

Dads and Donuts Moms and Muffins



Goals:

- To have children introduce their parents to their teachers.
- To have a fun school activity to start off the day.
- To invite parents into school in a non-threatening situation with no strings attached to meet their child's teacher.
- To show students that their parents are invested and supportive of them and their school.
- To increase parent involvement

Materials:

- RSVP forms that are sent home to get a head count
- Coffee, juice, milk and donuts
- Paper products
- Trash receptacles

Location: Cafeteria

Labor:

- PTO volunteers
- Parents who are from a different grade level
- Cafeteria staff

Activity:

Letters are sent home to the parents in a specific grade inviting them to a Dads and Donuts or Moms and Muffins event that runs for 30 minutes either during bussing or at the beginning of the school day. For a nominal fee (enough to cover the cost) the parent has a breakfast treat based on the theme with their child in the school cafeteria with other parents and students. If the student's parent is unable to attend they are allowed to bring a substitute (grandparent, other parent, relative). A buffet line is set up, parents sign in and select their breakfast treats with their child. Midway through the event the homeroom teachers walk around the room introducing themselves and meet the families.

Additional activities include assigning a person to take informal photos of the parent-child pairs so they can use them for school yearbooks or PowerPoint presentations during other events. Some districts will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade designated for dads and 4th, 5th, and 6th grades designated for moms.

At the conclusion, of the activity, students go to class escorted by the parent and then the parent leaves the building