

ENGAGING FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES IN EDUCATION

Parent Academy POWER HOUR

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Father and Family Council





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- Raise your hand if you have a question or post the question in chat
- Use the Chat Feature to share thoughts and ideas
- The zoom session is being recorded



Quick Poll



WHO IS IN OUR AUDIENCE TODAY?

WHAT GRADE ARE YOUR KIDS IN?

**BE A SUPERHERO
TO YOUR CHILDREN**

TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS:

IT'S EASY

**IT'S
IMPORTANT**



THE FATHER ABSENCE CRISIS IN AMERICA

There is a crisis in America. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 19.7 million children, more than 1 in 4, live without a father in the home. Consequently, there is a "father factor" in nearly all of the societal ills facing America today. Research shows when a child is raised in a father-absent home, he or she is affected in the following ways...

Source: 2017 U.S. Census Bureau. Data represent children living without a biological, step, or adoptive father.



SOME STATISTICS



JUST THE FACTS

Women with absent fathers are more likely to have children with absent fathers.

SOURCE: Pougnet, E., Serbin, L. A., Stack, D. M., Ledingham, J. E., & Schwartzman, A. E. (2012). The intergenerational continuity of fathers' absence in a socioeconomically disadvantaged sample. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 74(3), 540-555.

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MILLION CHILDREN WITHOUT THEIR FATHER AT HOME

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Visit store.fatherhood.org/new-father-facts-8-download/ for more facts on father absence

JUST THE FACTS

Children living without their father in the home are **47%** more likely to live in poverty.

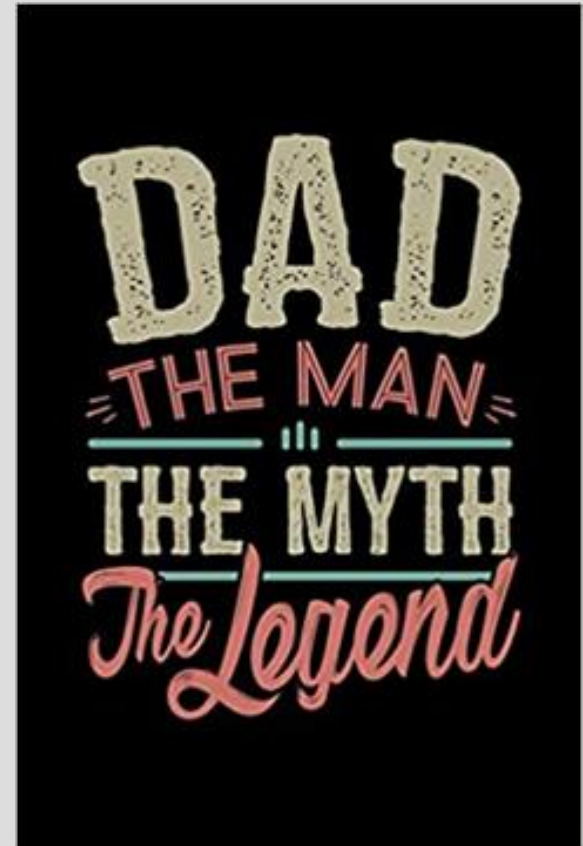


SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (2012). Information on poverty and income statistics: A summary of 2012 current population survey data. Retrieved from: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/12/PovertyAndIncomeEst/1b.cfm>

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IMPORTANCE OF MEN BEING INVOLVED

- Fatherhood.gov notes that “When fathers are involved in the lives of their children, especially their education, children learn more, perform better in school, and exhibit healthier behavior.”
 - Even when fathers do not share a home with their children, their active involvement can have a lasting and positive impact.”
- U.S. News and World Report writes that “More frequent father engagement in a child’s literacy and education results in higher achievement levels in reading and math for the child.”
 - Fathers who become engaged, “in school settings early in their children’s lives are more likely to stay engaged longer.”



JUST THE FACTS

Involved dads reduce moms' parenting stress.

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SOURCE: Nomaguchi, K., Brown, S., & Leyman, T. (2017). Fathers' participation in parenting and maternal parenting stress: Variation by relationship status. *Journal of Family Issues*, 38, 1132-1156.

Just the Facts

Dad's involvement during pregnancy positively influences health outcomes for mom, dad, and baby.

