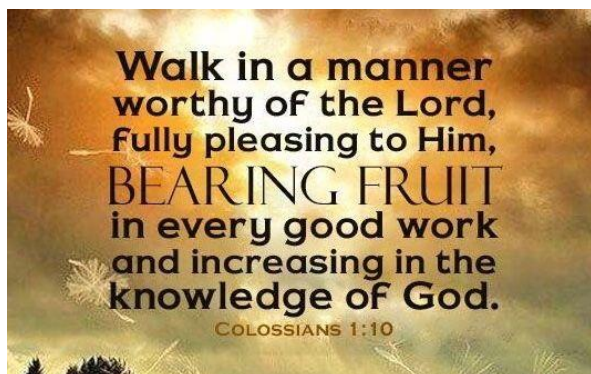


20 September 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers



We as parents must live and talk intentionally about our values and priorities before allowing other influences into our homes. It is our responsibility to learn our children positive traits and values like: respect. When parents are intentional, they grow in wisdom and are able to keep their focus on how they act as believing parents.

It is easy to be passive and let media and other influences set our family's priorities, but it's more effective to pay careful attention to *how* we live our lives. This is

intentionality: making decisions as parents about how we will own the spiritual atmosphere in our homes.

### What does parental involvement mean?

The participation of parents/guardians/caregivers in regular, two-way, meaningful communication involving pupil's academic learning and other school activities. (That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning and extracurricular activities.)

### Advantages of Parent Involvement

Parental involvement is essential for a child's development and offers many benefits. There are many studies that explore how parental participation can improve pupils' success and also teachers' work. Some of the advantages are:



1. When there is good communication between parents and teachers, absenteeism decreases.
2. Academic performance increases. According to JHU, aspects such as comprehension and reading fluency improve when there is parental involvement, even more so if parents spend time reading with their children. The pupils feel more motivated to learn, and their grades improve.
3. It also helps improve pupil behaviour in the classroom. Having parents and teachers communicate more helps pupils feel more motivated in their classes; their self-esteem and attitudes in class improve.
4. The benefit extends to all ages. Although the benefits are usually discussed in the context of ECD or Preparatory school pupils, there are other **studies** focused on high school pupils. Parental involvement is something that makes a difference at all educational levels, although it's influence decreases as the pupil progresses in age. Still, in high school, for example, having the parents involved can affect the decision of whether the pupil wants to continue studying or not.

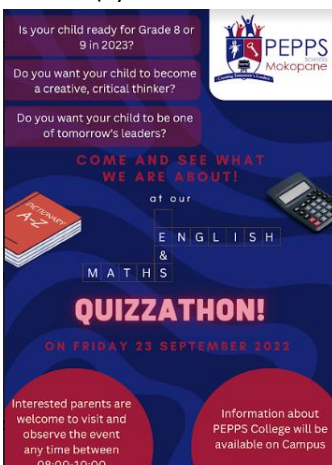
5. It helps when the parents feel happier and more involved with their children's education. A good connection with the school lets parents understand the curriculum better and the advancement of their children. It also helps them feel more comfortable and happier with the quality of education.

Adapted from: <https://observatory.tec.mx/edu-news/the-importance-of-parental-involvement-in-teaching>



## Announcements

- Congratulations to all the pupils who participated in **netball and football** games, we are super proud of you. Huge thanks to the teachers for all the training and encouragement. We won 4 of the 5 trophies at MECS on Saturday 10 September 2022.
- The grade 8 pupils truly enjoyed their tour at **Magoebaskloof Adventures**.
- A few Grade 4 - 7 pupils practiced **chess** against PEPPS Polokwane, and we are proud of their sportsmanship and their progress.
- **Reports** will be emailed on 21 September for the ECD and Foundation Phase, the Intersen Phase and College will receive a report before the exams. All pupils will receive a report at the end of the year. Please keep an eye on your child's progress by visiting ADAM regularly.
- If you have not yet re-enrolled your child, please urgently do so or send an email to [vanniekerkm@pepps.co.za](mailto:vanniekerkm@pepps.co.za) to receive the re-enrolment link. Should your child not return to PEPPS Mokopane next year, please make sure to send a notice email to [viljoene@pepps.co.za](mailto:viljoene@pepps.co.za). Notice of two months has to be given for all pupils not returning.
- Please make sure that all clothing items are clearly marked with your child's name and that they understand the importance of taking care of their personal belongings. We do have a lost and found, but unfortunately we cannot assist with lost items if it is not clearly marked.
- **Reminder:** The platform for homework and announcements for the ECD and Foundation Phase is **myHomework** and for the Gr4 – 8 is **Google Classroom**. Your child has a PEPPS email address. Please join, all the Grade 4 – 7 pupils have received an invite to their class. If you still have trouble joining, please contact the school. Mr van Zyl has also created a YouTube video for the parent's convenience. Please follow the link below: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/10ujJimeHAfAx0B4PazdutbKX0VQNgZee/view?usp=sharing>
- We are celebrating Heritage day on Friday, 23 September 2022 (Cultural day – you may dress up)



**23 September 2022** we will have an Open day for all Grade 7 and 8 pupils. Welcome to the current pupils, and pupils enrolling in Grade 8 and 9 are welcome to attend the event.

We are planning an Open day for the Prep school – **21 October 2022** (information will follow)

- SCHOOL will close on **23 September at 11:30** and will re-open for Term 4 on **11 October 2022 at 7:00**

Kind regards

*Sharon King*

Headmistress

