

MIGRANT/ ELL PARENT COMMUNITY/SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

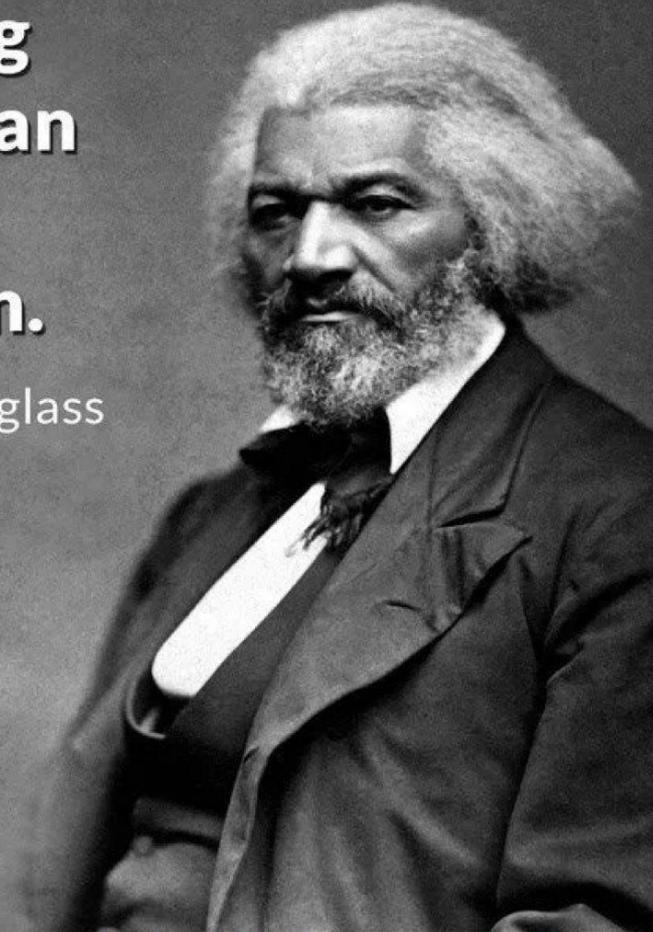
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Parent Involvement

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- Goals of Grant
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- Findings
- Recommendations

**It is easier to
build strong
children than
to repair
broken men.**

- Frederick Douglass



Grant goals

Through a series of monthly meetings,

1. Involve parents through active participation and trainings
2. Build stronger bonds between student and parent
3. Provide ready to use activities to work with their child
4. Establish strong school and home relationships
5. Enhance student's success in school



Educa a la mujer y Educas a la Familia

Educate The Women and You Educate The
Family

La Liga Femenina 1800's

Research

- Parent participation tends to decline across the grades
- Schools in economically depressed areas make more contact with families about problems and difficulties that their children are having
- Schools must create the opportunities for successful meetings to occur

Research

- A child from a low-income family is read an average of 25 hours before entering Kindergarten, while a child from a middle income family is read an average of 1700 hours. McQuillan, J. (1998). The Literacy Crisis: False Claims, Real Solutions. Packard and MacArthur Foundations

Survey

- Work conditions/environments
- Family Demographics
- Identify Benefits/Disadvantages to meetings
- Actual/Perceived Barriers to meetings
- Educational Levels,
- Experiences with School
- Children and School Levels
- Community History/Trends/Future



- The most powerful weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.
- El arma mas poderosa en las manos del opresor es la mente del opresado.



Steven Biko

Resources

- Building access/parking
- Materials and Supplies
- Administrator, Teacher, Parent Support
- Parents, Students, Teachers, Community
- Community, Organizations, Businesses
- Event lends/affect the Occasion/Theme
- Special Event Unique to the community
- Business, Individuals, Organizations

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- Meeting agenda
 - Meeting facilities
 - Activities/Supplies
 - Staff, teachers
 - Child care
 - High school students
 - Refreshment/snacks
 - Give-a-ways
 - Interesting, Inviting, Innovative

Why is Parent Involvement Important?

- When parents are involved, students achieve more, regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnic/racial background,
- Children get higher grades and test scores
- Children have better attitudes and behaviors
- Children complete their homework
- Children are more likely to complete high school and enroll in post high school education

Why is Parent Involvement Important?

