

John Brown Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement Plan
Updated 10/20/25

Information about our Programs

The John Brown Elementary (JBE) Title I Teachers and the principal review the policy for Title I Parent Involvement and our school's implementation of Title I requirements annually during our parent advisory meetings which take place several times throughout the school year with our Parent and Teachers United (PTU) group. In addition, we share our JBE Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Calendar and JBE Title I Compact, eliciting and incorporating feedback from parents. The compact lists the responsibilities of the student, parent/caregiver and classroom teacher/school and can be found on our school website.

Information pertaining to parent and family involvement at JBE is shared and feedback is requested during each of our Parent Teachers United (PTU) meetings. All parents of JBE students are invited to attend these monthly meetings. Together the PTU and staff members plan family and community involvement activities, review student achievement data, and provide feedback about school policies, etc.

Annually, the staff at JBE provides the opportunity for parents to learn about Title I and what it means for them as a parent and for their child. The parents' right to be involved in the school and in their child's education is reviewed. This is done at our Back to School and Open House/Community Fair nights in the fall and continuously through school and classroom level communication throughout the year.

JBE has an Open House/Community Fair in which families are invited to visit classrooms and participate in a variety of activities. A "Community Fair" is held in the gym in which numerous organizations take part, providing families with information and resources. The Rathdrum Public Library, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Headstart, Rathdrum Park & Rec, JBE's PTU and University of Idaho's Eat Smart Idaho are just some of the participants we have had.

Frequent Reports to Parents on their Child's Progress

Opportunities for explanation of their child's curriculum, student progress measures, and the proficiency levels that students are expected to meet on district and state assessments are provided to parents. They are given information about their child's progress during parent-teacher conferences, our spring Learning Showcase and during other informal conferences throughout the school year. In addition to trimester report cards, parents are given reports showing how their child has performed on state assessments.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

JBE keeps at the forefront the responsibility we have to partner with our families to help ensure the most success for each of our students. All staff in our Schoolwide Title I school are expected to engage parents and make them feel welcome in our school community. All ideas for involving our parents are encouraged and explored. We welcome parent and grandparent volunteers in our school and provide "Volunteer Trainings" at least twice a year.

Materials and Trainings to Help Parents Work with their Child

JBE provides materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement and growth during the school year. Staff demonstrate a willingness to work with parents to partner in their child's education. Classroom teachers explain ways in which parents can support learning in the home through classroom newsletters and through conferencing. Parent resources are included on our school website to encourage the development of parent/child work at home. Use of technology at home to enhance learning and help with homework expectations is encouraged and supported.

Importance of Communication Between Teachers and Parents

The school ensures that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents in a timely manner and in a format, and to the extent possible, in a language the parents can understand, and provides reasonable alternative formats as requested. JBE communicates electronically with all families, via Skyward, Class Dojo, email, and texts. Hard copies are made available upon request. Many teachers at JBE include daily communication strategies for parents who request it or for students who benefit from this kind of involvement. Our kindergarten teachers are

strong, first partners to our families. Beyond making themselves available at all times, they take their students out to meet parents who pick up their children and are available for conversation daily.

Family and Community Engagement Calendar

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2025-26

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Mission Statement:

The purpose of John Brown Elementary is to instill a positive attitude toward life-long learning by nurturing, guiding, and inspiring our students to meet the challenges of our changing world.

August

- Thursday, Aug. 28th - JBE Back-to-School Night - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 - 6:00 - 6:15 Meeting for Families new to JBE with the principal in the gym
 - Cookies on the playground
 - Title 1 table in the foyer and near gym
 - Backpacks with school supplies in the foyer

September

- 2nd Thursday of the month in library, 3:25 - Parents Teachers United (PTU), childcare provided
- Tuesday, Sept. 16th - Volunteer Orientation - 2:00-3:15 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 18th - Volunteer Orientation - 9:00-10:15 a.m.

- John Brown Elementary (JBE) Handbook made available to all students
- All year long:
 - Class weekly newsletters via the Dojo app
 - Daily communication with families via the Dojo app
 - Midyear and End of Year Counselor Newsletter
 - First Grade Reading Bunnies for Take Home reading program in partnership with Rathdrum Trading Post
 - Advanced Learning Program (ALP) Dojo post weekly

October

- Fall Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) report to K-3 parents
- Wednesday, Oct. 23rd - JBE Family Night & Community Fair (sponsored by Title 1), 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
 - School-wide
 - Light refreshments = Pizza & Cookie
 - Variety of activities for families to do together
 - Title 1 Informational Meeting - 6:15
 - Title 1 informational table with free games for families
 - Area organizations such as Rathdrum Park & Rec, University of Idaho, Headstart & Public Library participate in the Community Fair
- 2nd Thursday of the month in library, 3:25 - PTU, childcare provided
- School Wide Read, Flora & Ulysses Monday Oct. 21st - Wednesday, Nov. 13th
- Wed, Oct. 22rd Cardboard Challenge - @ TLE - District Wide - 5:00 - 6:30 pm

November

- 2nd Thursday of the month in library, 3:25 - PTU/Title 1 Parent Advisory Board Meeting, child care provided

- Tuesday, Nov. 11th, 9:05 - Veteran's Day Assembly and Reception
- Saturday, Nov. 15th - Free Santa photos @ the Holiday Bazaar
- Thursday, Nov. 20th - PTU Family Movie Night, Flora and Ulysses

December

- December 1st - 5th Scholastic Book Fair
- Wednesday, Dec. 3rd & Thursday, Dec. 4th- Evening Parent Teacher Conferences, child care provided
- 1st Trimester Report Cards shared with parents
- 2nd Thursday of the month in library, 3:25 - PTU/Title 1 Parent Advisory Board Meeting, child care provided
- Wednesday, Dec. 17th 2:25 & 5:30 - K-2 Winter Concert

January

- 2nd Thursday of the month in library, 3:25 - PTU, childcare provided
- Wednesday, Jan. 14th - Makerspace @ TLE - District Wide - 5:00 to 6:30pm

February

- 2nd Thursday of the month in library, 3:25 - PTU, child care provided
- Week of February 23rd - Read Across America - Free book for each family for School Wide Read
- Friday, Feb. 27th - PTU sponsored Seussational Celebration Carnival Fundraiser - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

March

- 2nd Trimester Report Cards posted on Skyward
- Thursday, March 5th - Select Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - Refreshments provided
- 2nd Thursday of the month in library, 3:25 - PTU/Title 1 Parent Advisory Board Meeting, child care provided
- Thursday, March 26th - Lewis and Clark Play

April

- 2nd Thursday of the month in library, 3:25 - PTU/Title 1 Parent Advisory Board Meeting, child care provided

May

- 2nd Thursday of the month in library, 3:25 - PTU/Title 1 Parent Advisory Board Meeting, child care provided
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Kindergarten Pre-Registration & Academic Screener
 - Free books for new Kindergarten students
- Memorial Day Assembly
- Thursday, May 28th - Student Learning Showcase
- Spring IRI report to parents

June

- End of Year Awards Assembly
- 3rd Trimester Report Cards posted to Skyward
- Grades 3-5 ISAT report to parents included with report card

This is a projected schedule of events which may be subject to change.