

# The Kindergarten Parent Project

Teaching our kindergarten parents how to be good stewards of their child's education.



Let's consider that the problem with public schools is not the schools, but the lack of support children receive for their education from home. It's often pointed out that there is no school that teaches one how to parent. Imagine the impact if we took the time to teach our kindergarten parents just that. Imagine the impact if we taught parents how to be good stewards of their child's education.

Primarily, parents need to make sure that their child comes to school, every day, well rested and well behaved. Parents need to get their child on the right track by making sure homework is done and education has a place of honor in their home. What if we took the time to tell parents that school is not day care? What if we made it a point to say that school requires parents' participation in order for their child to succeed?

Years ago Old Town Elementary PTA put together an informational video shown as part of kindergarten screening. It welcomed parents to the school's community. It followed a child through a school day as it explained what is required of parents. It pointed out that it is school, not day care. It spelled out that parents are expected to participate.

Not every parent reads, but almost all watch TV. With adequate funding, DVDs could be easily duplicated to go home with students. The Old Town video was produced using equipment the school had on hand. Much of it used clips already archived in the school by the technology specialist.

Using a customized script and filming in individual schools featuring current school personnel and families helps to build a sense of community. Welcomed into this community, new parents are handed responsibility at the door. "When your child comes to this school, you become a member of this community." "You are expected to participate in your child's education."

The following pages include a script written in consultation with teachers and administrators. There is also a cast sign up sheet, a photo/video release form and supporting handouts for parents. All can be adapted to reflect the time schedules, rules and resources of the individual schools that participate. All are available in Word files for easy rewrites for a particular school.

This could also be an opportunity for high school students. Many are already making videos for school projects. Many have community service hours to fulfill. This could be an attractive project for such students. They might even enjoy making a video for their alma mater.

For bigger impact, the program could expand to include activities and events throughout the first year through which parents learn how to help their child succeed. Simple homework that require minimal adult help could be the beginning of good study habits. Family fun nights with educational games could offer a venue where the whole family could have fun in their child's classroom learning together. There is plenty of room for development of the project as a comprehensive program.

Parents cannot meet expectations if they do not know what those expectations are. Let's take the time to tell parents what is expected of them. Let's teach the parents of WS/FCS to be good stewards of their child's education. Imagine the impact.

**Script for PTA Video**  
**Welcome to Our Community**

**Welcome**

Visual will be head shots of each speaker saying one sentence each. Speakers will be a variety of the people who currently make up our community.

Speaker 1: Welcome to our community.

Speaker 2: Bienvenidos a nuestra comunidad.

Speaker 3: When your child comes to this school, you become a member of this community.

Speaker 4: Cuando su hijo o hija viene a esta escuela, usted llega a ser un miembro de esta comunidad.

Speaker 5: You are expected to participate in your child's education.

Speaker 6: Se espera que tome parte en la educación de su hijo o hija.

Speaker 7: You are encouraged to use the resources here in the school for you.

Speaker 8: Usted puede utilizar los recursos aquí en la escuela.

Speaker 9: This video is in English and Spanish

Speaker 10: Este video es en inglés y español

Speaker 11: These are the languages of our community

Speaker 12: Estos son los idiomas de nuestra comunidad

Speaker 13: Two languages, one community.

Speaker 14: Dos idiomas, una comunidad.

Speaker 15: Please listen as we tell you what you must do to help your child do his or her best.

Speaker 16: Escuche por favor como nosotros decimos lo que usted debe de hacer para ayudar a su niño o niña hacer lo mejor.

