

PARENTS ARE PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Parents are vital and active participants in our school communities across the Thames Valley District. From fundraising and field trip supervision, to library support and classroom help, our schools are enriched each and every day through the dedication and support of parent volunteers.

Parent groups play an important role in the education system. They enhance learning opportunities for students, build and sustain community partnerships, and provide a forum through which parents and other members of each school community can contribute to improving student achievement and school performance.

For parents wishing to boost their involvement in their children's education, opportunities exist at every school, and there are a number of different parent organizations and committees who continue to seek parent membership.

- The Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee brings together representatives from across the valley to help address Board-wide issues, and provides invaluable advice and assistance to our administrators.
- Home and School Associations have been a part of our history for more than 100 years, and can be found within many of our schools. These schools are further represented by the Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations.
- Schools across the district are also supported by strong School Councils.
- Other parent groups, PTAs, parent associations, and school councils provide direct support to schools and classrooms throughout Thames Valley.



BECOME A VOLUNTEER

For parents who are interested in volunteering their time and energy on an individual basis, schools also welcome your support. While needs vary from school to school, volunteer opportunities do exist for classroom support, reading and math tutoring, library assistance, music support, team coaching, and so on. Please contact the school principal for more information on the volunteer opportunities within your child's school.



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION?

- Call the school and plan a visit with your child's teacher.
- Keep the teacher informed about things going on at home (*illness in the family or any major issues.*)
- Go to school events, concerts, sports days, parent-teacher interviews, meet the teacher nights.
- Support the actions of the school – become a positive partner.
- Create a positive learning environment at home.
- Join a school council, home and school association, or local parent organization.
- Volunteer in the classroom and school library.
(*See your child's teacher for information on the best way to do this.*)
- Attend school board meetings to learn more about how the school system is governed.
(*Contact your local Trustee for more information.*)



MORE INFORMATION

We strongly encourage parents and guardians to join the various parent groups that contribute immensely to the success of our schools. For more information, contact:

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Thames Valley Council of Home & School Associations
www.tvdsb.ca/parents.cfm?subpage=21

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