



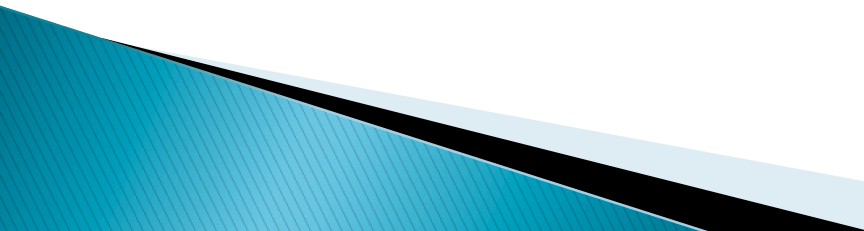
Ontario Elementary Education System and Roles of Parents

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It takes a village to raise a
child.

– African proverb


People in the “Village” of Central Park

- ▶ Students
 - ▶ Teachers
 - ▶ School Council
 - ▶ Administrative Team
 - ▶ School Board and the Ministry of Education
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Students as Active Learners

- ▶ What does Active Learning look like?
 - Ask questions – know what is expected and what they need to succeed (rubrics)
 - Goal setting
 - Learning Skills
 - Use of multiple resources
 - Contribute to collaborative work

Teacher as Facilitator

- ▶ Responsible for facilitating the learning of the curriculum
 - ▶ Design activities that are reflective of different learning styles (and different grades – if a combined class)
 - ▶ Use a variety of learning tools and resources; teachers do not teach from a textbook or a single source/resource
 - ▶ Assess using different formats (formative vs. summative tasks)
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Why you are here tonight...

- ▶ Parent Involvement
 - ▶ Parent Engagement
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Parent Involvement

- Communicating with school staff regularly re: your child/children's education.
- Supporting your children at home and at school
 - Read to your child (in your first language)
 - Talk to your child about their day (2 good, 1 bad)
 - Recognize efforts, challenges, and successes
- Direct Involvement in school activities
 - volunteering at the school
 - field trips
 - ask teachers about effective strategies

Communicating with School Staff

- ▶ When?
 - Throughout the year, not just interviews
- ▶ Who?
 - Always teacher first, then office
- ▶ Why?
 - Information sharing (extended absences, change in child care)
 - How to support your child's learning
 - Sometimes; academic or behavior challenges and successes, social emotional needs, challenges and successes with teacher/school
- ▶ How?
 - agendas/notes/emails/phone calls/face-to-face meetings

Parent Engagement (Council)

- ▶ When?
 - School Council meetings occur once a month, most months
 - During Council activities, such as Spookathon or Grade 8 Graduation
- ▶ Who?
 - Any member of the Council – executive or elected
- ▶ Why?
 - Provide input and leadership to help with student learning experiences, relationships and community-building
 - Help (volunteer) teachers lead programs and activities such as sports, music and additional learning opportunities
- ▶ How?
 - Attend School Council meetings
 - Email us at cppssc@gmail.com to find out more!

School Administration

- ▶ **When?**
 - Anytime throughout the school year
- ▶ **Who?**
 - School Office Admin Assistant (SOAA), Vice-Principal, Principal
- ▶ **Why?**
 - Specific issues cannot be resolved after you've met with the classroom teacher
 - Ideas that you may want to suggest and put forth about the school in general
- ▶ **How?**
 - Speak to SOAA first and see if an appointment is necessary
 - Face-to-face meeting
 - Phone or email

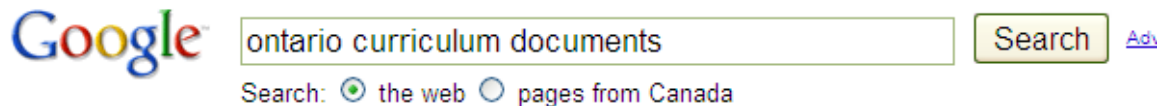
Ministry and Board Policies

- ▶ The Ontario Curriculum
- ▶ Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy
- ▶ School Attendance
- ▶ Safe Schools
Bill 157
- ▶ Grade Placement
- ▶ School Attendance
- ▶ EQAO

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multiLanguages.htm](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/multiLanguages.htm)
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The Ontario Curriculum

- ▶ Ontario Curriculum describes what students are expected to know and be able to do in each subject area by the end of each grade.
- ▶ You can ask school office staff to provide a copy of the Curriculum, or Google “Ontario curriculum documents”



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Provincial Standardized Testing



- ▶ In grades 3 and 6
- ▶ In the month of May/June
- ▶ Measures a student's ability in Reading, Writing and Mathematics
- ▶ Please notify the school if your child will be absent
- ▶ http://www.eqao.com/pdf_e/11/EQAO_ParentGuide_PrimaryJunior2011.pdf

Q & A

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Online Resources

- ▶ <http://www.peopleforeducation.ca>
- ▶ <http://www.yrparent.ca/>
- ▶ <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNumEn.pdf>

Parent Guides in Multiple Languages (15) from the Ministry

- ▶ <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/tips/tipsZHT.html>
- ▶ <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideLitZHT.pdf>
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