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ENGAGING OPPORTUNITIES: CONNECTING WITH OTHER PARENTS TO ENHANCE THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Connecting with other parents can be a valuable way to support your child's education and build a sense of community.

In this guide are examples of volunteering opportunities and ways to connect with other parents. Remember, the level of involvement you choose should align with your availability and comfort level. Volunteering is a great way to not only support your child's education but also make meaningful connections within the school community.



1 Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) or Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

These groups often organize events, fundraisers, and activities that contribute to the school community. Volunteering with the PTA or PTO can involve helping with school events, organizing fundraisers, and collaborating with teachers to enhance the learning experience.

2 Classroom Volunteer

Many teachers appreciate parents volunteering in the classroom. You could assist with reading sessions, art projects, field trips, or other activities that contribute to the students' learning and enjoyment.

3 School Events

Schools frequently host events like book fairs, science fairs, cultural festivals, and more. Volunteering at these events can help create a positive and engaging environment for both students and parents.

4 After-School Programs

If your school offers after-school programs, you might be able to volunteer your skills or expertise in areas like sports, arts, coding, or music.

5 Library Assistance

Libraries often need volunteers to help shelve books, organize reading programs, and maintain a conducive learning space.

6 Chaperone for Field Trips

Joining your child's class on a field trip is a wonderful way to get to know their peers and teachers while ensuring a safe and enjoyable outing.



7 Parent Workshops

Offer to organize or facilitate workshops for parents on relevant topics such as study strategies, time management, or technology safety.

8 Community Outreach

Collaborate with other parents to organize community service projects, like a school garden or a neighborhood cleanup.

9 Online Groups and Social Media

Join parent groups on social media platforms, like Facebook groups or local forums. These platforms provide a space to share advice, ask questions, and arrange playdates or study groups.

10 Mentoring Programs

Some schools have mentoring programs where experienced parents offer guidance to new families, helping them navigate the school environment.

11 Special Events

Participate in planning and executing special events such as holiday parties, talent shows, or school picnics.

12 Health and Safety Committees

Contribute to committees focused on school safety, wellness, or health initiatives.

For more support, take a look at our community resources below or reach out to us at info@aocan.org, or call 519-208-5333.

- **Community Resources:** <https://aocan.org/resources/>

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