

## HOME-SCHOOL CONNECTION

Fostering positive relationships between home and school is essential for student success. Communication between teacher and parent ensures that all adults are working in the best interest of the child. Below parents will find some helpful hints to enable positive and open communication with teachers:

- ✓ *Communicate with your child's teachers. E-mails, phone calls, hand written notes are the best way to initiate a conversation. It is important for parents to keep teachers informed of family situations that might affect school performance. E-mail is useful for quick information and a parent meeting or phone conversation is more appropriate for more complex issues. E-mail in schools is not instant messaging so replies might not be answered immediately.*
- ✓ *Actively participate in parent-teacher conferences. Have specific questions or comments prepared to create a more meaningful conference.*
- ✓ *If your child is having a problem, talk with the teacher first. Starting with the adult who knows your child best in school will create a more successful solution. Listen to the teacher's perspective and consider the suggestions made as the teacher might know more specifics about the issue. Teachers want to do what is best for every child. If after speaking to the teacher, the issue is not resolved, contact the school psychologist, assistant principal or principal.*

Establishing and fostering a positive home school connection is what Coman Hill and Wampus strives to create. Stay in touch!

