

Parent Involvement for High-Quality Prekindergarten

Lackland Independent School District
Lackland Elementary School



Strategies Used to Facilitates Family-to-Family Support

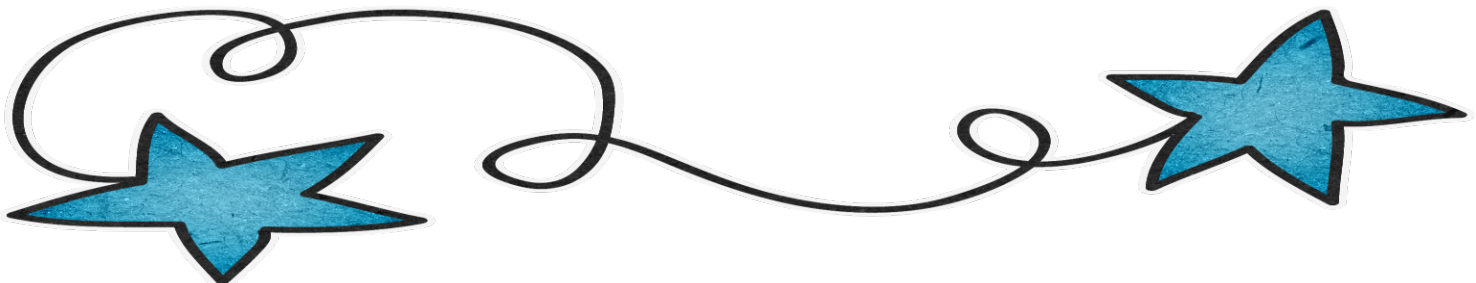
- **Let's Talk – Social Emotional and College and Career Readiness**
The purpose of these events is to provide an open venue to exchange ideas, share information, and create a more vital awareness about available resources, supports, and tools to ensure daily and *Future Readiness*. Participants tout these events as tremendous successes. Their success is attributed to effective planning by the Social-Emotional Support and College and Career Readiness Team, community partners' outstanding support, dedicated volunteer support, and generous donations. Community partners including the Department of Defense Education Activity, The Air Force Military Child Education Organization and School Liaisons, The University of Texas at San Antonio's (UTSA) P-20 Initiatives, UTSA's Center for Military Families, The Military Child Education Coalition, San Antonio Behavior Health, One in Five Minds, Wilford Hall Pediatrics, the Exceptional Family Member Program and Tutor.com fully engaged in these events by providing information sessions, workshops, and resources to support the development of successful pathways towards bright futures. Topics include Financial Aid 101, Book Reading, Career Exploration, Tutor.com, College Application / Post 9-11 GI Bill, Navigating College Board, Dual Credit, Social Emotional Wellness, Effective Study Skills, and Summer Opportunities for all ages. Local partners, including Blue Star Families, the Lackland Spouses' Club, and other local vendors, provide financial support and resources for our Let's Talk events.

- **AVID – (Advancement Via Individual Determination)** AVID is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the assessment gap by preparing all students for college and other postsecondary opportunities. AVID teaches skills and behaviors for academic success and provides intensive support with tutorials and strong student/teacher relationships. AVID creates a positive peer group for students and develops a sense of hope for personal achievement gained through hard work and determination. AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap, making college access and success available to all students.

- **PTSO – Parent Teacher and Student Organization**

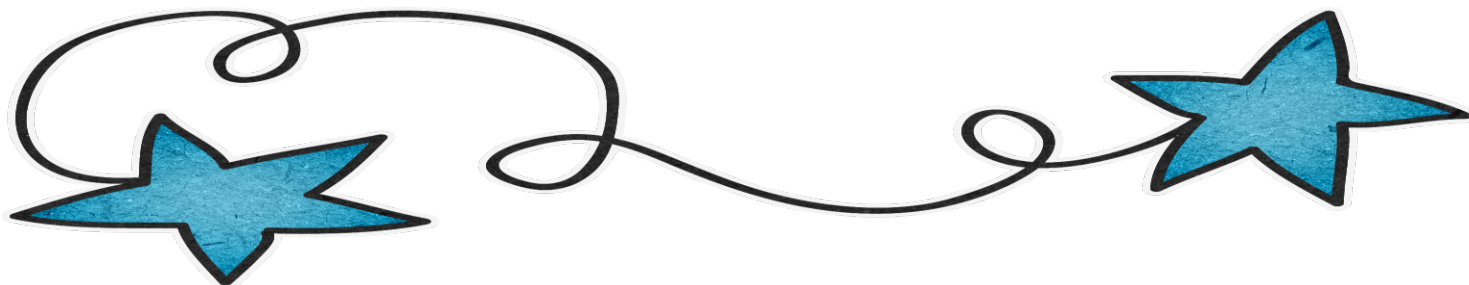
Lackland Independent School District PTSO is an independent organization local to the district that serves both Lackland Elementary and Stacey Jr/Sr. High. It was chartered in this manner so that the funds raised go back into both schools. The PTSO uses all funds to supplement school events, such as graduation, prom, student planners, breakfast/snacks during STARR testing, Field Day, and Spring Carnival