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FATHER FACTS
SEVENTH EDITION

SOURCE: Widarsson, M., Engstrom, G., Tyden, T., Lundberg, P., & Hammar, L. (2015). 'Paddling upstream': Fathers' involvement during pregnancy as described by expectant fathers and mothers. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*, 27, 1059-1068.

JUST THE FACTS

Boys have fewer behavior problems and girls have fewer psychological problems when they have involved dads.

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SOURCE: Sarkadi, A., Kristiansson, R., Oberklaid, F., & Bremberg, S. (2003). Fathers' involvement and children's developmental outcomes: a systematic review of longitudinal studies. *Acta Paediatrica*, 92, 153-156.

JUST THE FACTS

Children who live with their dads do better in school.

National Fatherhood Initiative
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SOURCE: Whitney, S., Prewett, S., Wang, Z., & Haigin C. (2017). Fathers' importance in adolescents' academic achievements. *International Journal of Child, Youth and Family Studies*, 8(3-4), 101-126.

Just the Facts

Father involvement in schools is associated with the higher likelihood of a student getting mostly A's.

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FATHER FACTS
SEVENTH EDITION

SOURCE: Nord, Christine Winquist, and Jerry West. Fathers' and Mothers' Involvement in Their Children's Schools by Family Type and Resident Status. (NCES 2001-032). Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2001.

JUST THE FACTS

Involved dads improve their children's overall emotional and social well-being.

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SOURCE: Adamsons, K., & Johnson, S. K. (2015). An updated and expanded meta-analysis of nonresident fathering and child well-being. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 27, 589-599.

WHAT CAN FATHERS & OTHER MALE ROLE MODELS CAN DO TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE FOR A CHILD'S EDUCATION

- Home



- School



- Community



AT HOME

- **Read with their children.**

- The ability to read well is known to be one of the most critical skills a child needs to be successful.



- **Establish a daily routine.**

- Fathers can set a time for homework, chores and other activities
- Dads don't need to have in-depth knowledge of a subject, but can be supportive of their child in working through tough spots in her or his school work.



- **Make the most of bedtime.**

- At bedtime, a father can enrich a child's life merely by recounting what he did during the day.
- Every moment he spends and every word he says builds a relationship with his child.



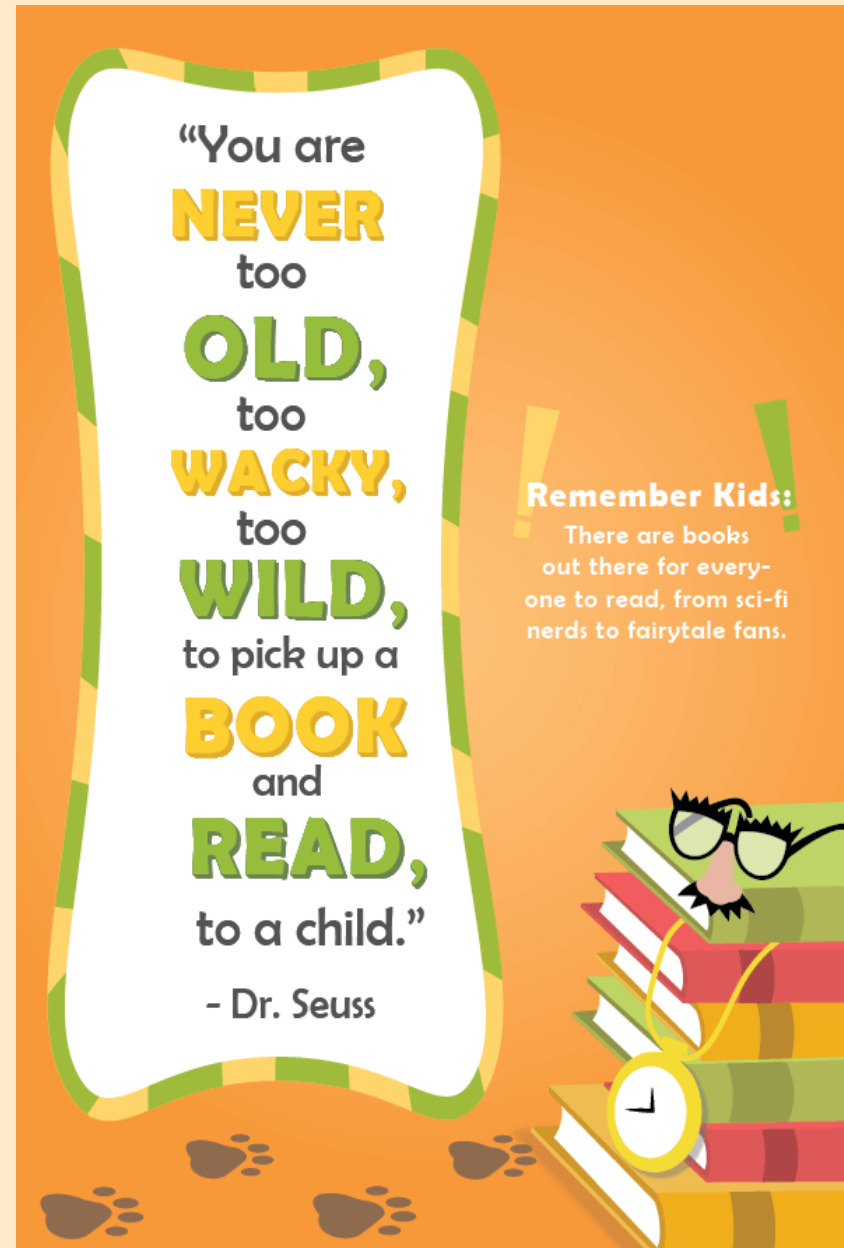
KIDS THRIVE WITH DAILY ROUTINES AND POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS



