

Back to School: How Parents Can Support Kids (and Their Teachers!)



1 Don't Be Afraid to Advocate for Your Child

Principals want to hear parent voices and resolve the small things before they turn into big things. **Your voice and your concerns matter.**

The Upside of Helicopter Parents: Helicopters aren't all bad. We use them to lift people to the hospital, get a view over volcanoes, find hard to find people, navigate complicated terrains, and park just about anywhere. Voicing what your child needs is always welcome at our school.

Learn more:

Be That Parent

<https://possip.com/be-that-parent/>

The Upside of Helicopter Parents

<https://possip.com/the-upside-of-helicopter-parents/>



2 Support Your Child's Teachers

Be a positive force this year when it comes to communicating with your child's teachers:

- Ask teachers what they need
- Build a positive emotional bank account
- Connect with other parents
- Suggest a brainstorm session
- Share helpful resources



Learn more:

5 Ways Parents Can Support Strong Teacher Communication

<https://possip.com/5-ways-parents-can-support-strong-teacher-communication-virtually/>

9 Ways to Improve Parent-Teacher Communication (Walden University):

<https://www.waldenu.edu/online-bachelors-programs/bs-in-elementary-education/resource/nine-ways-to-improve-parent-teacher-communication>

3 Encourage Good Habits

Supporting your child's goals can help start the school year off on the right track.

Ask your child:

- What were some of your favorite things from last year?
- What are you most proud of from school last year?
- What do you hope to accomplish this year?
- Use a Goal Tracker to visualize their goals and track progress.



Custom Student Goal Trackers for Parents:

<https://possip.com/whitepapers/parent-tracker-resources/>

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