## A Day in the Life of Our Student

Visual	Voice Over	Tape
Child at the breakfast table.	<p>--Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.            --El desayuno es la comida más importante del día.            --Make sure your child gets a good breakfast so that they have the fuel for their best learning.            --A segúrese que su niño obtenga un desayuno bueno para que ellos tengan el combustible para su mejor aprendizaje.</p>	
Children getting on the bus.	<p>--Riding the bus is a privilege.            --Viajar el autobús es un privilegio.            --Make sure that your child is on time for the bus and that they understand that they must behave for the safety of everyone on the bus.            --Cerciórese de que su niño es puntual para el autobús y que ellos entiendan que ellos deben comportarse para la seguridad de todos en el autobús.            --Children who cannot behave will not be able to ride the bus and then you will be responsible to bring them to school.            --Los niños que no pueden comportarse no serán capaces de viajar en el autobús y entonces usted será responsable de traerlos a la escuela a tiempo.</p>	
Car riders being dropped off	<p>--If you choose to drive your child to school, please follow the traffic patterns at the school and bring your child to school on time.            --Si usted escoge traer a su niño o niña a la escuela, favor seguir los patrones de reglas del tráfico en la escuela y traer a su niño a tiempo.            --Children must be in the school by 7:45 in the morning.            --Los niños deben de estar en la escuela a eso de las 7:45 de la mañana.</p>	
Car rider with parent entering school to be signed in.	<p>--If you arrive after 7:45 a.m., you must bring your child in the school and sign them in.            -- Si usted llega después de las 7:45 de la mañana, usted debe traer a su niño o niña y firmar.            --It is very hard for young children to catch up after a school day begins.            --Es muy duro para los niños, ponerse al día con los demás, mientras que los demás y a an empezado la clase.            --Do everything you can to have them at school on time.            --Haga todo que usted pueda para tenerlos en la escuela a la hora exacta.</p>	

Visual	Voice Over	Tape
Montage of school activities	<p>--Part of learning is through play outside and inside the classroom.  -- Una parte de su aprendizaje es el juego a fuera y dentro del aula.  --Dress your children in sneakers and comfortable, durable play clothes.  -- Vista a sus niños en zapatos tennis y ropa cómoda y duradera de juego.  --During the day your child will learn in a classroom setting and participate in specials like physical education, art and music.  --Durante el día que su niño aprenderá en el aula que toma parte en especial como la educación física, el arte y la música.</p>	
Shots of the cafeteria	<p>--Lunch is served in the cafeteria.  -- El almuerzo se sirve en cafetería.  --Your child can buy lunch or bring it from home.  -- Su niño puede comprar el almuerzo o lo trae de casa.  --From kindergarten we try to stress independence.  -- Del jardín de la infancia que tratamos de enfatizar la independencia.  --You will see children opening their own milks and snacks.  -- Usted verá a niños que abren sus propias leche y los bocados.  --Some may have difficulty at first, but our teachers are used to dealing with this. It is all a part of the learning process.  --Algunos pueden tener dificultad al principio, pero nuestros maestros son utilizados a tratar con esto. Es toda una parte del proceso del aprendizaje.</p>	
Party time in the class room	<p>--Sometimes we celebrate with the children through treat days and a few times a year we have parties.  -- A veces nosotros celebramos con los niños por días de gusto y unos pocos veces al año nosotros tenemos los partidos.  --By helping with these class activities you can show your child how important they are to you.  --Ayudando con estas actividades de la clase usted puede mostrar a su niño cuán importante ellos están de ustedes.</p>	
Montage of more school activities	Music background	
Getting on the buses	<p>--We cannot stress enough how important it is for our children to behave on the busses.  -- Nosotros no podemos enfatizar bastante cuán importante es para nuestros niños de comportarse en el buses.</p>	

