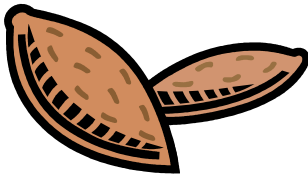




# Art of Parental Involvement in Muscogee County School District

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PIC Regional Meeting  
Columbus Museum

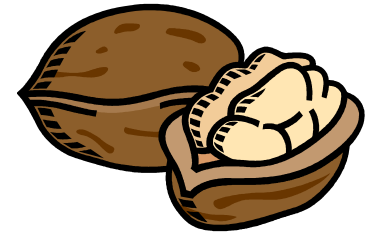
# What Kind of Nut Are You???



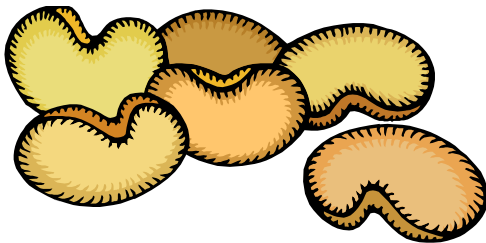
ALMOND



PEANUT



WALNUT



CASHEW



PECAN

# What Does Nuts Tell About Us??

**Your favorite variety of nut may reveal what you're really like.**

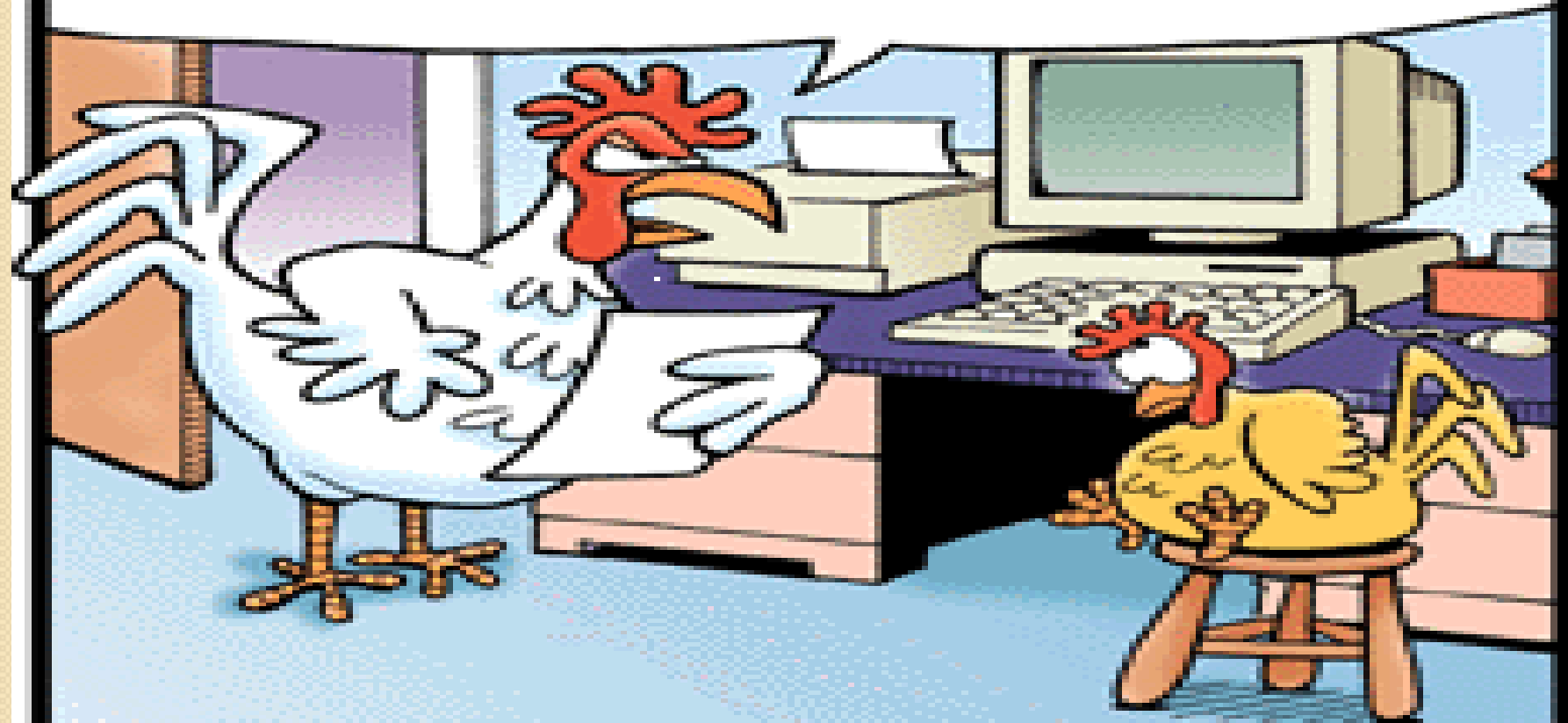
- **Almond**-You have high standards, are very motivated, and tend to be a perfectionist.
- **Salted Peanut**- You're extroverted and charming, and crave attention.
- **Walnut**-You're competitive, and easily annoyed when life's inconveniences get in the way.
- **Cashew**-You're dependable and easy going
- **Pecan**-You're generous and considerate and a devoted, loyal friend.

