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Countless studies demonstrate that students with parents actively involved in their education at home and school are more likely to earn higher grades and test scores, enroll in higher-level programs, graduate from high school, and go on to post-secondary education. *Beyond the Bake Sale* shows how to form these essential partnerships and how to make them work.

Packed with tips from principals and teachers, checklists, and an invaluable resource section, *Beyond the Bake Sale* reveals how to build strong collaborative relationships and offers practical advice for improving interactions between parents and teachers, from insuring that PTA groups are constructive and inclusive to navigating the complex issues surrounding diversity in the classroom.

Written with candor, clarity, and humor, *Beyond the Bake Sale* is essential reading for teachers, parents on the front lines in public schools, and administrators and policy makers at all levels.

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### **Brenda says**

Having been at two different school's during my children's school years thus far, this book was extremely helpful in recognizing the different cultures at our schools and how to go about making changes so that parents can get more involved. At our first school parents were almost too involved yet at the new one parents are not always openly welcomed to the school....but things are changing and this book helped me learn that it is a process and that there can be a happy medium!

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### **Oplandam says**

Very good tip and pointer to take back and use. I found this book easy to read and it will make a great reference for setting up my class next year with back to school night and letters home as well as great ideas to put into newsletters.

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### **Markmisfit5000 says**

This seems real handy book to have, with lots of great ideas and examples of how schools are getting parents involved. Also, each chapter has a worksheet to help teachers evaluate themselves on how they are getting parents involved.

The standards the authors hold to evaluating how you are doing is really high, but they seem to understand that the school's parent policy should not necessarily reflect what individual teachers believe.

This book would probably do the most amount of good in the hands of a principal or school board, a group that has more school and district-wide influence.

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### **Natalie says**

all schools need parental involvement - and this book proves why and how.

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### **Barbara Lovejoy says**

This is one of the books I bought after hearing Dr. Mavis Sanders at the BYU ELL Symposium. It is EXCELLENT!--filled with wonderful ideas and resources.

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### **Ariah says**

Maybe the best book I read all year, specifically because it gave me a million ideas for stuff I want to do at my kids school. So, if your a parent of a student in a school where you'd like to see more parent involvement, this is an awesome book. Or if your a teacher in one of those schools. Otherwise, it might not be that interesting.

It's an amazing book, it's super practical with lots of examples, not a bunch of academic language and tons of ideas that make you go "duh, why didn't I think of that?"

It's great.

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### **Holly says**

Hoping for a more recent edition - but this is it. Was looking for more information on using social media and the internet to help achieve the same goals.

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### **Kathleen says**

A great guide for school administrators to improve parent - school community partnerships.

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### **Jody says**

I'm still exploring my place in P's school He is only in Kindergarten, after all, and I mostly go to the PTSA meetings to hear what is going on and potentially identify where I can be of some help. Not long ago, parent education came up as something that our PTSA would like to provide. Mostly because I would like to have some education about how to help my kid in school (and life) I thought I would help by exploring what is out there. In Internet browsing, I came across this book, and fortunately my public library had a copy for me to read!

Keeping in mind that this is mostly a foreign/new topic for me, I found the book to be interesting. It had lots of good individual ideas and tips to address specific needs. I wrote a lot of stuff down that I want to share with the PTSA with full disclosure that I'm not yet aware of what the major issues our school faces! Many would be good to implement regardless as they build better community and resources for the school and parents (and community!) Meanwhile, parts of the book didn't feel applicable because we are not inner-city nor an academic-performance struggling school (again, that I am aware of!) Overall, I think it is a good well-rounded resource for schools, parents & communities. It is bound to include a tip that could be implemented at any school.

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### **Lorette says**

If you are in the schools in any way shape or form, you should read this.

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Not all of the ideas are applicable, especially in this day and age where schools now protect children from outside forces - community as collateral damage. Also, the authors seem to not gasp how much of a "business" world education has become. People from the community are not going to be able to walk into a school and use the copiers. That's not feasible. But I love this book and the premise - it puts words to my feelings as a parent and educator.

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### **David says**

Thought this might provide insight to a newish school board member. But, not so much.

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### **Katie says**

Educators: listen to the parents. And recognize that all want the best for their kids, but their methods may be different than yours. All about the importance of respect and transparency.

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### **Christine says**

I borrowed this book from the library. I think if I were a school administrator I would want to own a copy. PTA/PTO kind of groups might also like it. It contains a lot of suggestions for making schools more open and welcoming to families, as well as questionnaires, and observation protocols etc, for gauging how open your school is and maybe even deciding how open you want it to be.

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### **Steve Watson says**

Read this book now with my kids' school principal for our site council. I wished I had read it before I became a principal! There was just oh-so-much I could have known more about and done better!

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### **Mleander23 says**

This is a MUST read for principals, parents, and teachers. So many great ways to connect school and the parent community. The book provides not only a plethora of strategies but also samples of surveys and techniques used by schools around the country to open the door to the community. This will be a go to book for the "stuck" situations as well. A great book to use if developing a school book club.

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