

What do you want for your children?

This is a question I ask myself a lot. I am proud to have two sons, two step-daughters and a step-son, who mean the world to me. While I am quite busy running a school, working with my wife to be a happy couple, refereeing football and basketball and all the other mundane things I do, there is one thing I wish for all five of them.....to be happy in their life. That is what we, the school district, desire for all of our Bobcats and we need your help to make it happen!!

The African Proverb states - "It takes a village to raise a child"

This is so true. It takes all of us working together. You, as the parent, are the leader. We at the school, are the village. The bottom line is.....we are all in this together. Ask yourself, What do you want for your children? What are you willing to do to help your children?

We all desire love, attention, and understanding. This desire cannot be taken away by anyone. Our children desire this as well. Love is not money, it is not status, but it is unconditional and everlasting. It will last a lifetime for your children, and on to your grandchildren. It is not easy, but it is the best gift we can give.

I ask for you to do these few things.

Love our kids!	Show them how much you love them.
Care about our kids!	Show them how much you care about them.
Invest in our kids!	Show them how much investment you have in them.

The feeling of being wanted and needed trumps every lottery winner in the world. I see the promise and the potential for our kids to do great things, but I am one. I need the village, and you to help push this success.

SideNotes - Be the Village

We are getting ready for Parent/Teacher Conferences and this is a great way to invest in your child and show that you care. Grades are labels, but they are not the end label for your child's future success. In our lifetime, there have been great successes from failing students and A students alike, but there has not been many successes from students who thought no one cared. Come and visit and support your student, they will appreciate the fact that you cared. This might be the driving force they need to push forward to their success.

Also, October 30th at 10am we will be hosting guest speaker Hamish Brewer. He is a motivator and a success, all the way back from his time of failing grades in high school and many doubters throughout his lifetime. You are more than welcome to attend and hear what he has to

say. Please contact the office to let us know of your attendance. We are expecting over 1,000 people to attend. I promise you that if you appear, it will make a lasting impact on your student.

Also, we will be sending out letters in November encouraging you to be a part of the Strategic Planning process at Meridian #101. I hope you will attend.

Thank you,

Jon