

Moms In Touch International has
75,000 members worldwide



MOMS IN TOUCH

Mothers Praying for Children, Educators, and Schools

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Think back to your elementary school days. Do you remember your mom ever having to show ID when she came to pick you up early? If you had cramps in English class, you could simply take the two Tylenol you had tucked away in your purse without worrying about getting arrested. Years ago, parents wouldn't think twice about packing a little knife in their child's lunchbox to slice an apple. Today, when parents have lunch with their kids at school, their driver's license is scanned and a photo ID is issued. Instead of home-baked chocolate chip cookies, children are only allowed to bring store bought treats to school parties. Because of growing safety issues, schools have changed drastically over the years. Through it all, Moms In Touch groups are behind the scenes, meeting together to privately pray for children, educators, and schools.

Every Monday morning Rachele Dooley hosts a Fort Bend County Moms In Touch group in her home. She serves coffee and invites other moms in her neighborhood to attend. "The goal of Moms in Touch is to have a group of moms praying for every school so that we can cover our kids, staff, the teachers, and volunteers," says Dooley. The meetings are intimate and personal, but not social. "We pray God's word specifically for the kids," says Faith Westerberg, Moms in Touch member.

Each group has a list with names of every person in the school, from principal to custodian, including volunteers. The list is regularly checked so that at least a few people are specifically mentioned in prayer each week. What is prayed in the group stays in the group. Moms are encouraged to be open with prayer requests, but not pressured to pray aloud if they choose not to. Over her years in the group, Denise Baez has seen the power of her prayers not only with changes in her daughters, but also in the example she sets. "My girls

Ellen, Deborah, and Rachelle pray each Monday for the local schools, teachers, and students




know I pray for them,” says Baez. “Sometimes they will ask me to pray for something specific, but sometimes they just ask me if I prayed for them today. They know I’m doing it for them and they know it works,” she adds.

Founded in 1984 by Fern Nichols, Moms In Touch International has about 75,000 members worldwide, encompassing 18,000 groups of praying women, with groups in every US state and in more than 120 countries. Fort Bend County currently has 24 Moms In Touch groups covering dozens of schools from Missouri City to Needville. **SLM**

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