



## National African American Parent Involvement Day

National African American Parent Involvement Day is an opportunity for parents to visit their child's school throughout the school day. Here are a few ideas to keep parents and guests engaged:

- ★ Provide a welcoming committee (preferably students to assist).
- ★ Provide, breakfast-to-go and/or lunch for parents and guests.
- ★ Provide a lounge for parents or hospitality room with refreshments, guest sign-in sheets and name badges.
- ★ Present helpful information about your school and tell them how they can become involved, as parents.
- ★ Provide brochures about your school, sign-up sheets for school committees, Site Council and an opportunity for parents to share ideas, etc.
- ★ Provide presentations and displays by staff, students and local artists from the surrounding school community.
- ★ Provide cultural materials and book displays.
- ★ Host parent tours of the school with visits to classrooms. Provide extra chairs for seating and activities to involve parents.
- ★ Display bulletin boards and visual displays of African American Historical contributions (preferably unique to your school, St. Paul or Minnesota) - poetry, literature, fiction, pictures, art work, and posters.
- ★ Provide African American family members a short check list of what your school considers to be important to improve parent involvement. Have each parent complete a survey which reflects parents' response to NAAPID, and indicate what support they want from your school administration and teachers.

**Please note:** *The school climate, daily classroom schedule, and activities should be kept as close to normal as possible. Parents need to be able to experience an ordinary school day.*