

# Building a positive and supportive school community

Presentation about Summer 2023 Launch for Charlottesville School Board, June 1, 2023

#### One Unified Platform

ParentSquare is the premier fully unified product that engages every family with school communications and communications-based services—all the way from the district office to the classroom teacher, and all in one place.



#### **Mass Notifications**

Maximize engagement and consistency

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#### Classroom Comms

Empower teachers to reach every family

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#### School Services

Send forms, documents and surveys

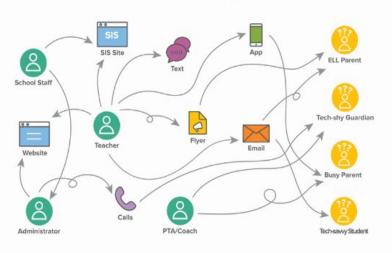
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#### School Websites

Engage your community and make your brand stand out

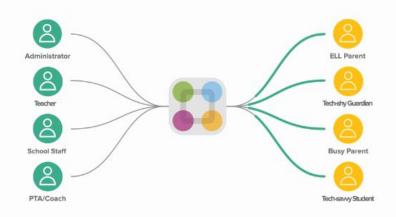
#### **Before ParentSquare**



## **Charlottesville City Schools Communications:**

- School Messenger
- Remind
- Sports Groups
- PTO Email Lists
- Texts
- Email
- Website

#### After ParentSquare



# Make It Easier for Everyone to Communicate

Save time, streamline work. Send everything—mass notifications, classroom posts, one-to-one messages, forms, sign-ups—using tools built to work together, not pieced together.



#### **Smart Alerts!**

Get school wide announcements at your fingertips.



#### One Tap Participation

For volunteering, conferences, event RSVPs, payments, permission slips and more



#### **Two-Way Communication**

Send & receive real-time messages directly with teachers and administrators.



## How ParentSquare Works



Teachers & staff share school-related news on ParentSquare.

Parents receive, respond & sign up, and get automated reminders!



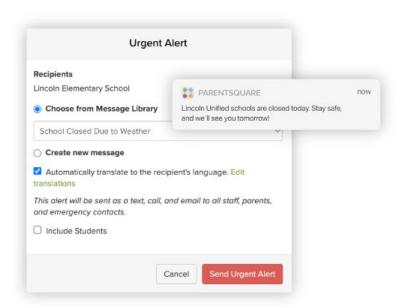


Everyone has easy access to all interactions in one place.



#### **Mass Notifications**

Maximize engagement and ensure consistency with all the tools district leaders need.



#### **Urgent & Smart Alerts**

Send important alerts with a few clicks from your phone or desktop:

- Send to everyone or target specific groups (school site, bus route, sports team, etc.)
- Set up message templates ahead of time, including translations
- · Broadcast to all channels (sms, email, app, web, voice) or
- Use Smart Alerts to send a text first with automatic failover to voice.





Lincoln Students, please make sure to return all library items by next Tuesday, June 1!

Students who have turned in all school library books and textbooks may choose a book to take home with them. We'll also have some other fun giveaways... Read More

Appreciate - Comment - Print

● 5,978 Notified - User Preferred Notifications - Staff, Parents, and Students

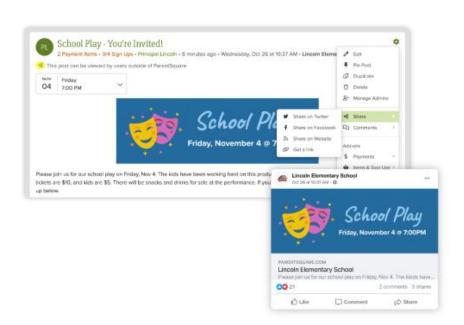
#### Communications & Newsletters

Send media-rich messages to families, staff, and even students.

- Save time and target the right people with built-in distribution lists through SIS integration.
- Ensure brand consistency with pre-defined templates for newsletters, classroom updates or any type of regular communication.
- Encourage audience responses through appreciations and/or comments.

#### Social & Web Share

Save time by managing both internal and external social posts through ParentSquare without having to share Facebook or Twitter passwords.



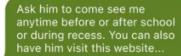
#### **Classroom Communications**

Empower teachers to reach every family, with the tools and channels they need at their fingertips.

James is having some trouble understanding the new math unit. Can you suggest some videos or websites?