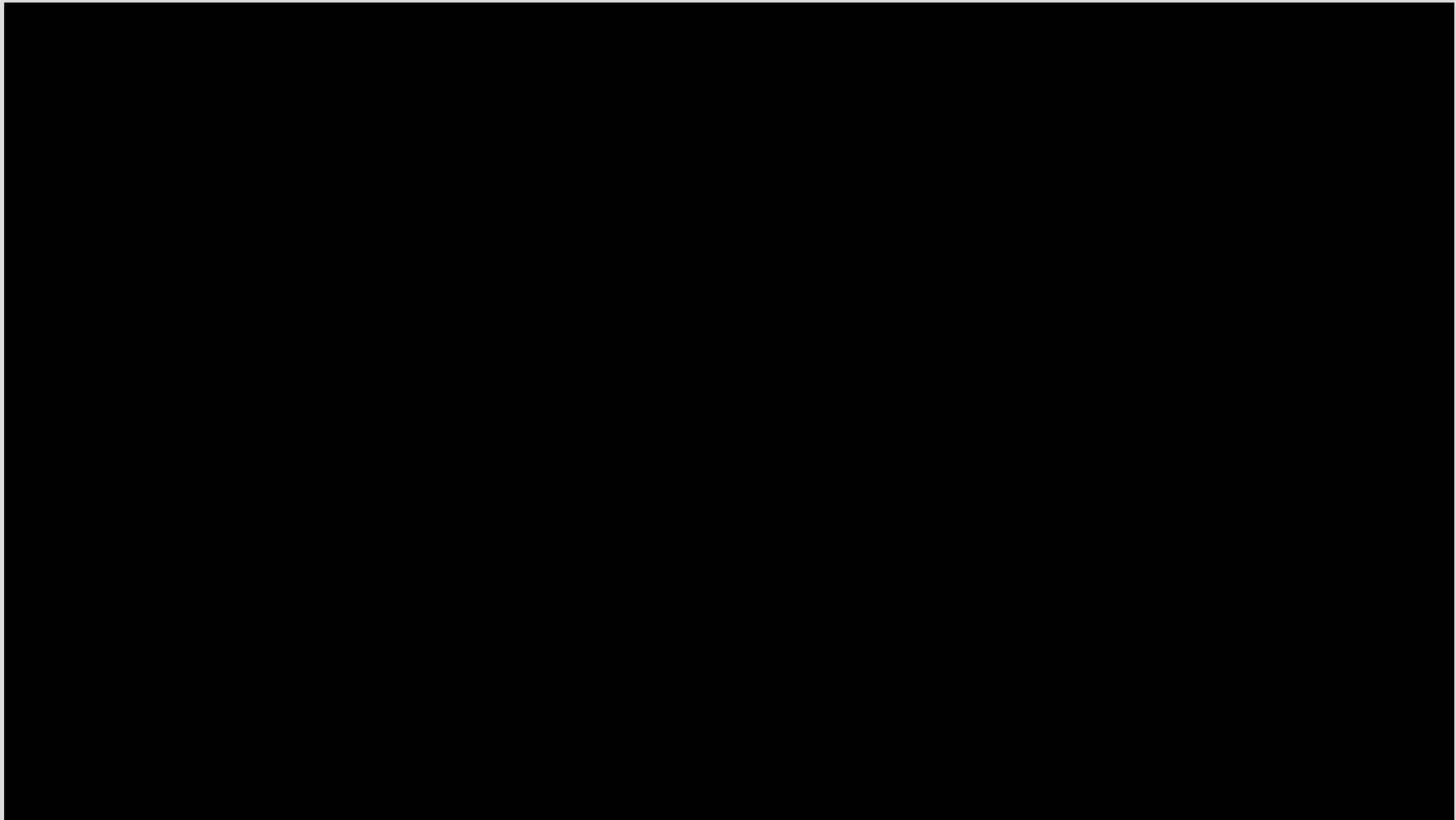
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pC4WTc3CT5w>

