



## IDEAS FOR PLANNING YOUR DAY

### **Working with Schools:**

Notify area school superintendents, board members and principals that men will accompany their children to school on the first day of school or on a designated Dads Take Your Child to School Day.

Ask schools to assign a school parent or staff person to manage this initiative.

Ask the principal to send a notice to families to invite parents, especially men, to take their children to school on this day.

Ask schools to invite men (and women) into a parents' room or auditorium for a short program while their children are in class (you might include coffee, juice and cookies with this program).

Create packets for fathers and other significant male caregivers with information about your school and programs for the coming school year.

Invite elected officials and dignitaries to greet men at the front of the school.

Create a letter, note, button or patch that says "I took my child to school today" (with logo above) to pass out to parents as they take their children to school.

Create ways for fathers and other men to be involved with your school during the year.

### **Coordinating Outreach:**

Create a *Dads Take Your Child to School Day* Organizing Committee in your city, town or village and plan to meet at least once a week until the first day of school.

Partner with a school, faith-based organization or community organization that will serve as sponsor and fiscal agent for your initiative.

Notify area businesses about this event and ask them to consider giving men participating in this program two to three hours off of work (with pay when possible).

**Register for the "Creating Father-Friendly Schools" webcast:**

[teleconferences@ocfs.state.ny.us](mailto:teleconferences@ocfs.state.ny.us)

### **Resources:**

[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_admin/admin/admin072.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin072.shtml) Bring Your Fathers to School!

<http://www.teachersfirst.com/fathers.html> Involving Fathers at School

<http://www.fatherhood.org/Page.aspx?pid=944> Father-Friendly Check-Up™ for Schools

<http://fatherhood.about.com/>

