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Supporting my child at home	Reading together, being interested in what's happening at school, valuing school and schoolwork, providing homework support, etc.	Your child's teacher(s) Other parents	Ontario Ministry of Education - Parent Resources http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/ Council of Ontario Directors of Education – Parent Toolkits http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/Parent_Engagement/Parent_Engagement.html People for Education – Parent Resources http://www.peopleforeducation.ca/ TVO Parents – Parent resources http://tvoparents.tv.org/
Attending classroom and school events	Concerts, performances, meet the teacher nights, open houses, parent information nights	Your child's teacher(s) Your school principal	As above.
Communications with my child's teacher(s)	Can include: interviews; phone calls; e-mails; attending meetings regarding Individual Education Plans, etc. as required. Can be initiated by parents and teachers.	Your child's teacher(s)	BWDSB Policy: Communications http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/director/policies/BP_1604-D.pdf BWDSB Administrative Procedure: Communication – Addressing Parent/Community Concerns http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/director/Procedures/AP_1604-D.pdf
Volunteering/ Coaching/ Guest speaking	Can include: regular ongoing commitment in the classroom, library, or breakfast club; accompanying field trips and excursions; coaching sports; and, guest speaking.	Your child's teacher(s) Your school principal Other teachers	BWDSB Administrative Procedure: Volunteer Program http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/director/Procedures/AP_7330-D.pdf BWDSB Administrative Procedure: Volunteers Screening http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/director/Procedures/AP_7381-D.pdf
Fundraising	Raising funds for capital improvements, class trips, etc.	Your child's teacher(s) Your school principal	BWDSB Policy: Fund-raising in Schools http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/director/policies/BP_4655-D.pdf BWDSB Policy: Donations http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/director/policies/BP_4602-D.pdf BWDSB Administrative Procedure: Purchasing – Donated Assets http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/director/Procedures/AP_3502-D.pdf
Participating on the Home and School Association	Several Bluewater DSB schools have independent Home and School Associations which undertake activities to support education. Individual members pay an annual membership fee to the umbrella Federation of Home and School Associations.	Your school principal Your Home and School Association	Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations http://www.ofhsa.on.ca/about.aspx BWDSB Policy: Home and School http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/director/policies/BP_1622-D.pdf

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<p>Participating on School Council as a parent representative</p>	<p>Every school in Ontario is mandated to have a School Council (with parent, teacher, student, community, and non-teaching staff representatives who work to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) improve pupil achievement through the promotion of parental and community participation in the education process; b) act in an advisory capacity to the school principal and where appropriate the Board; c) provide parents and students with a more responsible and active role in education programs and services; and, d) enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. 	<p>Your School Council chairperson Your school principal</p>	<p>BWDSB Website – School Councils http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/scc/</p> <p>BWDSB Policy: School Community Council http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/director/policies/BP_1620-D.pdf</p> <p>BWDSB Procedure: School Community Council http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/director/Procedures/AP_1620-D.pdf</p> <p>Ontario Ministry of Education – School Council Guide, Tips for School Councils http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/council/guide.html http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/involvement/index.html</p> <p>Council of Ontario Directors of Education – Parent Engagement resources http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/Parent_Engagement/Parent_Engagement.html</p>
<p>Participating on the school board’s Parent Involvement Committee as a parent representative</p>	<p>The mandate of the PIC is to: support, encourage, and enhance meaningful parent engagement at the board level; to improve student achievement and well-being; provide information and advice to the board on parent engagement; communicate with and support school councils; and, undertake activities to help parents support their children’s learning at home and at school.</p>	<p>The school board office</p> <p>Your PIC co-chairs bwdsb.PIC@gmail.com</p>	<p>Ministry of Education - PIC Factsheet http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/factSheet_Fall2010.pdf</p> <p>Ministry of Education – PIC Handbook http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/parents/downloads/PIC_Hndbk_%20Aug29-12.pdf</p> <p>BWDSB Website – Parent Involvement Committee http://www.bwdsb.on.ca/parents/</p>