LITERACY

- **Start reading from an early age.**
 - Although some parents may think that babies are too young to understand or sit through the reading of a book, research shows that reading is more effective when it is part of a routine starting when children are as young as 4 to 6 months old.
- **MyOn**
 - Personalized literacy environment that gives students access to more than 6,000 enhanced culturally relevant digital books. Titles are dynamically matched to each individual student's interests, grade reading level
- **Upcoming Power Hour**
 - The Importance of Literacy Supports and Tools
 - **October 15**
 - <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUoduutrDsjHdz4ogVnGehVel5w8V99SKHV>



SECRET SAUCE FOR SUCCESSFUL DADS



<https://youtu.be/8V30IeuLOa4>

AT SCHOOL

- Participate in efforts to keep your children's schools or childcare centers safe
- Attend parent-teacher conferences and school or class events
- Plan for the future by talking with your children and school counselors about future high school courses and postsecondary career options
- Visit your child's school or center
 - Father-child breakfasts or lunches are good opportunities to informally share a meal with children and learn about their daily school experiences, successes and concerns



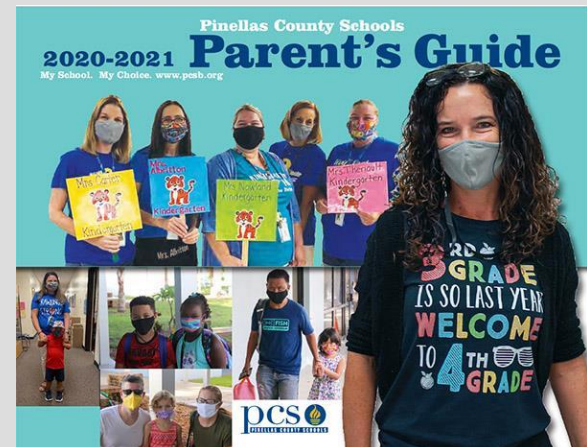
AT SCHOOL

- Meet your child's teachers and learn about school curriculum, and how to become involved in activities
- Volunteer at school
 - Fathers are welcome at schools as tutors, as leaders of afternoon or evening clubs, as chaperons for field trips, social activities or athletic events, or as classroom speakers who share information about their work and the world of work and how education contributed to their expertise on the job.
- Join the Parent Teacher Association, SAC, Boosters, or other parent groups at your child's school or childcare center.
 - At meetings, they can make their voices heard regarding their concerns and ideas for school improvement



PCS TOOLS

- 2020-2021 Parent's Guide
 - This year's guide comes in a calendar format to help you keep track of important dates, while still containing valuable information that will be helpful to you and your child throughout the year
 - Available in English & Spanish
 - <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/9688>
- Code of Conduct
 - Provides expectations for student behavior that supports personal growth and promotes student learning
 - <https://www.pcsb.org/code>
- Focus
 - Grades, attendance, Test/Assessment History, class schedule, teacher communications, announcements
 - <https://focus.pcsb.org/focus/index.php>



Quick Poll



DO YOU CURRENTLY
VOLUNTEER AT A SCHOOL?

