

PARENT COMMITTEE SIGNUP

If you are interested in becoming a member of the West Hartsville Elementary School parent committee, please complete the information below, detach this sheet, and return it to the school as soon as possible. We look forward to partnering with you to promote the success of our children.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Cell phone # _____

E-mail _____

OTHER WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED AT WHE?

Becoming involved in your child's education is one of the most important things you can do as a parent. Studies show that children are more engaged and willing to learn when they have the support of their family.

West Hartsville Elementary provides several opportunities for family involvement, such as, PTO events, Fox Paw events, volunteering for bake sales, fieldtrips, after school clubs, classroom assistants, reading in the classrooms, mentoring, and serving on the parent committee. If you are interested in any of these involvement opportunities, you may pick up a schedule of events from the office or from your child's teacher. You may also ask your child's teacher about other opportunities to help in the classroom. At West Hartsville we welcome family involvement at all levels.

For More information about the Parent Committee or any other volunteer opportunities you may visit our website at whe.dcsdschools.org, contact the school at 843-857-3270 or e-mail Kendra Woods at Kendra.Woods@darlington.k12.sc.us

West Hartsville Elementary School's Parent Committee Information



"WHE...an inviting, respectful, and nurturing place where collaboration and individuality are celebrated and positive learning experiences are created for all."

WHAT IS THE COMER MODEL?

- An education initiative developed by Dr. James P. Comer, professor at Yale University
- A holistic approach to education that links children's academic growth with their emotional wellness and social and moral development in a collaborative school culture open to learning
- A proven way to improve academic performance, outlook and life skills by nurturing and supporting students in their schools
- It consists of three major committees, The School Planning and Management Team (SPMT), The Student and Staff Support Team (SSST), and **The Parent Team**.

WHAT ARE THE NINE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE COMER MODEL?

Three Guiding Principles

- No-fault problem solving – focuses on problem-solving rather than placing the blame
- Consensus – through dialogue and understanding, develops what most think will work
- Collaboration – working together

Six Developmental Pathways

- Cognitive – how we think and how we learn
- Ethical – how we behave and how we follow rules
- Psychological – how we feel and what we think about ourselves
- Physical – how our brains develop and how our bodies grow
- Social – how we get along with each other and how we interact in different environments
- Language – how we talk and how we listen

JUST WHAT IS THE PARENT COMMITTEE AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

The **Parent Team** involves parents and families in the school by developing activities through which they can support the school's social and academic programs. This team also selects representatives to serve on the School Planning and Management Team. Families are an essential link in the success of the school. The Parent team provides the bridge between the classroom and the home.

Responsibilities include:

- Planning PTO and other family events
- Planning parent workshops
- Addressing parent concerns
- Improving communication between families and school