

CEOs don't necessarily make bad dads

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(AP) - You might think big shot CEOs have little time to spend with their kids, but many of them are making an effort worth more than a goofy tie this Father's Day.

According to a new survey of chief executive officers at Fortune 1000 companies, 80 per cent of CEO dads said they spend as much or more time with their kids than their father spent with them.

Nearly 70 per cent said they would leave a late meeting to see their child in an event like a play or piano recital, and 59 per cent knew the names of their kids' three best friends.

The survey revealed some room for improvement, however. Nearly three-quarters of CEO dads admitted to missing an important milestone in their child's life and 62 per cent regretted it. Less than half knew their kid's bedtime.

While nine out of ten CEOs said they wanted to spend more time with their kids, just under half said they were doing what was best for their children's future. That should earn dad a thoughtful gift or two this Sunday.

The nonscientific survey, conducted by Ericho Communications, was sent to all the Fortune 1000 CEOs and 11 per cent were returned by CEOs identified as parents. Another 39 per cent of the responses resulted from follow-up phone calls.

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