

## Ways to be Involved

Whether your child is just starting kindergarten or entering the final year of high school, there are many good reasons and opportunities for you, as parents, to get involved in your child's education. As a parent, you can become involved at your child's school by:

- \* Volunteering your time
- \* Becoming a PTA member and attending PTA and parent meetings regularly.
- \* Staying informed about what is going on in the Kosciusko School District.
- \* Engaging in meaningful, two-way communication between the home and school.
- \* Making appointments with teachers as needed to discuss your child's progress or concerns.
- \* Attending parent-teacher conferences with specific questions you want to ask.
- \* Participating in informal opportunities to talk with and get to know school staff and educators.
- \* Attending School events
- \* Volunteering in the classroom
- \* Attending meetings on learning expectations, assessment and grading procedures.
- \* Assisting your child's teacher in the classroom or on field trips if you are able.
- \* Voicing your support or concerns about any issue that will affect your family.

When parents and educators work together, students have better school attendance, which translates into higher grades. Parents can encourage their children to do well in school. Children need to feel like they are a needed member of a group. Do things together as a family, and enroll your kids in after-school activities. Kids want to go to school and see the value in school when they have a feeling of community, both at home and at school.