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Volunteering: Using Parent Volunteers

- Newton Rayzor Elementary School will coordinate with PTA to organize parent volunteers and room parents.
- Newton Rayzor Elementary School will send out a survey to gather parent and family volunteer information at the beginning of the school year to determine parent interest in volunteering at school.
- The PTA will host a volunteer training to introduce parent volunteers to the school procedures and requirements for volunteering.
- Additional volunteering opportunities such as class parties, special classroom activities, field trips, Field Day, etc. will be offered for parents who cannot volunteer at school regularly. Parents are invited to join their children for lunch or breakfast whenever convenient.



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PARENT
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Policy





COMMUNICATING

Newton Rayzor will open communication through a variety of functions including, but not limited to:

- Back-to-School Nights
- Parent Nights
- STAAR Results
- Parent Conferences
- Email and Phone Conferences
- Admission, Review and Dismissal Meetings (ARD)
- IB Night
- PTA Newsletter
- Carrico Communication
- PTA Meetings



During the on-line registration process, parents are provided an electronic copy of Denton ISD Student Code of Conduct. In addition, at PTA meetings the Newton Rayzor Parent IB Handbook is made available through electronic and hard copy means.

Parents can review their children's work on a daily basis through their BOB Binders. In addition all communication come home on a weekly basis using the NRE "Wednesday" folder.

Parents are provided grade level Program of Inquiry, classroom policies and procedures, contact information for teachers and administration and other information specifically related to the child's teacher at NRE's Back-to-School Night.

A student is best served when the relationships between the teacher and the parent, between the school and home are reciprocal and supportive. The role of a (PYP) teacher is to facilitate connections between the students' prior knowledge and the knowledge available through new experiences. This is best done with the support of parents. (Making the PYP Happen: A curriculum framework for international primary school, 2009).

Parental involvement in the education of their children is vital, hence parents are seen as genuine partners in a PYP school. For parents to support their child's learning, it is important that they are aware of the IB mission and understand the philosophy, essential elements/ features and aspects of the Primary Years Programme. Positive support from parents not only benefits the child, but also acts as a catalyst for the programme to be implemented more successfully at school. The following are examples of aspects of the PYP that can be shared with parents in order to achieve this. [Read More!!!!](#)

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
~Margaret Mead

