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## **Dads are Encouraged to Bring Kids to School Tuesday**

*Five Schenectady schools holding Tuesday morning events for dads*

SCHENECTADY - Five schools in the Schenectady City School District will be participating in the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dads Take Your Child to School Day** on Tuesday, September 20, 2011.

Twenty-seven counties statewide are participating in "Dads Take Your Child to School Day," an initiative designed to encourage fathers to take a more active role in their children's lives. "Studies show that when fathers and father figures take an active interest in their children's education, youth do better in school, are better adjusted and more likely to succeed," said Gladys Carrion, Esq., Commissioner of New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

The following Schenectady schools are participating and will be holding morning programs for the dads:

- **Central Park International Magnet School**  
421 Elm Street, Schenectady 12304

Central Park Principal Tonya Federico will welcome the dads, have a brief meeting with them and encourage them to be involved in their children's education. They will be provided with refreshments and goodie bags.

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- **Keane Elementary School**  
1252 Albany Street, Schenectady 12304

Keane dads will go with their children to the school cafeteria. When the children go to class, the dads will meet with the school principal in the library.

- **Lincoln Elementary School**  
2 Robinson Street, Schenectady 12304

- **King Magnet School**  
918 Stanley Street, Schenectady 12307

King fathers are invited to come in at 8 a.m. to enjoy refreshments in the library and attend a brief meeting with the principal. They are then invited to visit their children's classrooms and volunteer their time.

- **Mont Pleasant Middle School**  
1121 Forest Road, Schenectady 12303

Mont Pleasant Middle School will welcome dads at 7:30 a.m. in the school courtyard. Students will give their dads a tour of school. Following the tour, the dads will enjoy donuts, bagels, coffee and be given a goody bag. The fathers will meet with the school administrators and clinical team to learn about opportunities to be involved in school and upcoming events.

Research indicates that children whose fathers take a more active role in their lives have better outcomes related to academics, behavior and social skills. The event is not designed to take away the impact that moms have in the lives of their children every day. Dads Take Your Child to School is just one day to shine the spotlight on dads and encourage men to get involved in their children's education.

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