

Parkdale PDS Pre/K Family Engagement Plan

Facilitate family-to-family support

- Creating a safe and respectful environment where families can learn from each other as individuals and in groups.
- Date: 12/13/16 Christmas Around the World, students sang songs associated with the Country they studied and families were invited to celebrate with their children.
- Date: 3/3/17- Celebrate Reading, parents are encouraged to read to groups of children.
- Date: 10/24/16 Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest, parents and students decorated a pumpkin related to a story book character.
- Date: 10/27/16- Fall Festival, parents and students created booths to encourage math skills reading, science and music and movement.
- Date: 5/4/17- Parent picnic- Parent have an opportunity to dine outside with their child and other parents and learn new information and current topics.
- Date: 5/4/17- Pastries and Parent- parents are invited to breakfast to share with one another information about events and activities that the school has provided.
- Date: 4/2017- PreK family engagement event, parents, staff and students are encouraged to help their child learn about the importance of reading.

Establish a network of community resources

- Leveraging community resources: Workforce ChildOne calendar, Vroom app and Parkdale's Adopt a School Partners.
- Establishing and maintaining partnerships with businesses and community agencies: Mayborn Museum Family Event, Conscious Discipline.
- Providing translators and culturally relevant resources in Spanish when needed. Date: Every six weeks- Early Act First Knight, Students, staff and families are invited to a knighting ceremony where students are honored with a medal for showing a character trait.
- Date: On going- Lunch time learning, parents have an opportunity to dine with child and discuss school activities
- Date: 5/2017- Zoo Trip, parents are encouraged to accompany their child to the zoo.

Increase family participation in decision making

- Developing, adopting, and implementing identified goals within the annual campus improvement plan targeting family engagement.
- Providing each family with an opportunity to review and provide input on program practices, policies, communications, and events in order to ensure the program is responsive to the needs of families.
- Using appropriate tools such as surveys or focus groups to gather family feedback on the family engagement plan.
- Date: 3/3/17- Celebrate Reading, Parents and staff are encouraged to read to groups of children.
- Children and participate in reading activities and discuss reading strategies to help foster a love reading among children.
- Date: 3/15/17 -Parent planning meeting, Parents are encouraged to give input or ideas for a reading event for their students.
- Date 4/2017- Prek family engagement- staff and students are encouraged to help their child learn about the importance of reading.

Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning

- Providing families literacy resources and activities during an afterschool opportunity to encourage a home learning environment.
- Equipping families with resources and skills to support their children through the transition to school and offering opportunities for families and children to visit the school in advance of the prekindergarten school year with Parkdale Pre-K Round Up.
- Providing complementary home learning activities for families to engage with children through information from CLI engage parent page, newsletters, conferences, meet the teacher event, and campus open house.
- Providing families with information and age-appropriate developmental expectations through Pre-K Handbook for Parent-Staff Communication.
- Conferences, parents are given assessment scores for their child. Teacher and parent work on a plan for success.
- Collaboration with families to appropriately respond to children's behavior in a non-punitive, positive, and supportive way (Conscious Discipline).
- Date: 3/3/17- Celebrate Reading, Parents and staff are encouraged to read to groups of children Children and participate in reading activities and discuss reading strategies to help foster a love reading among children.
- Date: 4/11/17- Science Night-, teachers, parents and children will work on science activities to present to other families.
- Date: 1/10/17- Math night, teachers, parents and children will work on math activities to learn strategies on how to solve math problems.
- Date: 4/2017- Prek Readiness packets, activities and information is sent home with students and parents to work skills for entering school.

Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks

- Pre-K Instructional Specialist to support staff.
- Professional development for Pre/K staff.
- Date: 1/10/17- Math night, teachers, parents and children will work on math activities to learn strategies on how to solve math problems.
- Conferences, parents are given assessment scores for their child. Teacher and parent work on a plan for success.
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Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement

- Ensuring Prek teachers and families play a role in the family engagement implementation and evaluation process.
- Using data to ensure alignment between family engagement activities and district/school teaching and learning goals.