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Benefits of Give Me Five



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1. When families sign up as *Give Me Five* volunteers, you give them a reason to come into the school or ask to do things from home to support the school its students.
2. You open the door to the school for the first time for many parents and family members.
3. Parents become more in tune with the needs of the school and students.
4. Teachers become more in tune with the needs of students and families.
5. *Give Me Five* can make it easier for more dads, step dads, grandfathers and big brothers to join in.
6. Parents keep coming back because they experience a positive school environment and a welcoming staff, and see the child's delight at seeing them in the school.
7. Communication between school and family increases.
8. You can operate events and programmes more efficiently with more volunteers/parent help.
9. Teachers feel more valued by parents.
10. Parents are more willing to say "yes" when you ask them to help with something specific.
11. Volunteering will be measured, showing statistics that the community and school will appreciate.
12. The programme is easy to start and run, with sample forms and guidelines provided, and support information on the website www.givemefive.org.nz. The start-up costs are minimal; primarily printing.
13. It becomes easier to manage volunteer needs as the database grows, calling upon new people to do specific tasks and matching assignments with parents' availability.
14. Parents will understand the impact of involvement beyond attending a meeting, and may become more involved in the PTA.
15. *Give Me Five* helps build a stronger school community as volunteers take ownership and become proud school supporters.
16. Businesses and community organisations will assist your efforts to increase parent involvement (offering sponsorships, partnerships, employee participation, visibility, and recognition).
17. Parent/whanau involvement becomes more inclusive. When working parents, single parents, and parents who did not eagerly volunteer see this opportunity, they will realise that it is manageable for them.
18. You encourage future volunteers as children see the example of their families volunteering.