

Family Partnership Policy for Parker Woods Montessori School 2016-2017

Family School Partnership is a vital piece to children's success at Parker Woods Montessori School. We believe that without the support of our parent/guardian community, the success of our students, program and our school will be limited.

In order to strengthen this partnership, we believe the following steps must be taken to ensure that a strong relationship is developed:

- The Home/School Compact will be distributed to all parents at the beginning of the school year. This compact will be revisited and reviewed annually by a committee of staff and parents to ensure that it supports the common goals of the students, staff and families, as well as the Montessori philosophy and method.
- The annual parent information meeting is held at the beginning of the year to set clear expectations for all students at Parker Woods Montessori and the role that families have. At this meeting parents will receive information on the state of Parker Woods Montessori and our Title I program and how it impacts our student population. Parents will receive informational booklets on the state standards for their children's grade levels.
- Additional meetings will be scheduled throughout the year. These meetings will be an opportunity to keep parents updated on the school's success and involvement in the education program.
- Individual student assessment results from all group testing are immediately sent to parents along with directions for interpretation of results. Teachers will explain testing results at parent/teacher conferences.
- School performance profiles are sent out annually as a direct result of the state report card. Additionally, all parents are informed each fall of the action plan to help ensure student success and achieve all academic content standards.
- Parents are encouraged and invited to observe in their child's classroom at any time throughout the school year. Tours are offered on the second Tuesday of each month for prospective parents.
- The Parent Teacher Organization meets monthly on the third Wednesday of every month. Additionally, parents serve on the Local School Decision Making Committee which meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month. Finally, parents are involved in the decision making body of the school through the Instructional Leadership Team that meets on the first and third Monday of each month.