

BCSD Parents and Community Members Support Education

Over the past two decades there has been a growing awareness of the importance of parental and community involvement in education. The new No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation specifically promotes parent/caregiver participation in a variety of ways. Improved parent involvement is also one of the Beacon Board of Education goals. The

latest research by Public Agenda shows that parent involvement makes a positive difference in the academic, social, and emotional development of children.

Here in the Beacon City Schools we are very fortunate to have wonderful volunteers who give many hours in so many ways. Besides supporting the school, volunteers

are teaching our children about the joy of giving and the obligation we all have to contribute some of our precious time to worthwhile causes. Children of our district will one day be the new volunteers!



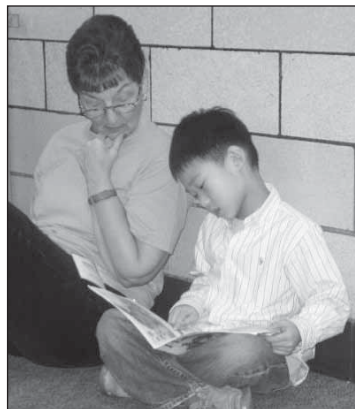
Forrester volunteer Nancy Young

We are proud of our parent and community volunteers who go above and beyond to support our children and we thank them for their generosity.

Parent and caregiver involvement is a critical ingredient for a child's success in school. Since there are many styles of family life, there are many different ways to support a child's academic career.

These include:

- Celebrating your child's successes
- Taking your child to the library
- Having conversations about the importance of education
- Sharing critical information with your child's teacher. Teachers can be more understanding when they know why a child seems withdrawn, sad, angry or is acting out
- Providing a consistent routine for bedtimes and mornings
- Providing a time and place for homework
- Reading to your child twenty minutes a day
- Helping your child to understand and follow school rules
- Joining the PTO
- Participating in volunteer activities - whether from home or at the school



Volunteering at South Avenue