Grove Park and Northside Preschool Family Engagement Plan

School Year: 2025-2026

Grove Park and Northside Preschools are committed to fostering strong family-school partnerships that support student learning and development. This Family Engagement Plan outlines events and opportunities throughout the school year designed to build relationships, increase family participation, and support student success.

FALL SEMESTER EVENTS

September

- **Open House**
  📅 *September 4th, 2025*
  Parents meet their child's teacher, tour the classroom, and learn about the daily routines and expectations.

- **Curriculum Night**
  📅 *September 24th at Northside Preschool*
  📅 *September 25th at Grove Park Preschool*
  Parents learned about the **STREAMin3** curriculum and assessments including **VRKP** Math and Social Emotional Assessments and **VALLSS** Literacy Assessment, helping families better understand their child's learning process and how we know what they learn.

October

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences (Round 1)**
  📅 *Starting October 7th, 2025*
  Individual conferences with families to discuss their child's progress, goals, and any concerns.

- **Preschool Parent Advisory Committee Meeting**
  📅 *October 8th, 2025*
  A meeting where parents gave input on school activities, policies, and programming.

- **Lunch with Your Child Begins**
  📅 *October 13th, 2025*
  Ongoing invitation for families to join their children for lunch in the classroom setting.

- **Field Trip to Owen's Farm**
  📅 *October 14th & 15th, 2025*
  Parents were invited to accompany their children on a hands-on learning experience at the farm.

- **First Quarter Awards Assemblies**
  📅 *October 23rd, 2025*
  Parents were invited to celebrate their child's achievements and positive behavior in the classroom.

- **Trunk or Treat Event**
  📅 *October 31st, 2025*
  Families decorated car trunks and handed out candy to students in a fun, safe environment.

December

- **School-wide Read Aloud Event**
  📅 *December 5th, 2025*
  Parents joined in classroom reading activities and participated in promoting literacy and having some holiday fun.

SPRING SEMESTER EVENTS

January

- **Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Conferences**
  📅 *Starting January 26th, 2026*
  Conferences to review student progress and adjust learning goals for the second half of the year.
- **2nd Quarter Awards Assemblies**

  📅 *January 15th, 2026*

  Parents were invited to celebrate their child's achievements and positive behavior in the classroom.

February

- **Preschool Sneaker Ball**
  📅 *February 13th, 2026*
  A family-friendly dance event where children dressed up and celebrated with their parents.

March

- **Spring Concert & Kindergarten Transition Event**
  📅 *March 24th & 25th, 2026*
  Students performed songs for their families. Parents received information about preparing their children for Kindergarten, including tips and resources.

April

- **Spring Parent Planting Event**
  📅 *April 17th, 2026*
  Parents and children worked together to plant flowers or vegetables, promoting teamwork and environmental appreciation.

May

- **Preschool Fun Day**
  📅 *May 14th, 2026*
  A celebration of the school year with outdoor games and activities. Parents volunteered to run stations and support student fun.

- **Preschool Promotion Ceremonies**
  📅 *May 20th & 21st, 2026*
  A special event recognizing each child's growth and celebrating their readiness to move on from preschool.

Ongoing Engagement Opportunities

- Monthly newsletters with school updates, parenting tips, and classroom highlights

- Family surveys to gather input and guide school improvement

- Volunteer opportunities throughout the school year
- Parent resource area with educational materials and community resources

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Our Goal:
To create meaningful, consistent, and culturally responsive engagement opportunities that empower families as partners in their child's early learning journey.