

Get involved in Clinton schools

It is that time of year again! Such an exciting time of year for students and parents alike. The summer is starting to wind down and the families are finishing up their vacation. For parents, it means getting ready for the backto- school season. For kids, it means getting back into their regular school routine.

One thing I like to do this time of year is shop the abundant back-to-school supply sales. There are so many supplies available at a fraction of their regular price. Even though it has been a few years since we have had school-age children in our home, I purchase the supplies and donate them to the schools. The supplies are then shared with the teachers for their classrooms or the students who need them.

Education is the greatest thing that we can pass on to our children. A firm educational foundation can provide the basis for success throughout their whole life. Today's children are tomorrow 's leaders. It is important that we give them every opportunity to succeed. Those opportunities begin in the classroom.

Research shows that the single largest factor that influences your child's achievement in school and in life is good family support. This is an important time in your child's life so it is a good time to become involved in their education.

There are several ways that you can become involved in their education. The easiest way is to let them know that you care about their education. When they get home, ask them about their day, their homework and what they learned for the day. This lets the child know that you care about their education and want them to succeed.

Another way you can be involved is to volunteer at the school. Each school provides many opportunities for parents and grandparents alike to come in and volunteer. Join the PTA. Make a commitment to make the schools a better place to learn.

This is an exciting year for the Clinton Community School District. The Clinton Middle School will open to all middle-school aged children on December 3. We also have many new teachers and administrators joining our current dedicated staff to give your student the best education possible.

Enjoy this time of year. Become involved in your schools and in your child's education. Be assured that the administrators, teachers and staff of the Clinton Community School District are working hard to help make your child the best that they can be. It is great to be a River King and Queen! **Jenny Green**, Clinton *Jenny Green is a Clinton School Board member.*