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Web 2.0 Tools to support parent-school communication and family engagement

Web 2.0 tools for school education

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCHOOL AND FAMILY



- ✓ The collaboration of the entire educational ecosystem is fundamental to educate young students.
- ✓ Establishing communication between school and family is an essential element of the educational process that allows for shared goals and methods between teachers and parents.
- ✓ School-family collaboration means offering parents the opportunity to participate in their child's growth and providing the school with valuable assistance in informally training the student and communicating any discomfort.

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A good relationship between school and family means that students can:

- ✓ Achieve better learning outcomes
- ✓ Promote greater self-regulation and general well-being
- ✓ Reduce absenteeism
- ✓ Maintain a more satisfactory relationship with teachers and classmates
- ✓ Have a more positive attitude toward school and cultivate greater ambitions for their education

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- ✓ Today, thanks to the new ICT tools, it is possible to have a continuous confrontation in which the school and the parent are in close contact and can work in synergy and promptly when a problem arises in the student.
- ✓ Interaction and communication between teachers, their students, and their parents is critical to cope with simple, functional, and accessible communication.

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- ✓ Web 2.0 tools enable the development of an innovative solution for communication that improves and facilitates the interaction and exchange of information between schools and families.
- ✓ the main tools to improve and facilitate interaction and the exchange of information between the school and the family are listed below.

WEB 2.0 TOOLS TO FACILITATE SCHOOL-FAMILY COMMUNICATION



TalkingPoints (<https://talkingpts.org/>)

- ✓ is a text-based communication tool available for both desktop and smart device environments.
- ✓ was created to enable communication between schools and foreign parents who speak only their home language.
- ✓ integrates an automatic translation system that supports more than 100 languages.

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TalkingPoints (<https://talkingpts.org/>)

- ✓ breaks down language barriers and is of particular interest in stimulating the engagement of foreign parents who have not yet mastered the language of the country in which they live.
- ✓ messages written by the teacher are sent to the parents who can read them in their home language. The parent can reply in their language;
- ✓ the message will be sent to the teacher and translated into the starting language.

WEB 2.0 TOOLS TO FACILITATE SCHOOL-FAMILY COMMUNICATION



LivingTree

- ✓ is a Web 2.0 tool developed as a free platform for smart devices and Web devices.
- ✓ was created to allow teachers and students to share, in real-time, moments from their day with their parents and family.
- ✓ allows parents to view activities and educational moments experienced by their children while providing access to academic records, papers, sporting events, children's artistic creations, etc.

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LivingTree

- ✓ provides parents with shared calendars. The appointments in the calendar will be notified through updates and reminders;
- ✓ was designed by a parent for a parent and offers all the tools to be able to manage and organize the daily activities of a child together in an efficient and safe environment.
- ✓ teachers will be able to elaborate and plan their lessons in the classroom and these can be shared with parents who will thus be made to participate in the details of the educational planning.

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LivingTree

- ✓ provides features for teachers that make it the ideal environment to organize their work as well.
- ✓ teachers will be able to elaborate and plan their lessons in the classroom and these can be shared with parents who will thus be made to participate in the details of the educational planning.

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Class Dojo (<https://www.classdojo.com/>)

- ✓ is an online platform for classroom management that transforms the classroom into a large community where gamification mechanisms are integrated.
- ✓ within this environment, dynamics are developed that allow for the allocation of rewards and penalties that can incentivize positive student behaviour.
- ✓ teachers can monitor student behaviour, curate student portfolios, facilitate classroom activities, and engage parents.

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Class Dojo (<https://www.classdojo.com/>)

- ✓ parents can see their child's behavioural and academic progress and communicate with the teacher through an instant messaging system and exchange opinions and educational experiences with teachers and other parents.
- ✓ teachers can also share their classroom events and photos so that parents feel more connected to the classroom and involved in the daily lesson plan.