

Parents, Grandparents and Relative Caregivers,

Welcome back. Can you believe the start of the 2022-2023 school year is upon us? Back to school is exciting but can also come with an overwhelming amount of information.

- **Make the first move:** Email your child's teacher(s) and introduce yourself and your child. Share your child's strengths, learning style and the top 2 goals you have for them this year. Be sure to include how you like to be communicated with and offer any ways you like to volunteer at school.
- **Serve as a Volunteer, Leader and Supporter:** Your child's teacher and the principal will share opportunities to volunteer, lead and support the school. Let someone know if there are barriers such as the time of day or transportation that makes these difficult. For guidance on background check requirements check out the [Guidance Document](#) here and what policies your school has adopted.
- **Check out the Educational Options Digital Playbook**-Check out the [EdOptions digital playbook for families](#). This book is filled with enrollment, transition, and standard resources as well as rights and responsibilities and leadership information for families.
- **Learning and Leadership**- The [Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership](#) Fellowship (CIPL) may be for you! Whether you serve as a leader within your school (PTA, PTO, SBDM...), or you are just getting started and want to engage more, the CIPL Fellowship can provide you with information relevant to Kentucky public education and resources to increase student success.
- **Increase Community Engagement**-Join the [Groundswell Initiative](#) to learn what communities are doing across Kentucky to support excellent education or learn how to [Host an Education Cafe](#)
- **Participate in Family Engagement in Education Week Nov. 14th-18th** - Follow the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership on Facebook and @kyfamengage on Twitter for more announcements.

We encourage you to visit www.prichardcommittee.org for more information including district community profiles, bright spot schools, and blog posts on education topics. We invite you [to share](#) the great examples you see in your communities and schools around family partnership. Thank you, for engaging in your student's education and supporting Kentucky public schools!



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