

Dickinson Public School's **Partners in Parenting**Strong Families Today and Tomorrow



School and Home Partnership

Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.

Partners in Parenting in 2014-2015

Love and Logic—eight 6-week evening series

Baby Signs—one 3-week evening series

Nurtured Heart Approach—one 5-week evening series

Conscious Discipline—two 5-week evening series

Infant Massage—three 3-week evening series

Nurturing Program—one 16-week evening series

5th and 6th Grade Changing Program and Parent events

7 Habits Staff Training—one session

7 Habits Leader in Me Parent Night—two evenings

Family Literacy/Math Events

Head Start Kindergarten Transition Parent Meetings Community Presentations/Trainings

Dickinson High/Alternative High School Presentations

Homeless Services for Homeless families

Parent Observation

"What has the West Dakota Parent and Family Resource Center done for my family?

- has changed our home
- interactions have become positive
- closer bond with my family
- we now have parenting tools that work
- I feel rejuvenated to be a better parent.

This program is amazing. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!"

"Doable, reasonable, livable steps for the success for my kids and steps for my parenting success!

Parents from our Love & Logic class

Gearing Up for Kindergarten

The academic and social expectations of children entering kindergarten have changed a great deal from previous generations. National research suggests that teachers' estimate 32% of kids have some problems entering kindergarten and another 16% have difficult entries into kindergarten.

3 classrooms participated in Dickinson for a 16 week series (8 weeks in fall; 8 weeks in spring),
30 students experienced the program.

Changing Program

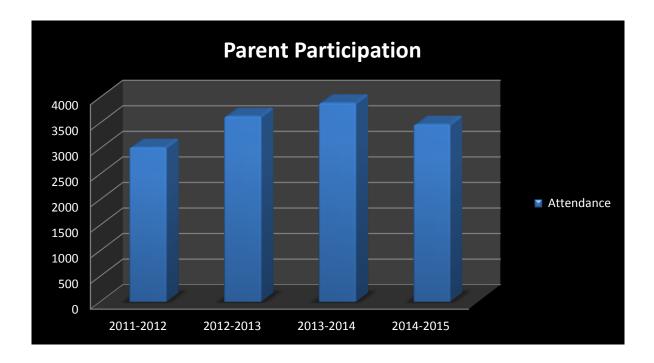
- 5th grade classroom programming/ pre-parent event
- 6th grade classroom programming/post-parent event

Parent Comments.

- --It is a very good program to help explain what the kids are and/or will experiencing.
- --Opened communication between us.
- --Thank you. I think maybe questions were answered that may have been too embarrassing to ask.
- --Wonderful program! Thank you!
- --Great program. Helped start the conversation.

Situation:

Parent education has been identified as a critical need but often lacking resource by citizens in ND. In Region VIII specifically, a need for parent education that addresses the guidance and discipline of children and positive parent/child /school relationships and communication has been identified.



Parent Observation

The West Dakota Parent & Family Resource Center is an excellent resource for **ALL** parents. The programs offered are very helpful and empowering resources which helped to strengthen the relationship with our children. As a result I have seen my kids do much better in school and home! Homework is no longer something I dread and my kids are now on time to start the school day! We have learned valuable tools to set limits to help my children prepare for adulthood.

Love and Logic Parent



This school year

- o 2191 parent/ family calls to the Center
- 291 Dickinson Public School Staff and community professional calls to the Center/or attendance of sessions
- 197 parent in person visits to the Center
- o 621 children in childcare for sessions