- **Conscious Discipline** - Conscious Discipline is an emotional intelligence program that teaches children to respond rather than react during life events. Everyday life events are used as teachable moments and guide children to develop self-control, utilize tools for conflict resolution, boost self-esteem, foster positive relationships and social skills. Conscious Discipline promotes a positive relationship-based community in the classroom. Students learn through The 7 Basic Skills of Discipline, cultivating higher-order thinking skills through “Brain Smart” activities, class meetings, and creating a “School Family.”



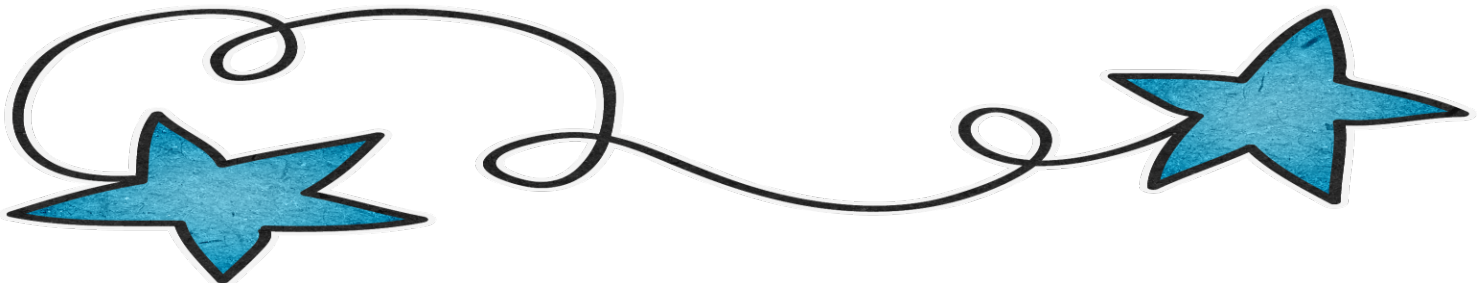
Community Resources

- Let's Talk (see above)
- We build strategic partnerships and leverage community resources by taking students on field trips, such as the community fire station. We also have a dental health day where community members come into school and teach students about dental hygiene.
- Our Special Education department provides parents with children with disabilities information for free parenting classes through Any Baby Can and Region 20. Our school counselors also offer different programs to our military children, such as Hearts Apart, Mentors, guidance lessons, and teach social skills to individual or group of students when necessary. Hearts Apart is for students who have a family member deployed or who have a temporary duty assignment. Our school counselors provide extra support to students as needed. Our Mentor program will match students recommended by a teacher or parent with a civilian or active member role model who will spend time with the student. Counselors will go into the classroom and provide lessons to students on an as-needed basis, reflecting on skills to include those for concerns such as personal space. We also teach students social skills and good decision-making skills through Bully Prevention Week and Red Ribbon Week.
- We also have a Military Student Transition Consultant responsible for helping families and students through transitions, such as before a family moves to a different duty location. Our Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) School Liaison helps close the gap between home and school by providing information on district activities and procedures. Our School Board Liaison reports community concerns/needs to the school board. Our school also offers additional social-emotional supports using assigned Military Family and Family Life Counselors (MFLC). The following information is available on <http://www.realwarriors.net/family/change/MFLC.php>:
- Non-medical counseling is available through the MFLC program and Military OneSource. These programs offer trained, licensed professional counselors for service members and their families. Both programs strive to promote a culture that encourages service members and families to seek assistance when coping with daily life concerns while eliminating barriers that service members may feel prevent them from seeking help.



