# What is a Family-School Compact?

A Family-School Compact for achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers will honor for the success of their student. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach and exceed grade-level standards.

#### **EFFECTIVE COMPACTS:**

- ✓ Link to goals of the School Improvement Plan
- ✓ Follow the NC Common Core
- √ Focus on student learning skills
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate
- Describe opportunities for parents to participate

## Family & School Together

This Family–School Compact for Achievement was created to support our students, their families, and our school community. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. Meetings will be held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student needs.

## Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

If you would like to volunteer, participate, and/or observe in the school, please contact Michelle Shackelford at (910)251-6190 or by email at michele.shackelford@nhcs.net

## FAMILY-SCHOOL COMPACT FOR ACHIEVEMENT 2016-2017

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Forest Hills will develop globally minded leaders by fostering respect, safety, collaboration, and high academic standards for all.



## Explore the world. Be the change!

## Forest Hills Global Elementary

Boni Hall, Principal Graham Elmore, Assistant Principal www.nhcs.net/fhills (910) 251- 6190

# Communication about Student Learning

Forest Hills Global Elementary School is committed to communicating regularly with families about student learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate are:

- ✓ District, school and teacher websites
- ✓ Weekly reports/folder
- ✓ Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ✓ Regular distribution of Mustang Mail
- ✓ Connect 5 automated phone message

#### Questions about your child's progress?

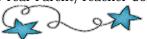
Contact your child's teacher by phone (910) 251-6190 or email through the school website at <a href="https://www.nhcs.net/fhills">www.nhcs.net/fhills</a>

## Conferences

#### October

Beginning of Year Parent/Teacher Conference **February** 

Middle of Year Parent/Teacher Conference



## Parent -Teacher Family Nights

September 20<sup>th</sup> - Curriculum Night/Title I Mtg. October 14<sup>th</sup> - PTA Movie Night October 31<sup>st</sup> -Global Pumpkin Palooza

November 15<sup>th</sup> – S.T.E.M. Night
Science – Technology- Engineering- Math
December 6<sup>th</sup> – Global Arts Night & Book Fair
January 20<sup>th</sup> – PTA Chili Cook Off and Bingo
February 21<sup>st</sup> – Campfire Stories Around the
World March 21<sup>st</sup> – Rock the Tests
April 21<sup>st</sup> - World Global Fair
May 9<sup>th</sup> – Summer Learning on the Lawn

### Our Goals for Student Achievement

#### **District Goals:**

The New Hanover County Board of Education sets goals for the entire district. The district goals are:

Have high expectations for all students
Have equity at all schools regarding
facilities, services and staffing.
Ensure all students are actively
engaged in meaningful learning and
experiences.
Use data to inform and drive
decisions regarding curriculum,
instruction, and assessment.
Provide students diverse
educational opportunities.
Partner and communicate with
businesses, civic, faith-based
organizations, parents and the
community at large to enhance
educational opportunities for children.

### Forest Hills Global Elementary Comprehensive Plan

Forest Hills' School Improvement Team (SIT) has developed a comprehensive plan identifying specific indicators of effective practice in which our school will focus on during the 2016-2017 school year.

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	All teachers develop student leadership	
	and global citizenship.	
	The school's Leadership Team regularly	
	looks at school performance and	
	classroom observation data to make	
	decisions about school improvement	
	and professional development needs.	
	Instructional Teams develop standards-	
	aligned lessons for each subject at the	
	grade level.	
	All teachers systematically report to	
	parents the student's mastery of specific	
	standard- based objectives.	
	All teachers reinforce classroom rules	
	and procedures by positively teaching	

them.

## Teachers, Family, Students – Together for Success

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#### In the 5th Grade Classroom

- ✓ Teachers will teach routines that develop organizational skills in their students such as keeping track of homework and events in an academic planner and building organized folders.
- ✓ Teachers will guide students in creating interactive notebooks for math and science. These will act as resources for parents and students.
- ✓ Teachers will send home a monthly newsletter with information about academics. We will also keep websites current with active links for students and parents.



## At Home with Family

- ✓ Monitor my child's academic planner to ensure a strong home school connection.
- ✓ Ask about and review interactive notebooks. Ask my child to show how they are learning math.

Check the newsletter and web links regularly to get new ideas on how to support my child

## Mustangs LEAD

Learners
Empathetic
Accountable
Determined



# Students are leaders of their learning!

### As a LEAD student, I can:

- LEAD at home and at school! As a Mighty Mustang, I will show the characteristics of a global citizen.
- Read with purpose every night and reflect on my reading with a parent or homework helper.
- Have Math Talks daily at home with family members.
- Be aware of math in my environment and connect it to what I am learning in the classroom.