

# CHASCO ELEMENTARY



## Parent

## Involvement

Taking Pride in Our PARENTS



*Our vision...*

*To create a community which works together so all students reach their highest potential.*

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# SCHOOL RESOURCES

Mrs. Terri Mutell, Principal  
Ms. Michele DiIorio, Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Donna Lion, Registration  
Mrs. Debi Clendening, Secretary  
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Mrs. Annette Carbone, Health Assistant  
Mrs. Amanda Edl Falquez, Counselor  
Mrs. Jennifer Gobeli, School Social Wkr.  
Ms. Jamie Gray, School Psychologist

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CHASCO ELEMENTARY OPENED IN THE FALL OF  
2000 AND CURRENTLY SERVES APPROXIMATELY  
720 STUDENTS IN GRADES PREK-5TH

# RATIONALE

## Why does parent involvement make a difference?

Decades of research show that when parents are involved students have:

- Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates
- Better school attendance
- Increased motivation
- Higher self-esteem
- Lower rates of suspension
- Decreased use of drugs and alcohol
- Fewer instances of violent behavior
- Communication

### Did you know?

**Family participation in education was twice as predictive of students' academic success as family socioeconomic status.**

## Parent Expectations count too!

A study completed by the Department of Education in 2001, found that parent expectations played an important role in their child's positive academic achievement

# HOME LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Tips and strategies you can use at home with your child!

- Encourage your child to read
- Provide opportunities for discovery (cooking together, board games, nature walks, zoo trips)
- Establish a nightly routine for school talk, homework, bed, etc.
- **Limit the amount of time for TV and video games after school - no more than 2 hours/day is recommended for school-age children.**
- Check your child's backpack daily
- Provide a quiet place and resources (books, paper, pencils, crayons) for completing homework. Offer assistance when needed.



The most effective forms of parent involvement are those, which engage parents in working directly with their children on learning activities at home.  
Department of Education, 2001

# COMMUNICATION

Ongoing and reciprocal communication between home and school is vital to ensure the success of your child.

Ways to stay connected.....

- Request parent/teacher conferences regularly
- Read the school's monthly and/or class newsletter
- Visit the school webpage for upcoming events and announcements
- Review the student handbook
- Look for notes or comments in your child's school planner or home



Chasco Elementary provides...

- Automated phone messages regarding upcoming events and activities
- School webpage with the latest information and staff email addresses
- Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube too!
- Monthly "Chasco Chat" newsletter
- Language translators to assist families as needed

# INVOLVEMENT



There are many opportunities to volunteer for Chasco Elementary at school or even at home. Volunteer activities may include:

- Reading to children
- Shelving books in the Media Center
- Chaperoning on field trips
- Helping out at after school events

Participate in our PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). This is a great place to let your voice be heard and connect with other parents. Suggest things you would like to see happen at Chasco!

Join SAC (School Advisory Council) and collaborate with parents, staff and local business partners in decision making.

Grow as a parent with us by participating in our family events and activities offered throughout the year. Stay connected with us by joining our Facebook page, and following us on Twitter. All links are accessible through our school webpage.