Visual	Voice Over	Tape
<p>Child getting off the bus to waiting parent</p>	<p>--Kindergarten children need to have someone waiting for them at the bus stop.  -- Los niños del jardín de la infancia necesitan tener alguien que los esten esperando en la parada de autobús.  --A bus driver will not let a kindergarten off the bus to walk home alone or with other children not in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade or higher.  -- Un conductor del autobús no permitirá que un kindergarten este lejos del autobus o que ande solo ni con otros niños no en el grado cuarto ni más alto.  --A responsible adult must be waiting.  --Un adulto responsable debe estar esperandolos.</p>	
<p>Car riders waiting in the auditorium and coming out of the school.</p>	<p>--School lets out at 2:25 p.m.  -- La escuela deja salir en 2:25 de la tarde.  --It is important that you be on time to pick up your child if he or she is a car rider.  -- Es importante que usted sea puntual recoger su niño si él o ella va en carro.  --School staff will call them from the auditorium to come to your car once you arrive.  -- El personal de la escuela los llamará a venir cuando usted llege.  --This is for your child's safety.  --Esto es para la seguridad de su niño o niña.</p>	
<p>Car riders sitting outside waiting.</p>	<p>--Being late to pick up your child will result in a fine.  -- De recoger tarde a su niño tendrá como resultado una multa.</p>	
<p>Child entering house</p>	<p>--The school day is not over when your child comes home.  -- El día no se termina cuando su niño o niña a viene a la casa.  --It is important that you check their book bag every day.  -- Es importante que usted revise su mochila cada día.  --Make sure that your child has a quiet place to sit to do their homework and let them do as much as they can by themselves.  -- Cerciórese que su niño tiene un lugar callado para sentarse para hacer sus deberes y permitir que ellos hagan tanto como que ellos pueden por sí mismos.  --Ask your child to explain the work to you.  --Pida que su niño expliquele el trabajo a usted.  --It will keep you up to date with what they are learning and help them to master the materials.  --Lo mantendrá al tanto con lo que ellos aprenden y los ayudan a dominar las materias.</p>	

<b>Visual</b>	<b>Voice Over</b>	<b>Tape</b>
Family on the couch (including baby) reading.	<p>--Read to your child everyday and or let them read to you.  -- Lea a su niño o niña a diario y permitan ellos que lean a usted.  --It seems simple, but it a very important thing that you can do for your child.  --Parece sencillo, pero una cosa muy importante que usted puede hacer para su niño.</p>	
Child getting into bed.	<p>--It is also very important that your child get a good night sleep.  --Es también muy importante que su niño obtenga un sueño de buenas noches.  --Make sure they get into bed at a reasonable time.  --Cerciórese ellos esten en la cama a un tiempo razonable.  --They will do much better in school the next day having had 8- 10 hours of sleep.  --Ellos harán mejor en la escuela al día siguiente 8- 10 horas del sueño.</p>	

### Special Situations

<b>Visual</b>	<b>Voice Over</b>	<b>Tape</b>
Phone numbers	<p>--It is vital that the school office have a phone number to reach you during the day.  -- Es esencial que la oficina de la escuela tenga un número de teléfono para alcanzarlo durante el día.  --If your child becomes sick, they need to reach you.  -- Si su niño se enferma, ellos necesitan alcanzarlo.  --If you get a new phone number, please tell someone in the office or send a note in with your child.  -- Si usted obtiene un número de teléfono nuevo, por favor informe a alguien en la oficina o manden una nota en con su niño.</p>	
Child handing a note to the teacher	<p>-- You must send a note when your child is out due to sickness.  -- Usted debe mandar una nota cuando su niño esta fuera debido a enfermedad.  --If your child is out sick more than five times, the school will require a note from a doctor.  Si su niño está fuera enfermo más de cinco veces, la escuela requerirá una nota de un médico.</p>	

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Child given medicine in the office	<p>--If your child is on medication that must be taken during the hours of school, you must supply the school with a doctor's note.</p> <p>--Si su niño está tomando medicina que se debe tomar durante las horas de la escuela, usted debe suministrar la escuela con una nota de doctor.</p> <p>--Otherwise, the school cannot dispense medicine to your child.</p> <p>--De otro modo, la escuela no le puede distribuir la medicina a su niño.</p>	
Becky in her office with folks signing kids in or out.	<p>--Please try to schedule appointments for your child outside of regular school hours.</p> <p>-- Por favor llame para planificar las citas para su niño fuera de horas regulares de escuela.</p> <p>--If this is not possible, you must come into the attendance office to sign your child in when arriving late, or to sign your child out when leaving early.</p> <p>Si esto no es posible, usted debe venir en la oficina de asistencia a firmar a su niño en al llegar tarde, o para firmar a su niño fuera al salir temprano.</p>	
Snow outside	<p>--When school is called off due to weather, this is posted on Channel 2, the bottom of the screen of local stations and announced on the radio.</p> <p>-- Cuando la escuela este cancelada debid al tiempo, esto se anuncia en el Canal 2, el fondo de la pantalla de estaciones locales y anuncia en la radio.</p> <p>--Check your TV or local radio station.</p> <p>--Verifique su televisión o emisora local.</p>	
Parent entering with treat bags Parents eating with their kids in the cafeteria	<p>--We encourage you to visit the school anytime. Please remember these important rules.</p> <p>-- Nosotros los animamos a visitar la escuela en cualquier momento. Recuerde por favor estas reglas importantes.</p> <p>--Sign in as a visitor in the Attendance office.</p> <p>--Firme en como un visitante en la oficina de Asistencia.</p> <p>--Never disturb a class in session.</p> <p>--Nunca perturbe una clase mientras este en sesión.</p>	