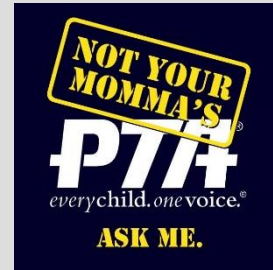
PCS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Variety of options to support students
- Many volunteer opportunities for dedicated, caring individuals who are interested in supporting and guiding students
- Districtwide Virtual Mentoring
 - Virtual mentoring provides students with the opportunity to continue their current mentoring sessions with their mentors



SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS – JOIN TODAY

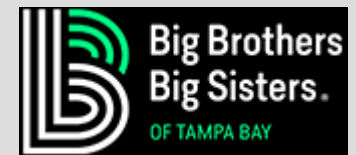
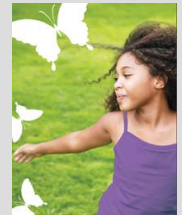
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
 - PTA is often stereotyped as being only for white suburban stay at home moms
 - That is not today's PTA. PTAs recognize the positive benefits of men's involvement in their students' education and in PTA.
- School Advisory Committee (SAC)
 - They help to increase student success by identifying internal and external factors that affect student learning.
 - Responsible for final decision making at the school relating to the implementation of the provisions of the annual School Improvement Plan (SIP) and the preparation and evaluation of the school's annual budget.
- Booster Clubs
 - Sports
 - Performing Arts
- Start or join your school's DADs Club
 - Open to all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, step dads, or other significant men in the lives of school students.
 - The group provides its members and children active involvement in school activities.
 - Men are able to enhance the bond with their children, while helping to build a stronger school and community.
 - Example - All Pro Dads



*To volunteer with a support organization contact your schools
Family & Community Liaison*

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS - MENTORING PROGRAMS

- **5000 Role Models of Excellence** – This program is designed to boost the self-image and increase the social skills and academic performance of targeted males.
- **Girlfriends of Pinellas County** – This program is aimed at empowering young ladies through academic support. Students are provided resources and tools to encourage high self-esteem and self-reliance.
- **Lunch Pals** – This lunchtime mentoring program pairs businesses, community organizations and individuals with a school to provide students with the additional presence of caring adults. All meetings occur during the student's lunch.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay** – This school-based mentoring program for elementary and middle-school children is designed to improve academic, social and behavioral performance.



Change your lunch plans.

Change a child's life.



October Mentor Workshop Webinars



During these times of uncertainty our **students need you now —more than ever.** Sign up today to attend a workshop webinar in the convenience of your office or home. It's easy to be a mentor, be present, listen, encourage, be a friend and have fun! You can be the difference in a child's life.

We welcome companies and community organizations to get involved — go to [Lunchpals.org](https://lunchpals.org) to learn more!

10/08/2020 — 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

10/13/2020 — Noon to 1:15 p.m.

10/21/2020 — 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

10/29/2020 — Noon to 1:15 p.m.

(You will be sent a link for the Webinar)

Register for a workshop: [Mentor Workshop Webinars](https://lunchpals.org) or go to lunchpals.org

IN THE COMMUNITY

- **Play or coach a game or sport** that they like with children on a regular basis.
- **Become involved in community activities** by joining a community group, place of worship, or professional group to participate with their children in an ongoing service activity.
- **Take time for family outings** to places such as libraries, zoos, museums, concerts and sports events or other recreational events.
- **Use your community center or library** to participate in after-school and evening educational and recreational activities such as English as a Second Language, parenting, literacy, arts and music programs, and crafts or computer classes. These courses are often designed for parents and their children to learn together.



IN THE COMMUNITY

- **Vote**

- The legislature makes the laws that affect our children's education, health, and wellness.
- Exercise your voice and vote on the issues
- Last Day to Register is Oct 5, 2020
- www.votepinellas.com



- **Complete the Census**

- Programs such as Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Title I and IDEA special education funding rely on accurate census counts to help allocate over \$800 billion a year in federal funds to states and communities.
- The 2020 Census will have lasting effects on crucial programs that serve our children and families
- Make sure to count everyone living or sleeping in your home, including your little ones!
- Deadline is Wednesday September 30, 2020
- <https://www.pinellascounty.org/census2020>



- **Pinellas County Schools Referendum**

- The Referendum is up for renewal. Referendum funds boost reading, music and art programs; provide up-to-date technology and textbooks; and help recruit and retain quality teachers.
- <https://www.pcsb.org/referendum>