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'STAY ON THE LINE WHILE MUMMY  
READS YOU THE REPORT'

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING  
YOUR HOMEWORK YOUNG MAN, NOT  
DOWNLOADING PICTURES OF PLUCKED  
CHICKENS FROM THE INTERNET...





# Parental Involvement

## Muscogee County School District

- 34 Elementary Schools (22 Title I Schools)
- 12 Middle Schools (6 Title I Schools)
- 9 High Schools (4 Title I Schools)
- 32 Title I Schools:
  - 11 Family Services Coordinators
  - 8 Parent Liaisons
  - 13 Parent Contacts



# **Myth I**

## **Families Don't Care**

- In a survey 1500, schools children were asked the question, “What makes your family happy? Most of them answered, “Doing things together.”
- Families often need direction in ways to support the student’s educational experience.
- MSCD supports the parents through educational experiences at the school and district level.



## **Myth 2**

### **Parents do not feel it is their job to “teach” the child. It’s the school’s responsibility**


- Studies show that the majority of parents want to know how to help their children at home and know what they can do to help their children succeed.
- MCSD works hard to provide opportunities for parents to be involved in their child’s education.



### **Myth 3:**

**The influence of parental involvement on school achievement depends on the parents' income, level of education, and employment status.**

- Parent's attitude toward learning is more important than other factors.
- Working parents may not be able to work at school, but still stress the value of education.



## **Myth 4**

**Communication is a problem. I send home letters but never hear back from most parents**

- Seek first to understand, then to be understood (Covey, 2000)
  - Ask the best way to contact them and best time for them to visit the school
  - Investigate using technology



## Myth 5

### They never come to the school

- Welcoming environment
- Flexible scheduling
- Consider using the term “**family involvement**” because many children are being raised by grandparent, aunt, uncle, foster home, group home etc.
- Establish climate for collaboration and model excitement for home-school relationships.

# TEAMWORK IS A MUST



Laminator  
\* Please check rolls  
before laminating  
to make sure enough  
is available for your  
job.

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Title I Parent Liaisons, FSC, & Parent Contacts  
Meeting



# PARENT LIAISONS FAMILY SERVICES COORDINATORS PARENT CONTACTS' MONTHLY MEETINGS





# CELEBRATING PARENTS IN THE MILITARY



# DYNAMIC DADS





# MAKE AND TAKE READING/MATH WORKSHOPS





# BEING INVOLVED IN THE CLASSROOMS





# LITERACY NIGHT





# LITERACY NIGHT





# MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA



# MATH WORKSHOPS



## Problem #1 (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Work with your partner!

1. What is the volume of this CUBE?

The length of one side of the cube is 40 in. Formula:  $V = s^3$

- a. 120 cubic inches
- b. 1600 cubic inches
- c. 6400 cubic inches
- d. 64000 cubic inches





# GRANDPARENT'S DAY





# PARENTS AS VOLUNTEERS





# HEALTH FAIR





# GRAND SLAM IN MARCH





# GRAND SLAM IN MARCH





# FAMILY MATH NIGHT





# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



## In Closing

- If parents are with you, they will bring the community with them. If they are not, they will stop you dead. You need their protection when hostile winds blow

-Patrick Dean