

# Parent Involvement



*The driving force that supports  
great student achievement!*

**MONROE COUNTY  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear Parents,

Parents are their children's first teachers. Throughout a child's life, parental involvement and participation figure prominently in that child's ability to develop fully, to become more resilient, to enjoy life to the greatest potential.

At the **Monroe County Intermediate School District**, we aim to make parent participation the hallmark of our activities. An "open door" policy is employed in all of our classrooms. We encourage you, as parents, to visit frequently.

Communication is another key element in connecting students, parents, and educators. We strive to make the flow of information between home and school smooth and productive for everyone.

Rules and regulations spell out some of the things we do; grant requirements also direct how we can do some things. But, first of all, we do what we do because **it is a good idea** and it nurtures a close connection between parents, students, and MCISD.

The MCISD operates many countywide programs in our local districts. You are receiving this publication because your child is a student in one of these programs.

Within these pages, you will find a multidimensional view of the activities and events that help us connect with our students and you -- their parents.

Sincerely,

**Stephen J. McNew, Ed.D.**  
*Superintendent*



# Parents are connected!

## IN OUR CLASSROOMS

- Open house
- Parent-Teacher conferences
- Classroom/school newsletters
- Daily/weekly journals and notes home
- *Happy-Grams*
- Parent volunteers in classrooms
- Quarterly report of progress toward IEP goals and objectives
- *Foster Grandparent* program
- Special classroom celebrations
  - Mardi Gras Unit Celebration
  - Celebrate Diversity Unit
  - and many more
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# *Parents participate!*

## **AT THE MCISD**

- Parent Advisory Committee
- Educational Center Safety Committee
- Transition Council
- Interagency Coordinating Council
- Wraparound
- Transition Night
- Early Intervention Support Group
- Educational Center Support Group
- Parents as chaperones for class outings and field trips
- Home visits from our staff

## **PARTICIPATION IS ALSO ENCOURAGED THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES**

- Preschool Parent Groups
- Playgroups and Readiness Groups
- *BabyNet*
- Readiness Kits
- The IEP/IFSP process
- PAC parent newsletters
- Parent-focused workshops
- *Special Olympics*
- Whole Apple Awards (*Monroe Chapter - Council for Exceptional Children*)
- Yes! I Can Awards (*Monroe Chapter - Council for Exceptional Children*)
- Quiz Bowl
- Holiday Camp

# *Parents are involved!*

## **IN OUR MONROE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL CENTER THROUGH SCHOOL EVENTS**

- Hayride
- Horseback riding
- Roller skating parties
- Field trips by individual classrooms and the entire school
- 4th of July parade
- Holiday Camp
- *Donuts for Dads* breakfast for Father's Day
- Mother's Day tea
- Spring Show
- *Special Olympics*
- Open House and parent conferences
- Special dances
  - Halloween
  - Sweetheart
  - Prom

## **THROUGH SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS**

- Annual Report and Yearly Calendar
- Quarterly newspaper
- Daily/weekly notes
- Hallway displays
- IEP/MET
- Parent Advisory Committee representatives
- Report cards
- Phone calls
- E-mail
- School Board meetings
- Parent-to-parent mentors
- PAC-sponsored and other workshops
- Parent surveys
- Monroe County Educational Television
- *"Be Their Hero from Age Zero"* Initiative
- *"Celebrate Children!"* Festival

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## **THROUGH COMMITTEES**

- Safety
- Student Council
- School Improvement
- Parent Advisory Committee

## **WITH COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

- Food and clothing drives for local shelters
- United Way *Silver Lining* campaign
- Boxes of supplies shipped to military personnel overseas
- Pop can tabs collected for *Ronald McDonald House* in Toledo
- *Make A Difference! Day* projects
- Assemble and deliver Easter baskets to group homes
- Penny drives to buy Christmas gifts for needy students
- Empty pop can collections for needy students
- CAN Council
- Human Service Collaborative Network

The Board of Education of the **Monroe County Intermediate School District** believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility, one it shares with the parents whose children attend programs of the District.

To ensure that the best interests of each child are served, a strong program of communication between home and the District is essential.

This booklet offers many avenues for parent participation in the education process. Parents have the right and the responsibility to participate in their children's education. The **Monroe County Intermediate School District** encourages parent involvement in all of the activities listed within these pages.

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