WHAT SCHOOLS CAN DO

- **Warm greetings.**
 - Nothing breaks the ice like a warm welcome.
 - Greet fathers by name when they attend school events, and tell them how glad you are to see them.
- **Recognize children's progress**
 - All parents love to hear good news about their children.
 - Whether fathers are visiting school or a center for regularly scheduled meetings, or because their child is having some particular problem, find something positive to say about their child's progress.
- **Reinforce father's contributions**
 - All parents want to know — and rarely hear — that they are contributing to their children's education.
 - If you recognize the contribution a father is making to his child's learning, he will be more likely to want to return.
- **Father-to-father strategies**
 - Develop strategies and programs that encourage older fathers to mentor young fathers and young fathers to mentor first-time fathers

CREATE A FATHER FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

- **Parent-teacher meetings**

- When fathers attend parent-teacher meetings, make sure to include them in the discussion.
- Too often dads feel as if they were the invisible figure at what was, in effect, a "mother-teacher" meeting.
- Teacher body language is a good sign of whether or not dad is being included.
- Is your chair swiveled towards mom? Is your eye contact mostly with mom?
- Are you inviting questions from the father as well as the mother?

- **Images on display**

- Posters, photos and drawings on the walls of classrooms, hallways, and front office can send a powerful message to parents about who is welcome in the school
- Check the images you have on display to verify whether fathers are welcome in your school.

- **Find out what fathers want**

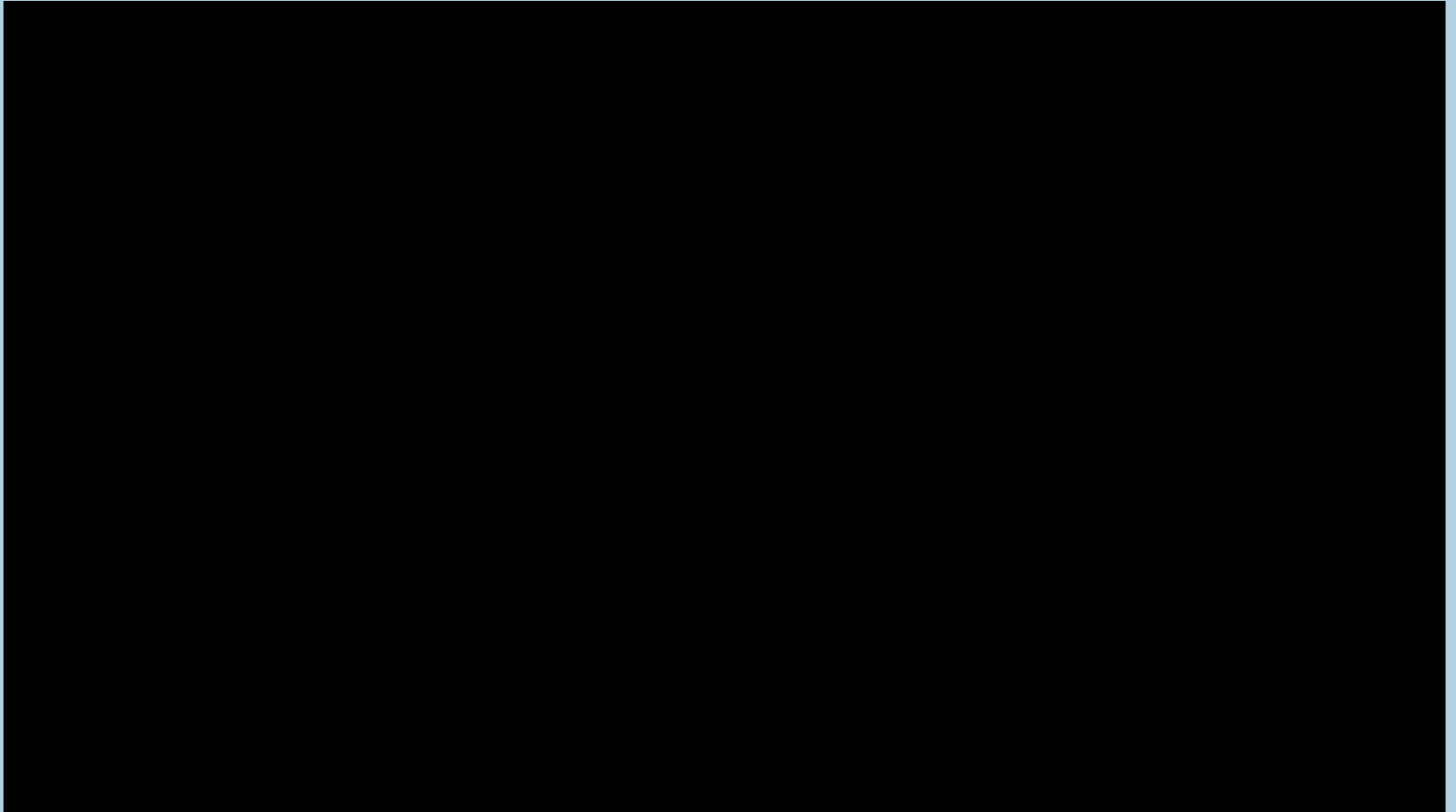
- One of the most effective but least used ways to involve fathers is to find out what interests them about their child's school or childcare program and what they would like to contribute to the school
- Just Ask!

