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"Men who participate in children's lives increase their student's potential for success—and when both parents are involved, a child can achieve almost anything."

Charles J. Saylor, PTA National President



A Parent's Guide to Involvement

The Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs is committed to increasing parent involvement throughout School District 54.

Many times when schools talk about Parent Involvement, we parents think of coming to school and volunteering for hours. Schools and PTAs DO need that help sometimes, but another way to get involved in your child's education is to roll up your sleeves, get out your glue stick and just get good old-fashioned involved.

It's hard to know how to help your student learn to create a great class project. How much should you do? Where should the two of you begin? What will you need to get the job done? If only there was a handbook for this! Well there just may be...

A Parent's Guide to School Projects, Papers and Presentations by Kathie Weir is a practical guide to bringing the fun back to school projects and to help you be prepared for any project that comes home.

In this climate of No Child Left Behind, education cannot be just something that happens at school. Educators have learned that just reading and writing doesn't work for every single child. Teachers are having to be more creative with their assignments to make the learning meaningful for all kids.

For many students, school projects can be daunting. Getting organized, being graded on their creative work and making the dreaded presentation can easily produce anxiety in them (and you!) All of that adds up to the idea that today's parent needs to get involved with every aspect of their student's education.

A Parent's Guide to School Projects gives you the tools to help with projects, but more importantly, to help your student get the most out of the project. From picking a project to fit your budget, organizing your time, what the well stocked craft cupboard contains and sample projects, this book should be on the

essential read list for all of us.

Want to see for yourself? The Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs has 5 copies of this book in our [Parent Enrichment Library](#). Parents are welcome to take a book from the Library anytime. Contact your School's PTA President to check out a book.

Did you know?

It's been a while since most of us had to do math for a grade. So it's a little intimidating sometimes when a math question comes up that you just can't answer. I got a great math website tip from Aldrin Librarian, Pattii Carrigan. [A Maths Dictionary for Kids 2009](#) is an animated, interactive dictionary for students (AND PARENTS) that explains over 600 common mathematical terms in simple language. Give it a look!

A Shout-Out to all the Guys . . .



At the recent Annual Meeting of Illinois PTA District 37 (all of the PTAs in Northwest Suburban Chicago), National PTA President, Chuck Saylor charged PTAs to take a hard look at the make-up of their membership. Nationally, men make up only about 10% of PTA's membership base. So to all our fathers and father figures - volunteering and engaging in our schools ISN'T just for the gals anymore. PTA's first ever male president has called you out! The fact is, you have talents and strengths that would be so valuable to share at school. Your presence brings a different perspective and shows the kids that strong schools and a great education are goals we ALL support. Talk to your principal, your kids' classroom teachers and the PTA president to find out how you can get involved TODAY.