TES FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

- Pre- K/Kindergarten Readiness Family Introduction Night
- Back to School and Community Resource Night
- One School One Book Program
- Gingerbread Math Night
- Spring Story Walk w/ Planting Workshop
- Parent Teacher Conference Nights
- Parent Focus Groups
- Parent Learning Workshops
- Family Book Fair Night

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TANEYTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Title 1 Parent & Family Engagement Plan

This plan has been revised based on input from the TES staff, as well as, parent and family input gathered during Parent Focus Groups, Family Engagement Events, and Title 1 Surveys. The families and staff of TES worked closely together to review and revise the goals and activities for 2026-2027 school year.

Research shows that when families are involved; students are more successful. These goals and activities align with the Carroll County Public Schools Parent, Family & Community Involvement Policy.

2026-2027

COMMUNICATION: Open and ongoing communication is facilitated between home, school, and the community

Goals and Activities:

Agenda and/or take home folders: Teachers are encouraged to communicate with parents on a consistent basis regarding progress, concerns, and the overall participation of their child on a daily or weekly basis.

Phone/E-Mail Communication:
TES staff are encouraged to regularly communicate information to parents via phone calls, HomeAccess, Schoology, and e-mails.

Follow-up Information:
Title 1 Parent Liaison, with assistance from classroom teachers, will provide materials and information to parents who are unable to attend Title 1 events and family information nights.

Parents to Staff:
Parents will provide information on how the staff can best communicate and work with them as equal partners.

Parenting : Parenting skills are fostered and supported.

Goals and Activities:

Title 1 Conversation Inspiration: Title 1 Parent Liaison will facilitate communication between parents and teachers so that parents have access to information and tips that increase meaningful conversations with their child at home, as well as build language and vocabulary skills.

Parent Focus Groups: Title 1 Parent Liaison will hold Parent Focus Groups to gain insight from families on the Title 1 program.

Parent & Family Events/Classroom Visits:
Teachers from all grade levels will provide opportunities for parents to learn more about what their children are learning in the classroom and how families can help at home. Title 1 Parent Liaison will extend learning at home through family events.

Student Learning: Parents, families, and the community play an integral role in assisting student learning.

Goals and Activities:

Online Resources:
Title 1 Parent Liaison will compile a list of useful resources for parents to use with their child at home.

Home-Packet Materials:
Upon parent request, Title 1 parent liaison will provide parents with home-packet materials to use with their child.

Volunteering: parents, families and community members are welcome at Taneytown Elementary School. Their support and assistance are sought, encouraged, and recognized.

Goals and Activities:

Volunteer Training:
The Title 1 Parent Liaison will support and share the information necessary for parents to complete the on-line volunteer training. If necessary, TES can provide access to technology and provide hands on support needed to a parent who wishes to be volunteer trained.

Volunteer Opportunities:
Taneytown Elementary School will offer a variety of ways for parents to volunteer at school or at home such as, making learning materials at home or school and joining the PTO.

Decision Making and Advocacy: Parents and families are active partners in the decisions at the school.

Goals and Activities:

Parent and Family Input on Compact, Parent Engagement Plan, Budget, and School Improvement Plan:
All parents and families will be asked to review and are encouraged to provide feedback on the Title 1 Home-School Compact, Family Engagement Plan, and the School Improvement Plan.

Parent & Family Evaluations & Surveys:
After any Title 1 event, parents & families will be asked to complete an evaluation and provide feedback for future events. Parents and families will also be encouraged to complete surveys throughout the year regarding the services their child and family receive as a result of Title 1.

Collaborating with Community: Community resources are used to strengthen schools, families, and student learning.

Goals and Activities:

Community Events:
Title 1 Parent Liaison will provide information about community events, organizations, and resources for parents and families.

Guest Speakers:
As appropriate, TES will provide opportunities for guest speakers to present community information at family events.

Community School:
Community Schools are public schools that provide services and support that fit each neighborhood's needs, created and run by the people who know our children best—all working together.

Judy Center:
Comprehensive, full-year early learning and family support hub designed to prepare children from birth through age five for school and life, while empowering families to support their children's development. Their mission is to enhance school readiness by combining high-quality early education with family support, using a multigenerational approach that involves children, parents, and caregivers.