

# parent pages

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**"When parents are involved in their child's education at home, the child does better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school and the schools they go to are better."**



## Ensuring your Child's Success: Conferences are the perfect place to start!

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

To kick off this effort, STC hosted its first Parent Enrichment Seminar of the year last week. *Ensuring Your Child's Success* with Dr. Sonya Whitaker, District 54's Director of Academic Improvement, highlighted ways that parents can take an active role in setting our children up for success at school and beyond. Dr. Whitaker recognized the positive relationship between parent involvement and student achievement.

Maintaining a strong line of communication with your student's classroom teacher is a great start. You have valuable information to share about your student as an individual. The teacher has great knowledge about your student's academic

life. This week's Parent Conferences are the perfect place to connect with your student's teacher and begin a meaningful conversation about how to Ensure YOUR Child's Success.

Dr. Whitaker suggested that parents should ask the 5 Top Questions when engaging in important conversations with their children's teachers. They are:

1. **What is my child expected to know and be able to do?** Be aware of the *Essential Outcomes* District 54 has developed for students at each grade level.
2. **How will you know if my child has reached the goals that have been set?**
3. **What types of assessments are currently being used to assess my child's knowledge?** Along with traditional testing, what other ways might your student show proficiency in a subject area?
4. **What happens in the event that my child is not experiencing academic gains?**

Understand how your school is handling interventions that will give your student a boost.

5. **What can I do specifically to assist my child academically?** Find out EXACTLY how you can combine efforts with the teacher to ensure your child is succeeding.

### Did you know?

The Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs maintains a Parent Enrichment Library from which all parents are welcome to check books out. Find information on a variety of topics from Autism to Raising Strong Daughters. Right now I'm reading *Get out of my Life, but First Could You Drive Me & Cheryl to the Mall?* The Library is open on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 8:45 am. For more information, please visit [stcofpta.org](http://stcofpta.org) and click on Parent Enrichment Library in the yellow *Announcements* tab on the right.

Looking for other ways to get involved in your child's education?



Volunteer in the library. Attend a school board meeting. Read together. Help out in the classroom. Make a bulletin board for your teacher. Plan a PTA program. Go over spelling words. Talk with your student about a book he/she is reading. Chaperone a field trip. Ask lots of questions. Offer a skill or a talent. Give of your time. Join the PTA. **Check in with your school's principal, PTA president, or your student's teacher for opportunities at your school.**