

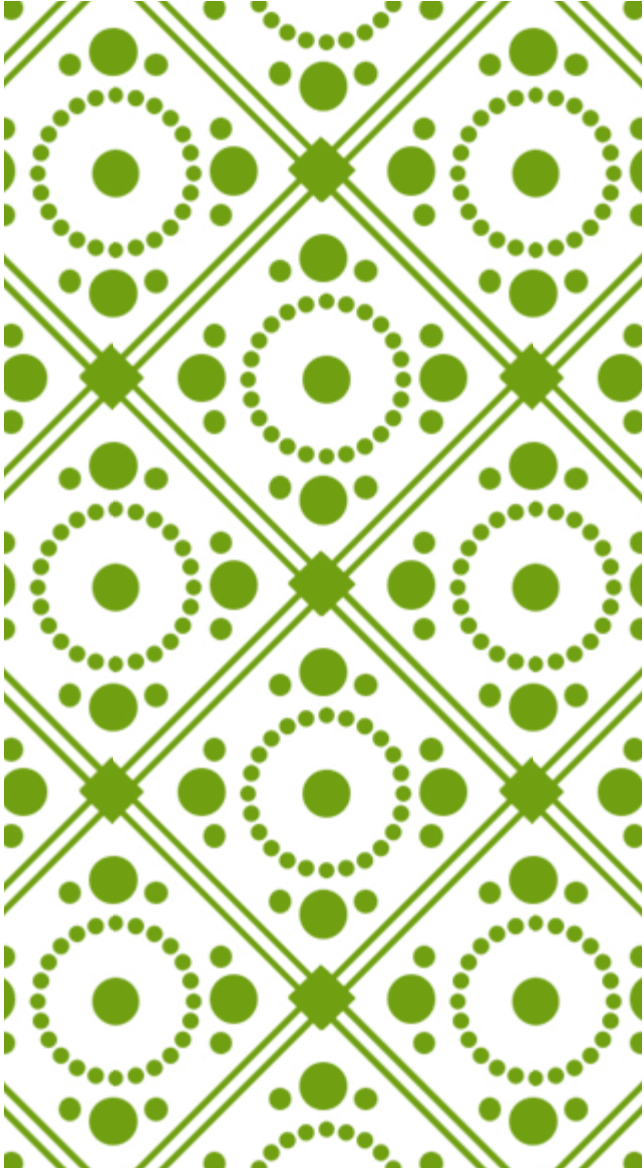
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Parents as Educational  
Partners  
(Padres como Compañeros  
en la Educación)

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Trailside Middle School

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Today's Learning:

Family Engagement

Volunteering

Solidifying Home-School Partnerships

SOL Testing

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# FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

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# HOW TO BE ACTIVE IN YOUR STUDENT'S EDUCATION



PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO  
THE SCHOOL



PARTICIPATE IN THE  
ACADEMIC DECISION-  
MAKING PROCESS



ADVOCATE FOR YOUR  
STUDENT DURING  
DECISION-MAKING



CONNECT WITH THE  
COMMUNITY

# Schools Support FAMILIES

A child's learning increases when parents and families are involved in their education at home.

School personnel assist parents and families with their needs.

School personnel want parents and families to feel valued and want their input for their child's educational life.

# THE BENEFITS OF EFFECTIVE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

The benefits of family engagement in schools are well documented through decades of research:

Our students' experience,



- Increases student achievement regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnic or racial background, or families' education level
- Improves grades, test scores, and attendance
- Improves students' self-esteem and self-discipline, improves behavior in school, and reduces suspensions for disciplinary reasons
- Reduces placements in special education and remedial classes
- Increases graduation rates and enrollment rates in postsecondary education
- Reduces behaviors such as alcohol use, violence, and antisocial behavior
- Improves the school performance of students from diverse cultural backgrounds when parents and professionals collaborate to bridge the gap between the culture at home and the culture at the learning institution
- Enhances outcomes (transitions, work quality, plans for the future) for junior and senior high school students whose families remain involved

# PARENT LIAISONS

Each school has a Parent Liaison who helps parents and families with their needs.

The Parent Liaison is the connection between home and school.

Parent Liaisons are listed on each school's website or you can ask in your school's office.

# INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION

You can translate your school's website into many different languages by clicking "Translate this page from" at the top of the page.

