



Come under the **SHADE** Tree
SCHOOL HOME ASSOCIATION OF DUKE ELLINGTON
(a school-wide parent/teacher organization)

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

• **PARTICIPATION**

- You owe it to Yourself, your Children and the School to become connected.
- Work with others in addressing School needs and providing services and assistance to the School.
- Develop and enhance leadership skills when you become a SHADE officer.
- Become active in fundraising activities.
- Involve family in promoting service efforts for the School.
- Involvement with Committees **to get things done**.
- Involvement with other parents, sharing ideas, etc.
- Be a part of SHADE-sponsored activities and events.
- Determine distribution of SHADE's funds.

• **YOU HAVE A VOICE**

- Unite with a school-wide association that advocates exclusively on behalf of the children.
- Participate in the Election of Officers.
- Vote for other SHADE-sponsored activities, etc. and use of SHADE funds.

• **ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

- One-Stop shopping for information and resources: learn valuable information about the School, graduation requirements, scholarships, summer jobs, summer camps, etc.
- Numerous resources on parent involvement programs, funding activities.
- Find out what's happening in each of the Departments (Dance, Theatre, Visual Arts, Museum Studies, Literary Media, Instrumental and Vocal Music).

• **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

- Interact with a network of professionals in your School community.
- Share materials you have that benefit the School and our children (i.e., government programs, regulations, and the like, that will affect the School or our children.
- Working collaboratively with others.

• **PARENT/TEACHER "DIRECT CONNECT"**

- Learn how we can, as a group, be of assistance to the Teachers at Ellington.
- Monthly access to the Principal and Faculty who will be present at the General Membership meetings.
- Share your ideas for Teacher Appreciation Week.

• **VOICE YOUR CONCERNS**

- Through the SHADE Association, you can express your concerns and share thoughts with other parents (many times you will discover that you are not alone in your concerns).