Make Parent Connections
A great school establishes, maintains, and expands partnerships with families and the community.

EXAMPLES of FAMILY and COMMUNITY CONNECTION ACTION
These activities are examples of ways a school can make family and community involvement connected priority with the school's academic and social emotional and health development priorities.

- ✓ *Students write weekly "learning reports" for parents to inform them of what is happening and how they can help.*
- ✓ *School creates a "museum"—possibly a community history museum (visit Gregory School to see one), a science museum, or an art museum, with ongoing updates—that strengthen and celebrate learning.*
- ✓ *Teachers organize home learning "kits" that parents can use to expand learning opportunities.*
- ✓ *The school collaborates with Community Partners to organize service-learning projects that strengthen social-emotional development and reinforce skills development.*
- ✓ *Upper grade students research and prepare a Family Resource Guide, listing local and citywide agencies that provide useful resources to families.*
- ✓ *School organizes a student-written newsletter and quarterly gatherings that link parent groups.*
- ✓ *School provides technology classes for parents—and expand other opportunities for technology access and learning.*
- ✓ *The school coordinates with agencies to organize health and nutrition workshops for parents.*
- ✓ *The school organizes inter-session activities based at community organizations.*
- ✓ *The school collaborates with community colleges and universities to organize a tutor corps that includes community residents and parents.*
- ✓ *School provides daily aerobics/exercise activities for students, families, and staff.*
- ✓ *School library includes a family lending library.*
- ✓ *School holds a community agency forum and fair.*
- ✓ *School organizes community agency "residencies" during which agency representatives work on projects with students.*
- ✓ *School organizes a grandparent and foster parent "network" including workshops and meetings.*