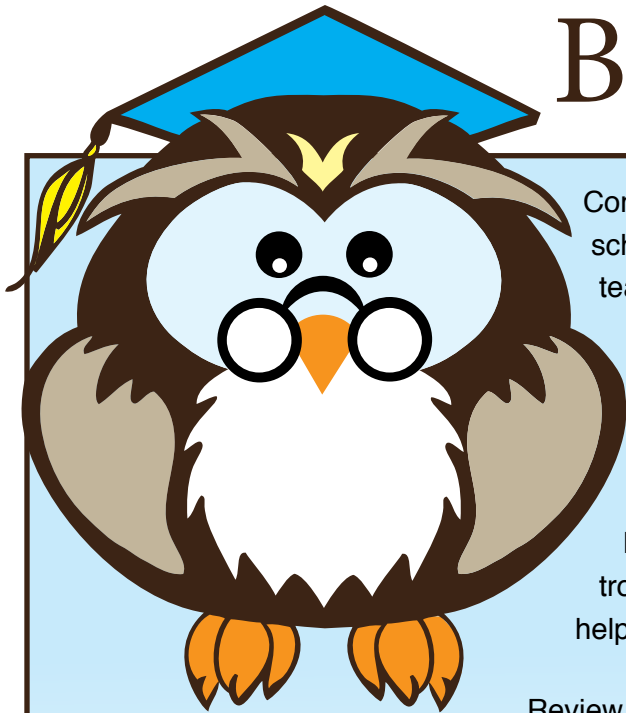
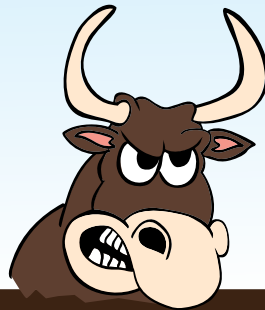
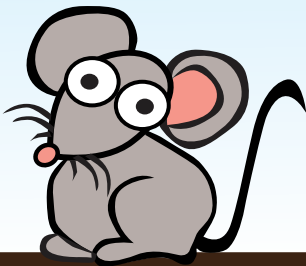


Help your Child be Successful at School ... Be the Wise Owl!



Communication is a shared responsibility between families and schools. While the research shows that children benefit when teachers and parents work together, building partnerships can be difficult. Communicating effectively can be tough when big feelings exist. Perhaps parents and teachers have already had a negative experience. Whatever the reason may be, strong feelings often cause people to yell like an angry Bull, sneak around like a sly Fox, or remain silent like a meek Mouse. Avoiding problems like the meek mouse, stirring up trouble like the sly fox, or charging in like the angry bull may not help you achieve your goal.

Review the list below to see what communication style you use. Understanding your communication style and recognizing how to become the Owl will help you create a stronger partnership with your child's school. Your child will benefit when you start talking with his/her school like the Wise Owl ... even when you have strong feelings about the topic you want to discuss.



The Meek Mouse is....	The Angry Bull is...	The Fox is...	The Wise Owl is...
Passive	Aggressive	Tricky	Assertive
Silent	Yells	Provokes	Speaks
Scattered	Chaotic	Manipulates	Prepared
Quiet	Loud	Avoids	Listener
Detached	Emotional	Sneaky	Patient
Intimidated	Domineering	Gossips	Confident
Inexperienced	Know-it-all	Seeks Revenge	Informed