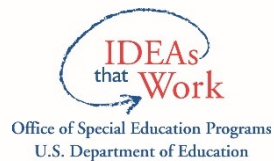


A Quick Intro To parents matter™ a Family Engagement initiative



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New level of Engagement

Parents Matter is an INVITATION and an EXPECTATION

- Move beyond the customary events
- Enter into a symbiotic partnership
- It takes minimal work, but transforms lives

MATTERING
is the **AGENDA**

Program Vision

YOU
MATTER

Our Purpose and Our Process



parents matter TM

Minding the Perception Gap



Heart to Heart



As leaders, you are
in charge of
getting your staff
and community to
the place where
they come
together;
heart-to-heart.

Parents Are True Partners

We must find opportunities to share the ways we “view” the relationship.



Common Barriers to Parent Engagement

- Transportation
- Child Care
- Telephone
- Money
- Housing
- Food & Basic Needs
- Frustrations
- Mistrust
- Negative Feeling toward school
- Past Memories & Experiences
- Activities that are not meaningful
- Weather
- Overworked
- Overwhelmed
- Overbooked
- Timing
- Location
- Illness
- Lack of connection
- Language Barrier

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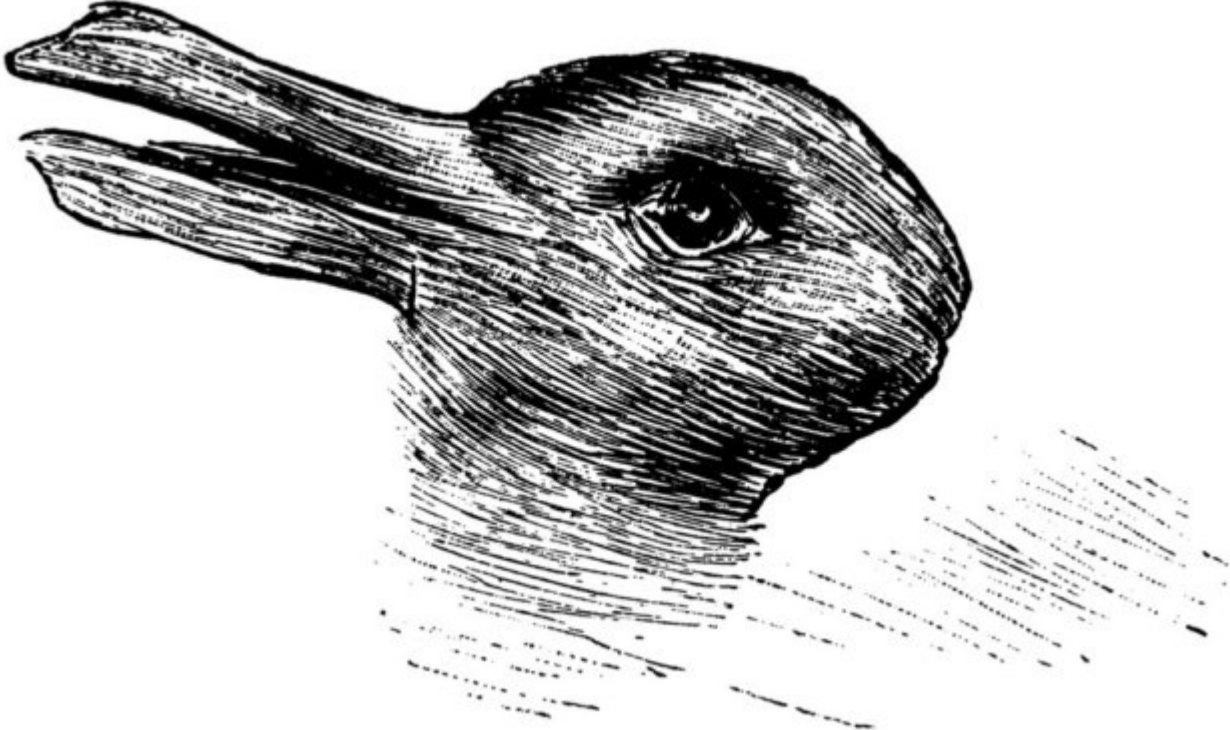
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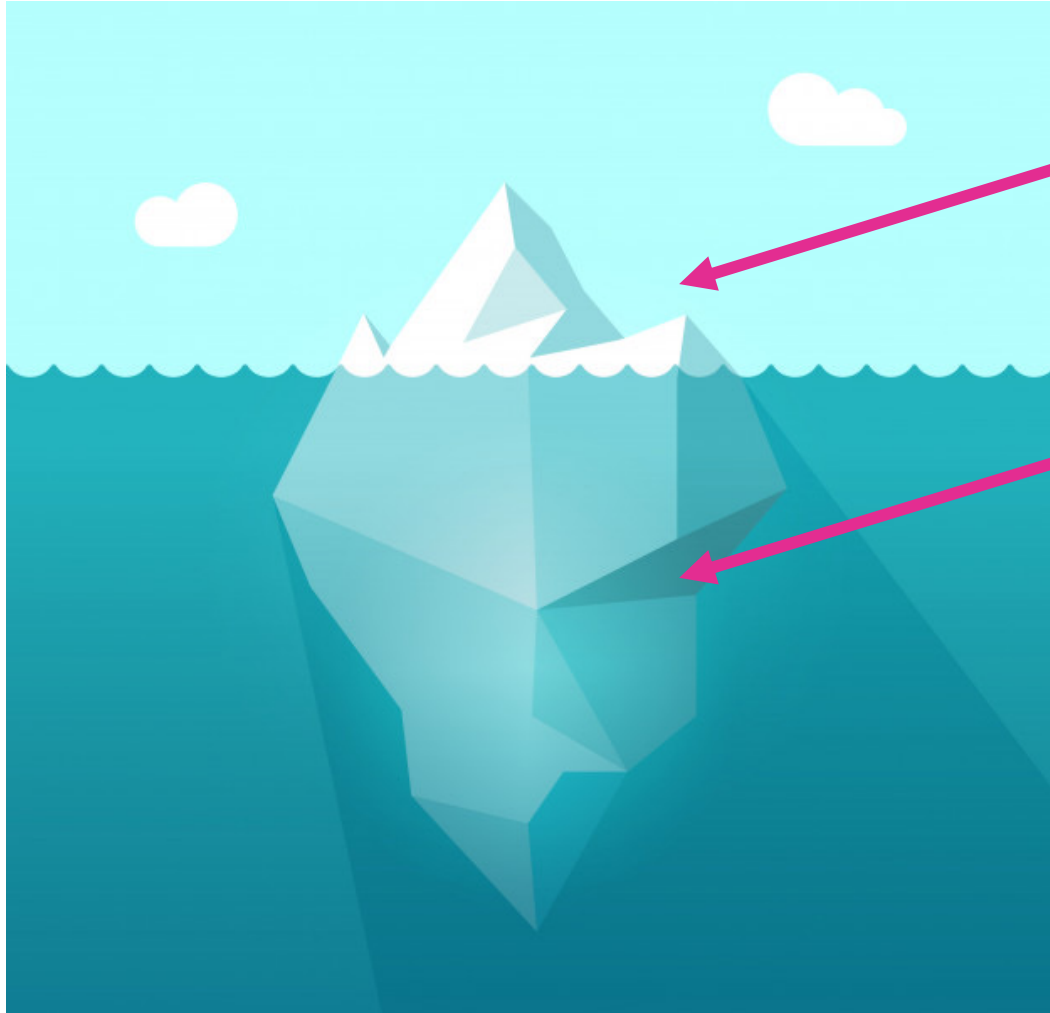
Bridging the gap between what we think
and what we know

