

Role of Parents

Listing of Accompanying Resources



Introducing Conversation Café's

Insight UK's 40 Icebreakers for small groups

http://insight.typepad.co.uk/40_icebreakers_for_small_groups.pdf

Putman, (2000) Bowling Alone, <http://bowlingalone.com/>

Green, M. (2006), [When People Care enough to act,](#)

Connections between home, school and community

* Grasslands School Division's [Newcomers Guide to Elementary Education in Alberta](#) (available in 18 languages)

* [Parent involvement in school community Part 1 / Part 2](#)

* Alberta Education [Information for Parents](#)

* Dr. U. Bronfenbrenner's articulated [ecological systems theory](#)

* [Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement](#) – Resources for Parents

* [Centre on School, Family, and Community Partnerships](#)

National Network of Partnership Schools, John Hopkins University

* [Harvard Family Research Project](#)

Parenting

* Parenting Programs see [Inform Alberta](#); search *Parenting Education* by area code for local programs.

Communicating

* Alberta Education offers a summary of tips for parents: [How can I get the most from Parent-Teacher Conferences:](#)

* Harvard Family Research Project's: [Parent-Teacher Conference Tip Sheets for Principals, Teachers, and Parents](#)

Learning at Home

* [Alberta Education's Learning Resource Centre](#) has a number of resources available for free and for purchase on line including: [The Parent Advantage: Helping Students Become Successful Learners at Home and School for Grades 1-9, Parents Guide](#)

* See Alberta Education's resources for parents: ["How Can I Encourage Good Study Habits" "What about homework?"](#)

Volunteering

* The Centre for School Change lists [50 Ways Parents can help schools](#)

* The Community Toolbox: [Tips for Recruiting, retaining and recognizing volunteers](#)

* *PBS Documentary – A Tale of Two Schools Discussion guides:*

[The busy parents guide to involvement in schools](#)

[100 Ways for a Parent to be Involved](#)

Decision Making

*Alberta Home and School Council's Association's [School Council Handbook](#)

Community Collaborations

[Centre on School, Family, and Community Partnerships](#)

[National Network of Partnership Schools, John Hopkins University](#)

Further Readings for Facilitators

Barbour, C. , N. Barbour, P. Scully, (2011), *Families, Schools, and Communities, Building Partnerships for Educating Children*, Pearson, ISBN 10: 0-13-703546-2, ISBN-13: 978-0-13-703552-6

Epstein, J., et al. *School, Family and Community Partnerships, Your Handbook for Action* (2009) 3rd Edition, Corwin Press, ISBN: 978-0-8133-4447-8

Henderson, A., Mapp, K., Johnson, V. Davies, D. *Beyond the Bake Sale*, The New Press, ISBN: 978-1-56584-888-7

Nel Noddings, *Starting at Home: Caring and Social Policy*

Berkeley : University of California Press, ©1984. Reviewd at:

[http://books.google.ca/books?id=hB-unTe3S7UC&printsec=frontcover&dq=inauthor:"Nel+Noddings"&hl=en&sa=X&ei=AWPGUPabEqXv0gHO_oGwDg&ved=0CFAQ6AEwCA-v=onepage&q&f=false](http://books.google.ca/books?id=hB-unTe3S7UC&printsec=frontcover&dq=inauthor:)

Patrikakou, E., Weissberg, R. Redding, S. Walberg, H. (Eds) (2005) *School-Family Partnerships for Children's Success*, ISBN: 0-8077-4600-2

Harvard Family Research Project's:

[Parental Involvement in Homework: A Review of Current Research and Its Implications for Teachers, After School Program Staff, and Parent Leaders](#)

Sheldon, S. B. (2002). Parents' social networks and beliefs as predictors of parent involvement. *Elementary School Journal*, 102(4), 301-316.

<http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b826/pdfs/VolunteerHandbook.pdf>