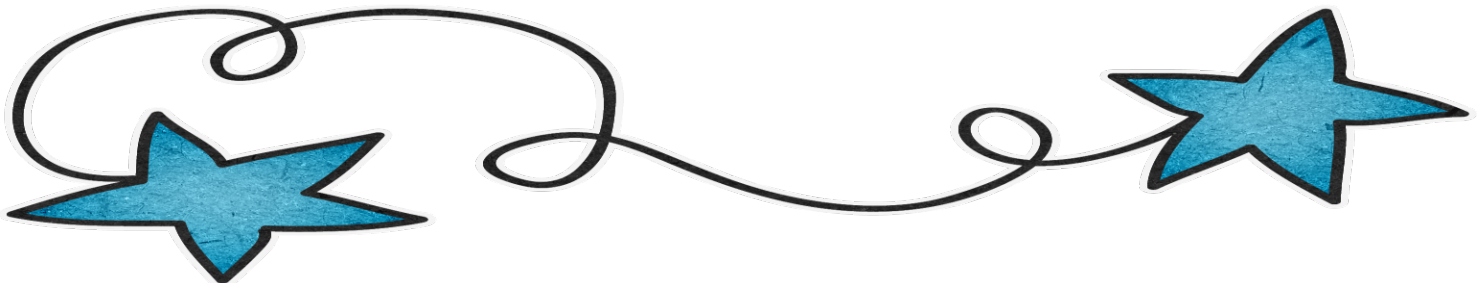
Family Participation in Decision-Making

- Let's Talk (see above)
- LISD school board is a public link to our school. Safety, social-emotional, and academic development are the priorities for the school board. The school board meets monthly and always encourages family and teacher/staff involvement.
- Throughout every school year, Lackland ISD will allow our families and community to meet and discuss topics that will enhance education quality in our district, such as District of Innovation components, student health and safety, academic achievement, culture, and climate.
- Through Parent/Teacher conferences, teachers will encourage input from their students' parents/ guardians to ensure student success. Our teachers and parents will work as a team to establish a school family to support each student's growth. Each teacher uses various other resources to inform and raise participation among families like Class Dojo, Remind, Bloomz, email, teacher websites, etc.



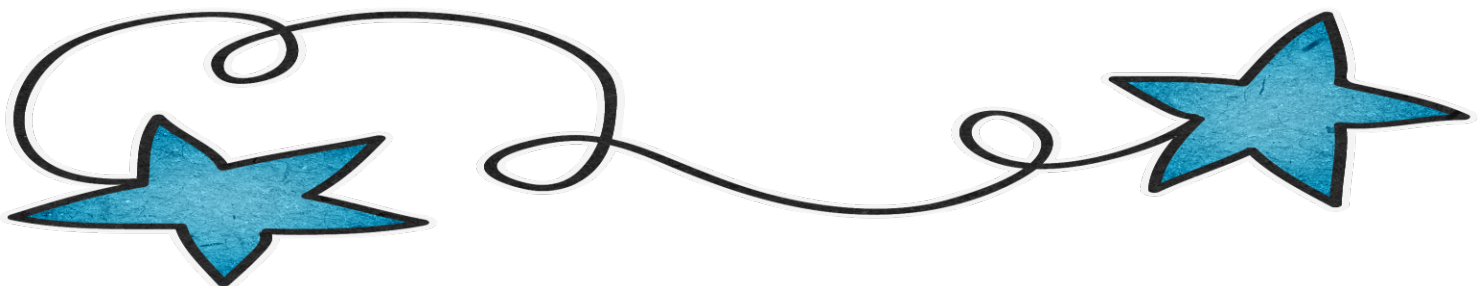
Tools Used to Enhance an Extend Learning

- Let's Talk (see above)
- **Digital Resources** - The Lackland Elementary Media Center provided complimentary digital resources, such as MackinVIA, BrainPop, and Tumblebooks
- **Conscious Discipline Resources**
- **Meet the Teacher** - Parents are approached as equal partners in their child's education while welcoming students to the classroom.
- **Communication** - Daily/Weekly Communication with parents through Bloomz/Remind101 apps, weekly newsletters, Canvas, and Class Dojos
- **Community Activities** - LISD provides a Cowboy Breakfast and a Spring Festival
- **Parent Training** - The Special Education Department provides at-home parent training for autistic students as designated by the Admissions, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) committee.



Staff Development Used to Support Families

- Professional development is provided through our Region Service Center (ESC 20), campus and district leaders, and our MFLC and Let's Talk programs on how staff can support family engagement
- Our MSTC (Military Student Transition Consultant) will provide staff development specific to military families (reintegration, deployment, and transitioning)



Family Engagement

- **Informal/Formal PreK Assessments** - Data obtained from informal and formal assessments is used to drive our instruction and is shared with parents during conferences twice a year.
- **CLI Engage** - Data is used for instruction and is digitally shared with parents.

