is a nonprofit site that gives grandparents resources, tools and ideas on how to get help and make the most of raising grandchildren. Whether you need counseling, help with mental health or emotional issues for your grandchildren, or need help with caregiver stress and burnout, this site has lots of great resources.



Grand Families Guide (US)

The AARP offers a comprehensive [GrandFamilies Guide](#) with U.S.-specific information on legal documents, finances, health insurance, education and childcare, and many other things you will need to know to protect your rights and maximize assistance in caring for your grandkids.



dailystrength

Daily Strength

Daily Strength is an online community with a [special online support group for grandparents](#) who are the primary caregivers of their grandchildren. Look here for an online forum for conversation and support to get your questions answered on everything from adoption to birth certificates to the emotional challenges of raising grandchildren.

A “Grand Affair” Schedule of workshops is coming soon.

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