@ 9:55 am

Anne Bruckheimer



#### One-to-One & Group Messaging

Conveniently message a parent privately, start a group conversation, or send a post to every parent/guardian of students in a class/grade/period, etc., with 2-way translation.

11:37 am

#### Principal Rincon

Hola Veda. Quería informarles que Emily recibirá un premio en la asamblea de la próxima semana por ser la mejor lectora de su clase y cumplir y superar sus metas de RA. Espero que pueda unirse a nosotros a las 10 am el viernes para verla recibir su premio.

This message has been translated automatically. Show original message.

9:23 am

¡Gracias, estaré allí!

Ø 10:13 am

#### **Built-in Translation to 100+ Languages**

Built-in translation means language differences won't block school-home communications.

- Bring language settings across from your SIS or let users set it in ParentSquare
- Use instant, 2-way translation for direct messages
- Set up automatic or manual translations for mass alerts, posts, forms, permission slips



## Extra Functionality (We May Roll This Out Slowly)

### **Volunteering & Supplies**

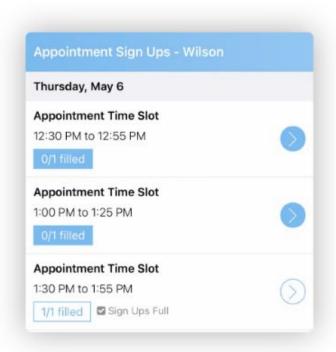
Make it easy for parents to contribute their time or provide needed items by adding sign-up slots to your posts. Easily track progress and send reminders with a click.



## Extra Functionality, Cont'd: Payments, Forms, & More All in One Place

### **Appointments**

Grow participation rates for any type of appointment by adding time slot sign ups to your post. Streamline material pick-ups/drop-offs, counselor appointments, office visits, etc.



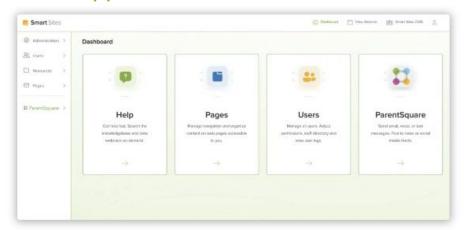
## ParentSquare: Now with "SmartSites" integrated websites

#### **Unified Website & Communications Tools**

The website tool integrates with ParentSquare's family engagement platform, creating a single platform for all communications. Publish media-rich posts and urgent alerts to multiple channels simultaneously, including website pages, social media, email, app, sms and voice.



# SmartSites gives two ways to update the website – through the webportal or via the app.



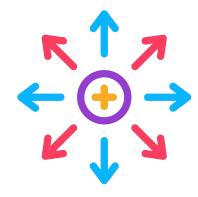
#### Easy-to-Use Interface

Manage content even from a mobile phone with our modern, intuitive school website tool. Users without any technical expertise can make website changes quickly and easily—with no coding or html skills required.

#### **Create Once, Publish Everywhere (COPE)**

Allows staff to create one message and simultaneously publish it as:

- a message or alert to families/staff/students,
- as an update on the website, or
- to social media.





## In July, we'll ask families and staff to download the app.





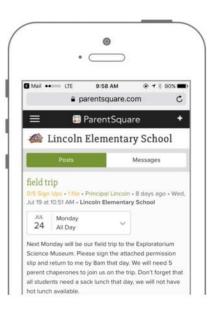




Download the iPhone or Android mobile app



Log in with your email or phone registered with the school

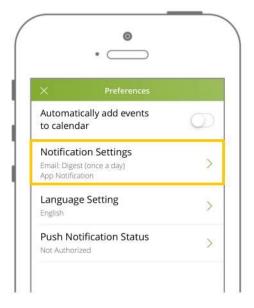


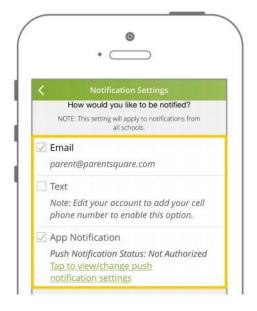
3 Start receiving posts relevant to your child



## First steps are to set up notification preferences.







Tap the ' icon at the top left corner. Then tap 'Preferences'

2 Tap 'Notification Settings'

Select how you'd like to be notified



They offer training videos for administrators, staff, and

families.



## Timeline

### **ParentSquare Communications**

1-way communications launch in July

2-way communications launch mid-August

Staff PL during pre-week

#### **SmartSites Website**

July 1 expected launch date

