

SUGAR LOAF ELEMENTARY PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Sugar Loaf Elementary School understands the importance of a positive parent involvement policy in order to maximize growth in the areas of academics and socialization. Positive parent involvement encourages participation parents in all areas of their child's education.

Strategies used at Sugar Loaf Elementary to increase Parent Involvement

Each school year Sugar Loaf Elementary encourages all parents to participate in Open House. At this event parents have the opportunity to tour the school and meet their child's teacher. During this time each teacher shares their expectations, classroom rules, daily schedule, and ways parents can be involved at school. Parents are informed of ways they can support their child throughout the school year.

Parent representatives from Sugar Loaf serve on our committees (School Improvement Team, School Advisory Council, PTO, etc.)

Parent Advisory Council

Kelly Wike
Ashleigh Bingham
Jonathan Safriet
Josh Dagenhart
Maria Pardue

PTO Officers

Mark Carrigan, President
Janice Wilcox, Vice President
Elizabeth Harrington, Secretary
Amanda Moose, Treasurer
Liz Cronan, Parent Representative

School Improvement Team

Patsy Wilson K-2 Parent Representative Mark Carrigan 3-5 Parent Representative

A monthly newsletter and calendar of events are sent home by the principal at the beginning of each month. Parents are advised to read the newsletter in order to be informed of events taking place each month. (field trips, assemblies, family nights, etc)

Staff members at Sugar Loaf send home newsletters to parents. Some teachers send newsletters home weekly and some send them home monthly. These letters may include skills being taught, parent involvement opportunities, field trips, fundraisers, etc.

Parent/Teacher conferences are held at least annually during the school year for all grade levels. Parents and teachers discuss where their child stands academically, the child's strengths and weaknesses, and a plan to work together to provide the child an opportunity to show growth throughout the school year. Any behavior issues may also be addressed at this meeting.

Teachers send "Dojo" text messages and use the "Remind" system to update parents during the day on their child's behavior or send reminders about special events or activities. Parents receive Friday folders each week that consist of their child's weekly work and behavior reports. Each parent should go through this folder with their child, sign the folder, and return the folder to the classroom teacher.

School planners are sent home with students in third through fifth grade so parents are aware of homework, inappropriate behavior, any special information.

Sugar Loaf utilizes Connect phone system that calls each student's home to remind them of upcoming events, school closings or delays, etc.

The school counselor communicates with parents regarding the individual needs of their child/children. Our counselor works with our Benevolence Fund to serve families in need and coordinates the weekly backpack program that sends food home with students for the weekend.

Teachers in third, fourth, and fifth grade coordinate family nights in math and reading to help parents understand important concepts and how lesson objectives are being taught in the classroom. Resources are sent home with parents to help them assist with their homework.

Teachers in second and third grade plan a Transition Night to inform parents of changes that will occur between second and third grade. Third grade expectations (report cards, End-of-Grade Tests, Read to Achieve, etc.) This event will help parents and students prepare for the upcoming school year in third grade.

Parent volunteers are always welcome at Sugar Loaf Elementary School. Parents are invited to serve as chaperones during field trips, help teachers in the classroom and attend field day among other things.