Visual	Voice Over	Tape
Teacher reading email and on the phone	<p>--Teachers are glad to meet with you to discuss how your child is doing in school, but they cannot stop teaching all the children in their class just to meet with you.</p> <p>-- Los maestros estarán contentos en discutir con usted cómo su niño hace en la escuela, pero en ellos no pueden parar la clase para hablar con usted.</p> <p>--Please make an appointment.</p> <p>-- Haga por favor una cita.</p> <p>--You can reach your child's teacher by email or by leaving a message on their voice mail.</p> <p>--Usted puede alcanzar a su niño' maestro de por correo electrónico o por dejar algún recado para que le llamen.</p>	
Norma on the phone	<p>--You are always welcome to call the school with any questions.</p> <p>-- Usted es siempre bienvenido en llamar a la escuela con cualquiera pregunta.</p>	

### The Parent Teacher Association

Visual is a montage of photos depicting different PTA events like the Festival, hot dog dinners, family fun nights and classroom parties with a voice over explaining the Parent Teacher Association and its importance to the school.

Voice over: The Parent Teacher Association is very important to the school.

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We do everything we can to support the teachers to do their best for our children.  
Hacemos todo lo que podamos para sostener a los maestros para hacer su mejor para nuestros niños y niñas.

Please be sure to join the Parent Teacher Association and participate in your child's education.  
Por favor de unirse a la Asociación de padres y maestros y tomar parte en la educación de a su niño o niña.

### **Parent Resource Center**

Visual tour of resource center with explanation of resources available.

Voice over: We are fortunate to have a parent resource center in our school.  
Somos afortunados en tener un centro del recurso de padres en nuestra escuela.

Come here to get information on how to face issues with your child.  
Venga a obtener información en cómo encarar los asuntos con su niño o niña.

Come here to use a computer.  
Venga a usar una computadora.

Come here to get on the internet or write your resume to get a job.  
Venga y móntese al internet o escriba su resume para obtener un trabajo.

### **Saturday Academy**

Visual of classes in session at Saturday Academy.

Voice over: Also available to us at this school are free classes where we can learn.  
También disponible a nosotros en esta escuela las clases libres donde podemos aprender.

Come to free classes on Saturday to learn English or Spanish.  
Venga a las clases el sábado para aprender inglés o español de gratis.

Come to learn to read or do math.  
Venga a aprender a leer o hacer las matemáticas.

Learn to use the computer or prepare to take the GED and get your high school diploma.  
Aprenda a utilizar la computadora o preparar para tomar el GED y obtener su diploma de la preparatoria.

Bring your children. Child care is free.  
Traiga a sus niños. El cuidado del niño es libre.

## Epilogue

Visual is the walk through the front door, through the school to the Kindergarten hall and into a classroom.

