

Resources & Community Engagement:

Monthly Free Grocery Store/Food Pantry

Weekly Free Store for clothing & supplies

Before and After School Programs:

- Parks & Rec in the cafeteria
- Wells Park Community Center
- RGEC in the breezeway

Before and Afterschool CSI Clubs: Folklorico, Mariachi, Study Club, Guitar, Gardening, Arts & Crafts, Yearbook, Running, Awesome Club, Capoeira, Chess, Global Warming Express, Student Council, Drama, Puppetry, Sim Club, and Tinker Club

Our Community Coordinators, Andy Braman and Melanie Lewis, can help connect families with community services, including support with clothing, mental health services, food, and resources.

All parents are invited to be involved in the development of the Parent Involvement Policy.

Parent feedback is sought through school-wide surveys, informal conversations and questioning, and evaluation forms when appropriate. This information is then reviewed and used to improve parent involvement activities.

Input is actively solicited for the planning of parent and family involvement activities. A school-wide survey is sent out to parents at least once a year. This survey is compiled and events are scheduled based on parent input.

Parents are provided with timely information primarily through the weekly newsletter, but also through the school's website, class newsletters, morning announcements, marquee postings, flyers, parent conferences, notes home in student folders, events flyers sent home, events flyers displayed on campus, parent-to-parent, suggestion box, dialogue journals, student agendas, and via School Messenger phone calls and emails.

A calendar of school activities is included in each weekly newsletter and is posted at the main north entrance of the school.

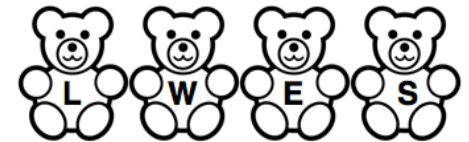
LWES hosts weekly Homework Dinners beginning in April, 2018, which consist of homework help, parenting support, and a nutritious meal. LWES also hosts monthly parental involvement activities such as Academic Family Nights and Family Engagement Activities throughout the school year. Some are large all-school events, others are smaller, more intimate events, or grade-level events. Over the course of the year, they will cover all subject areas. Evening events are held in conjunction with Homework Dinners so that families can enjoy a meal together with our school community. Notification of these events occur through the school newsletter, the website, email, the marquee, and SchoolMessenger phone reminders.

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Lew Wallace Elementary School

Title 1

School/Family Engagement Policy 2020-2021



Lew Wallace staff, students, and families work together to create a positive environment of caring and appreciation that is responsive to individuals' needs. In this nurturing school community, students are supported to become independent life-long learners and challenged with high expectations. Teachers and staff differentiate instruction to meet students' needs and help them achieve grade-level standards in all areas.

Title 1 Meeting

Our Title 1 Family Engagement Policy and School Compact meeting is September 16 at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with our Virtual Open House.

<https://meet.google.com/lookup/d23pz4o4sp>



Volunteering

We love parent and community involvement! To volunteer at Lew Wallace, you'll need to get a background check. You can do it online at <http://www.aps.edu/community/volunteer-with-aps>. If you need help navigating the site, or paying the \$12 fee, let us know in the office, and we can help with both. Volunteer opportunities include: chaperoning on field trips, reading with students, helping distribute Friday food bags, helping in the office, playground duty, cafeteria support, pick-up/drop off duty, decorating for special events, making copies for teachers, helping at our monthly family events, and a variety of other ways. If you have something you'd like to do at the school, we will help get you plugged in! Let us know how you want to be involved.

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Downtown Community Schools Collaborative
 Community School Coordinators: Andy Braman,
andrew.braman@aps.edu and Melanie Lewis,
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Many Ways to be in Touch

Communication is very important for us, and you will get a weekly newsletter every single Friday of school. The newsletter will contain upcoming events, current happenings, issues and challenges, and information about our school. The newsletter is distributed in paper-form to every student on Fridays, is sent out by email to all families who have provided an email address, is posted to our school website, and can be found on our school social media pages.

Two-Way Communication

You can call us or email us any time. Teachers' email addresses are all listed on our school website at lewwallace.aps.edu. Each teacher also has at least one alternative manner for you to be in touch with them, either via text, class agenda, Class Dojo, or Remind.

Be in touch with us any time if you would like to schedule a face-to-face appointment with any of our staff. We have monthly Homework Dinners with family engagement events, and parent/teacher conferences twice a year. Coffee with the principal is the first Friday of each month.



Family Events

In the Downtown Community Schools Collaborative, we have Community Dinners and Family Engagement events every Wednesday, rotating between Lew Wallace, Longfellow, and Eugene Field Elementary Schools. Family Engagement Events hosted at Lew Wallace include:

- Wednesday Community Dinners (more to come on that soon!)
- Monthly Virtual Coffee with the Principal
- Monthly Virtual Instructional Council Meetings
- Monthly Virtual PTA Meetings

Fun for kids; support for parents!

At our Family Events, your students will have tons of fun, but parents will also learn skills and strategies for supporting their students' academic progress at home.

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