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My daughters have been very fortunate to attend an elementary school which offers a parent participation program. This type of alternative education program emphasizes parent involvement with classroom learning, whether it be to accompany students on a field trip, prepare classroom materials at home prior to the teacher's lesson, or to read with a small group of students. The idea is that students who receive support from multiple adults will have a more enriched learning experience.

How to Volunteer at School

Even if your children are not in a specific parent participation program, you can still volunteer in your child's school. There are many benefits for you and your children when you seek out opportunities and get involved with your child's education. Here's my top 10!

10 Reasons to Help

Your children will know you are interested in their everyday experiences.

They will know you invest your time in their day. Since you are involved in supporting their classroom environment, they will take their learning more seriously.

Your children will know that you support and love them.

You'll send the message that education is important. Your children will be proud to have you around their classmates.

You'll be familiar with your child's surroundings and feel comfortable approaching the teacher or principal for help for your child, whether for academic or social needs.

You will be clued-in on the social climate of your child's world, and be more prepared to help your child navigate social situations.

Parents form lasting friendships with the other parents who help at the school.

Your involvement and contributions will have a direct hand in shaping the school's culture.

Go on, get involved! Your children will value the time you spend at their school and as a classroom volunteer.

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