Voice over: Your child is beginning a new stage in their life.  
Su niño empieza una etapa nueva en su vida.  
They will be going to Kindergarten.  
Ellos estarán yendo el Jardín de la infancia.  
This is not day care.  
Esto no es el cuidado de día.  
It is school and requires your participation for your child to succeed.  
Es la escuela y requiere su participación para su niño para triunfar.  
Do not let this frighten you.  
No permita que esto lo asuste.  
Just remember that it is the simple things that count.  
Recuerde apenas que es las cosas sencillas son las cuentan que.  
Make sure your child comes to school everyday and arrives on time.  
Este segura es que su niño venga a educarse a diario y llegar a tiempo.  
Check his or her book bag everyday and make sure they do any homework.  
Mire la mochila a diario y se cerciora que ellos hacen cualquier deberes.  
Read to them.  
Leale a ellos.  
Make sure they get a good night's sleep.  
Cerciórese ellos obtienen un buenas noche de sueño.  
And please remember that you are always welcome in the school.  
Y recuerda por favor que usted esta siempre estan bienvenida en la escuela.

Visuals are shots of children smiling into the camera one at a time

Child 1: You are our most important teacher.  
Child 2: Usted es el maestro más importante.  
Child 3: We need your help to succeed  
Child 4: Necesitamos su ayuda a triunfar  
Child 5: Thank you!  
Child 6: ¡Gracias!  
Child 7: We know you will do your best to help us do our best.  
Child 8: Sabemos que usted hará su mejor a ayudar hacemos nuestro mejor.

### Kindergarten Video Project Speaking Cast

Fill out the form with the names of those who will be in the video. Please check that you have received a Video Release Form from each participant or their guardian.

<b>Speaking</b>	<b>Video Release Form</b>
Speaker 1: _____	_____
Speaker 2: _____	_____
Speaker 3: _____	_____
Speaker 4: _____	_____
Speaker 5: _____	_____
Speaker 6: _____	_____
Speaker 7: _____	_____
Speaker 8: _____	_____
Speaker 9: _____	_____
Speaker 10: _____	_____
Speaker 11: _____	_____
Speaker 12: _____	_____
Speaker 13: _____	_____
Speaker 14: _____	_____
Speaker 15: _____	_____
Speaker 16: _____	_____
Child 1: _____	_____
Child 2: _____	_____
Child 3: _____	_____
Child 4: _____	_____
Child 5: _____	_____
Child 6: _____	_____
Child 7: _____	_____
Child 8: _____	_____

# Photo/Video Release Form

I hereby grant permission to use my likeness in a photo/video for educational purposes, including web site entries, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools (WS/FCS) and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize WS/FCS to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo/video for purposes of publicizing educational programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears.

Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph/video. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge WS/FCS from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release. I agree to indemnify and hold WS/FCS harmless for any and all losses, claims, expenses, suits, costs, demands and damages or liabilities on account of personal injury, death, or property damages of any nature whatsoever and by whomsoever made, arising out of the videographed activities in which I am taking part.

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Signature/Date

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Printed Name/Date

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Address

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City State Zip Code

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Phone

If the person signing is under age 18, there must be consent by a parent or guardian, as follows:  
I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,  
named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this  
person.

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Parent or Guardian's Signature/Date

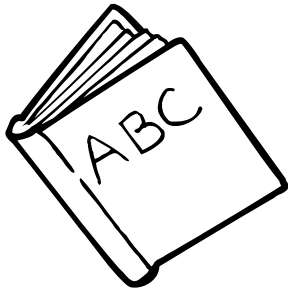
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Parent or Guardian's Printed Name/Date

## Things to remember...

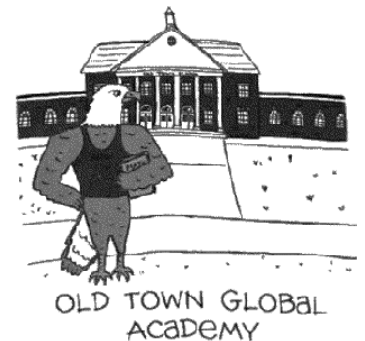


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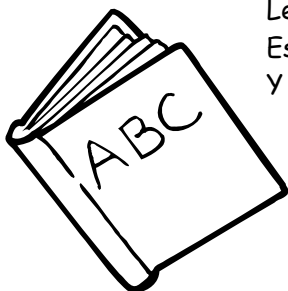


**You are their most important teacher.**

## Las cosas para recordar...



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