- According to Henderson and Berla (1994), the most accurate predictor of a student's achievement in school is not income or social status but the extent to which that student's family is able to:
 - Create a home environment that encourages learning
 - Express high (and realistic) expectations for their children's achievement and future careers
 - Become involved in their children's education at school and the community

Findings

- Increase attendance in school
- Increased involvement in school activities
- ESL classes, Computer training,
- Part of activity, involvement part of life
- Encouragement of family members
- Parent, student surveys (greater input)
- Training Requests, college, parenting, Meeting
- Parents as Trainers (empower)
- Education Success Coordinator



Recommendations

- Grow your own Kindergarten Registration
- Most involved, build trust
- Recruit, Involve and Empower parents
- Request input and Implement ideas
- Create/add to the meeting agenda
- Encourage each parent to bring a new parent
- Young/Retired Parents
- Recruit HS students to bring parents to meetings

Recommendations

- Parents are the Experts and Trainers
- Partner with Community Agency
- Parent Conferences
- Recommendations from Teachers
- Theme: Health, Education, Taxes, Exams
- Bring a HS student, spouse, parent Day
- During homevisit, Recruiting, Renewal of COE
- Critical Issues: (Immigration, College, Employment)

Recommendations

- Housing /Location (can you hold meeting there?)
- Expand Definition of Parent Involvement
- Contact for update, good news, invite
- Parent Leaders, Contributors, Knowledgeable
- HighLight: Graduates, Trips, Projects, Hechos
- Identify, Invite, Inform, Involve, Important, Ideas, Increase, Improve, Innovative, Inspire, Invest, Educate, Engage, Embrace, Excite, Empower
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fruit sweet

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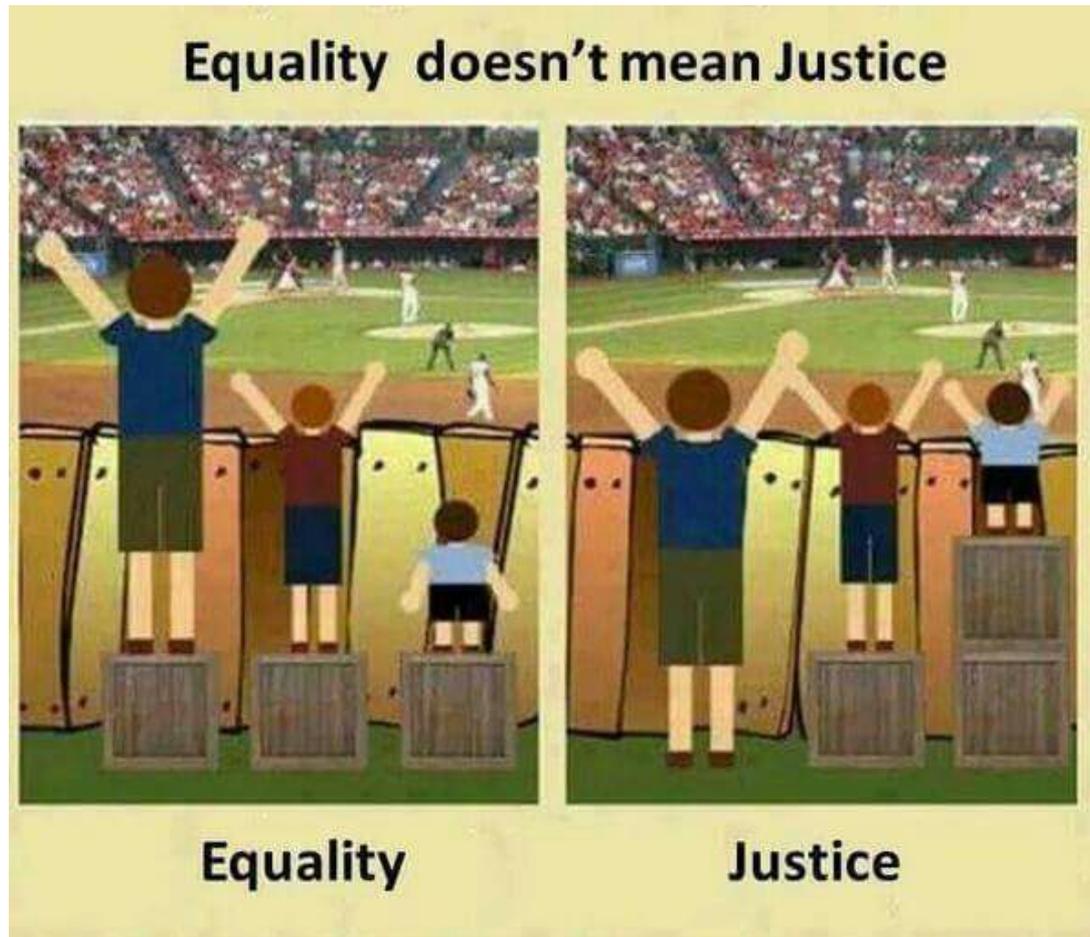
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Aristotle (384-322 BCE)



Thank you



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