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It's All About Perception



Getting The Whole Story



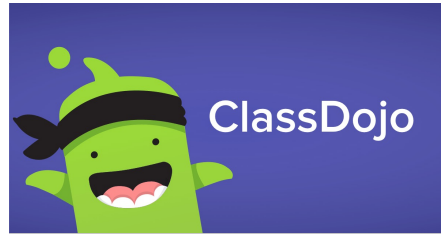
What we see and perceive of a family

All of the information we still have to learn about a family

Communication



Meet Families Where They Are

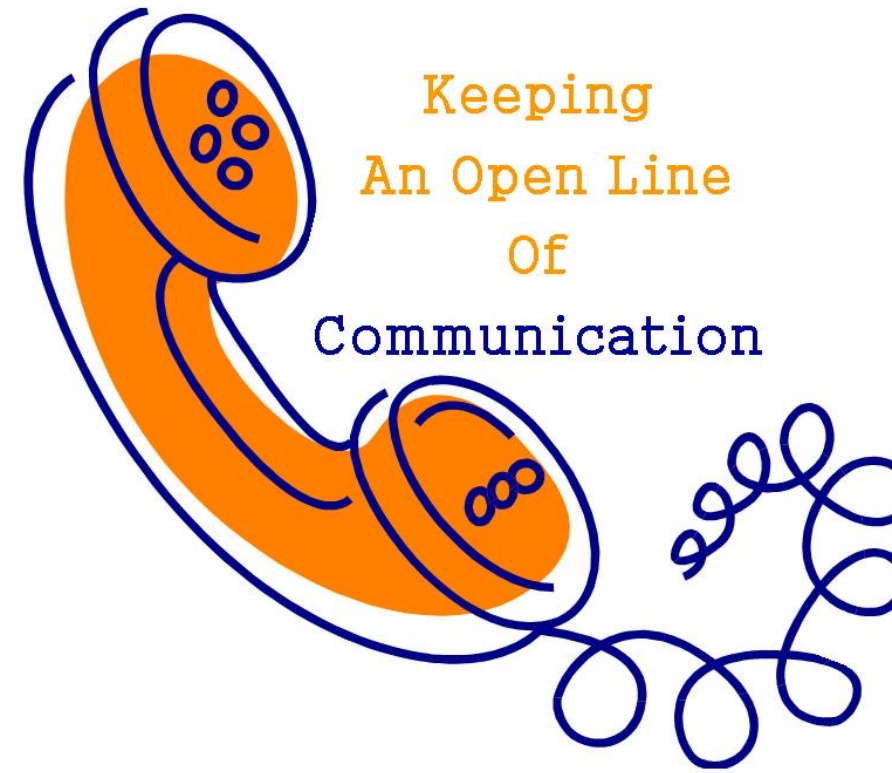


Communicating – 2 ways



Why It MATTERS

1. Families need information to be partners in their child's education
2. Frequent contact fosters positive school-home relationships
3. Collaborative problem-solving requires trust





We were created for
SIGNIFICANCE
and one of the most dangerous
things that can happen to us
as individuals, as organizations
and as communities –
is to get the feeling that
we don't matter.

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