FATHER'S ROCK!!

HOW TO DO
EVERYTHING.

https://fatherandfamilycouncil-my.sharepoint.com/:v/p/lawrence/Efb3bNtXLP1DnTj9UNGnAKIBcTh6Tpf_GdjwnCbQdn-ouw?e=er9xFW

DAD STRONG!!



<https://youtu.be/dMDSqQKJF4Q>

RESOURCES

- Volunteer Registration - <https://www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration>
- 5000 Role Models of Excellence – <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/28086>
- Girlfriends of Pinellas County – <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/458>
- Lunch Pals – www.lunchpals.org
- Juvenile Welfare Board Fatherhood Collaborative - <https://www.jwbpinellas.org/fatherhood-collaborative>
- Focus - <https://focus.pcsb.org/focus/index.php>

3 Things you can do right away!

1. Introduce yourself to your child's teacher.
2. Sign up as a volunteer with your school's Community Liaison.
3. Meet your school's Principal and ask how you can help.

Q&A

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SESSION

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!



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For Resource Material or Links, contact us:


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- Importance of Men being involved
 - <https://www.fatherhood.gov/for-dads/father-involvement-education>
 - <https://health.usnews.com/wellness/for-parents/articles/2017-09-01/why-dads-should-get-more-involved-in-their-kids-schools>
- Myon login instructions - https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/7326/student_faculty_login_pinellas_FINAL.pdf
- 2020-2021 Parent Guide - <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/9688>
- Code of Conduct - <https://www.pcsb.org/code>
- Focus - <https://focus.pcsb.org/focus/index.php>
- Focus Parent Tutorial - <https://www.pcsb.org/focusinfo>
- PCS Mentor Programs - <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/27342>
 - Volunteer Registration - <https://www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration>
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 - Girlfriends of Pinellas County – <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/458>
 - Lunch Pals – www.lunchpals.org
- Pinellas County Schools Virtual Mentor Workshops - <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0313b2663e674d739b97839c383ec8d6>

- School Family & Community Liaison listing - <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/23771>
- Register to vote - www.votepinellas.com
- Pinellas County Schools Referendum - <https://www.pcsb.org/referendum>
- Juvenile Welfare Board Fatherhood Collaborative - <https://www.jwbpinellas.org/fatherhood-collaborative>
- **Videos**
 - Video – Dad motivates daughter for school - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pC4WTc3CT5w>
 - Boy Remembers His Father Reading to Him - <https://youtu.be/8V3OleuLOa4>
 - A good Dad - https://fatherandfamilycouncil-my.sharepoint.com/:v/p/lawrence/Efb3bNtXLP1DnTj9UNGNnAKIBcTh6Tpf_GdjwnCbQdn-ouw?e=er9xFW
 - Dad Strong: Fathers Make A Difference in Children's Lives - <https://youtu.be/dMDSqQKJF4Q>
 - That's why Daddys are so important for girls! You're their first love! - 
 - <https://youtu.be/n0zvmP3pRqY>
 - Brandon Leake: Poet's EMOTIONAL Letter To His Dad MISSING From His Life!
 - <https://youtu.be/ABZSFeWexao>