You can request interpretation for any school event or meeting by contacting the parent liaison at your school.

You can also request translation of written documents by contacting your parent liaison.

You can translate the LCPS App by selecting a language in the App Settings.

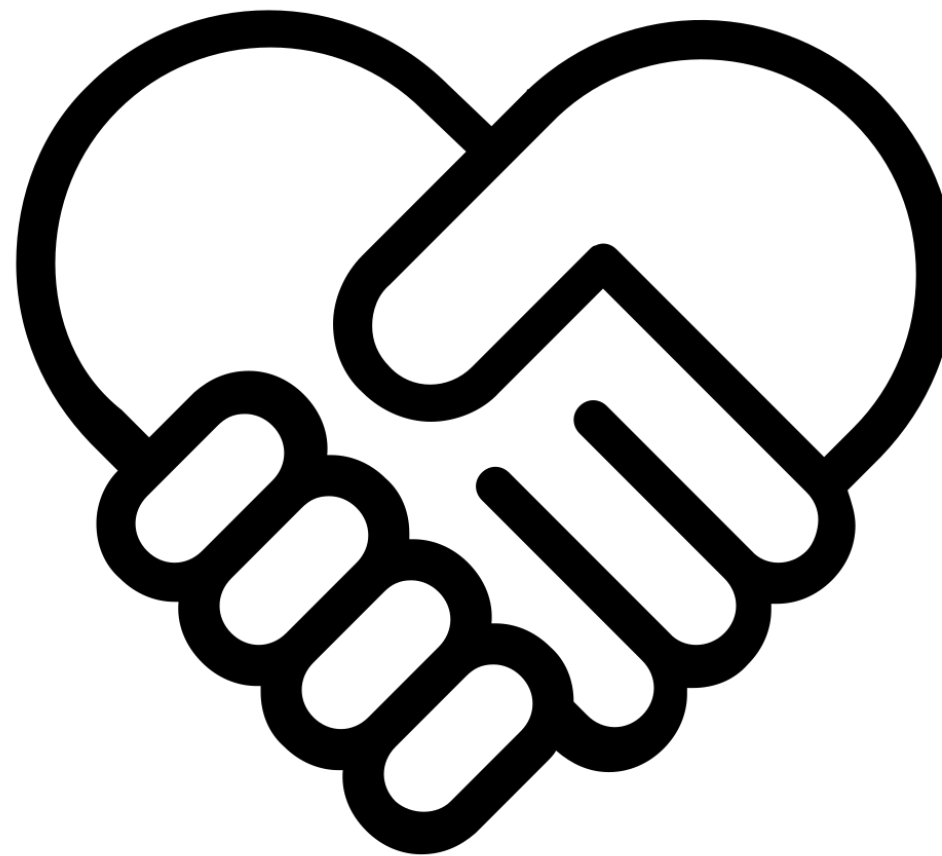


# Volunteering

- Parents and families can support the school in a variety of ways:
  - for a teacher and/or the office staff
  - for the Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
  - from home.

SOLIDIFYING HOME-  
SCHOOL  
PARTNERSHIPS

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# Participating in the Decision-Making Process and Advocating for your STUDENT

- Student achievement increases when parents/families and school personnel collaborate on educational decisions for your student.
- Here are some areas in which you can participate:
  - Academic progress
  - Sharing information about your student with teacher and other licensed professionals at the school site
  - Participation in school events and activities that are linked to student learning
- Mutual respect and trust helps to build the partnership between parents, families, and school personnel.

# Connecting with the Community



Using community resources is a way of strengthening a family, school, and student learning.



When communities join together for the benefit of the children, the best partnerships are formed.



Community resources are easily accessible, connect with schools, and help students to realize they can help others.

# **SOL TESTING & GROWTH ASSESSMENTS**

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# STANDARDS OF LEARNING (SOL)



The **Standards of Learning (SOL)** for Virginia Public Schools establish minimum expectations for what students should know and be able to do at the end of each grade or course in English, mathematics, science, history/social science and other subjects.



SOL tests in reading, writing, mathematics, science and history/social science measure the success of students in meeting the Board of Education's expectations for learning and achievement. All items on SOL tests are reviewed by Virginia classroom teachers for accuracy and fairness and teachers also assist the state Board of Education in setting proficiency standards for the tests.

# SOL TESTING DATES

