

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR TIMES/TELEGRAPH/MONITOR

**Dear Editor:**

Have you ever thought about how you could provide a positive impact on your child's education? Simply by bringing in items off of their classroom wish list or volunteering to read a story to their class. This is an important aspect of a child's early years of development called *parent involvement*.

- Parent involvement helps extend teaching outside the classroom, creates a more positive experience for children, and helps children perform better when they are in school.
- Parents who are in tune with what is happening in their child's classroom are able to establish a strong connection between what is learned at school and what takes place in the home. Building this bridge is a key component of a child's development and supporting further learning for their future.
- Parent involvement can be so much fun, such as attending your child's fall festival, Valentine's Day party, or a fundraiser to support a great cause.

These are all great examples of coming to join in and get involved with your child and their school. While being an involved parent, you are not only building that special bond with your child but also extending the experiences to the child's future and learning experiences.

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