

School News

Set boundaries to reduce aggression

Kids who are aggressive at school usually act the same way at home. Parents can help by setting clear family rules, such as these:

- **No violence.** Don't allow any family member to strike anyone else.
- **No swearing.** Using words that are obscene or vulgar is never okay.
- **No temper tantrums.** If someone becomes too upset, he must go to his room until he is calm.
- **No threats.** Don't allow your child to threaten anyone, either with words or with action.
- **Be kind.** Each person should do something nice for at least one family member daily.
- **Pay attention.** If a family member is talking, you have to listen without interrupting.
- **Cooperate.** Do chores together. Solve problems together.
- **Show respect.** Everyone in the family deserves this, not just parents.
- **Love each other.** Express love through behavior and sentiments. End the day with an "I love you." Write these rules down. Talk with your children about them. Then put them into action.

Motivate your child to love reading

Once children can read on their own, they may not read as often. Here are some ways to make reading more fun:

- **Note your child's interests.** Whatever he enjoys—from soccer to hamsters to dinosaurs—there is sure to be a book about it.
- **Share books that you loved** as a child. Take turns reading chapters aloud. Your enthusiasm will be contagious.
- **Look through a craft book.** Start a project together. Have your child read the directions to you.
- **Encourage your child to read** to someone younger. Say how proud you are that he is such a good reader.
- **Find answers in books.** For example, your child might ask, "What's that funny bug?" Visit the library to find out.
- **Set a good example.** Choose a daily reading time, such as right before bed. Talk about how much you look forward to this relaxing time together.

Review & discuss school rules with your child

Sometimes children get in trouble on the bus or at school just because they don't know the rules. Ask the school for a discipline handbook. Review rules with your child. Doing what's expected of her will be much easier.

Invent a family motto to encourage perseverance

It can be hard to keep going when things get tough. A family motto can help. You might say, "In our family, we finish what we start." Don't be surprised if you hear the phrase repeated at just the right times.

Remember, you are your child's moral role model

Like it or not, what you do sends powerful messages to your child about the kind of person he should be. Consider how the simplest acts can teach big lessons:

- **Cleaning up litter** teaches respect for the environment.
- **Sticking with a difficult project** teaches the value of hard work.
- **Leaving a note** after bumping a parked car teaches honesty. As you go about your day, think, "What kind of example do I want to set for my child?" Then act accordingly.

Ethel Koger Beckham PTA Welcomes you

Bear T-Shirts

This year, the PTA is introducing a new color for the Bear T-shirts. The students can still wear the white ones from last year, as well as the new burgundy T-shirts every Wednesday. T-shirts will be on sale the first week of school in the afternoon from 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. Youth sizes come in S (6-8), M (10-12), L (14-16), and adult sizes come in S, M, L, and XL. All T-shirts are \$12.00 each, or \$20.00 for two.

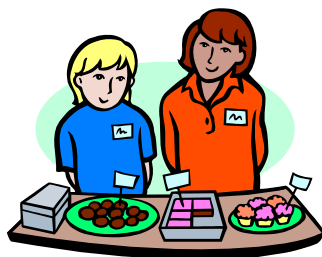


Open House

The 2003-2004 school Open House and general PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2003, from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Your efforts to attend will be appreciated as important topics will be taking place.

Bake Sale

Every Monday, the PTA will be selling doughnuts and soda between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the school entrance.



Fund Raising

Sally Foster catalog and information package was sent home the second week of school. This fund raising program will run from September 2 through September 26.

PTA Monthly Meeting

Every third Wednesday of each month, the PTA will hold a meeting at the school. Everyone is welcome and new ideas are encouraged. Check the calendar for time, place, and topic of meeting.

Thanks

Special thanks to Publix Supermarkets in Lakes of the Meadows and Miller Square, and Einstein Bagels for their donations made toward our school Teacher & Staff Appreciation breakfast.

Visit our new Website at:
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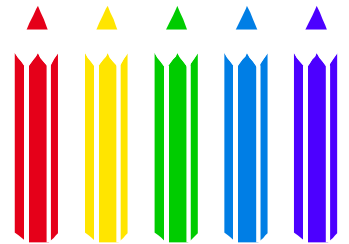
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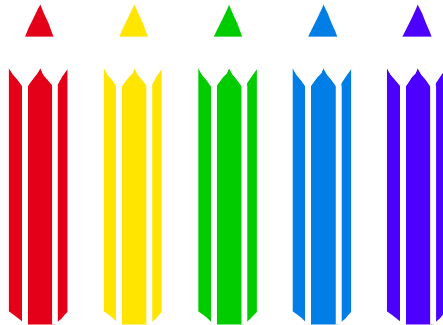
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