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PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Title I throughout the school

1.Communication:

Parkwood Elementary staff believe that educating our children should be an ongoing collaboration between home, school, and community. To ensure parental and family involvement in Title 1 planning and implementation, the following activities will be implemented at Parkwood Elementary. Parents will receive important information and updates about daily and weekly happenings, through Classroom Dojo and our school Facebook Page. Students participating in Reading Enrichment classes will receive quarterly Report Cards to update parents on their individual child's progress in reading.

2.Written Policies:

Parkwood Elementary staff members, parents, and families will jointly develop a written Parent-Family Engagement Policy that will be distributed annually to the parents and families of all children. This document will be distributed to parents and families with the first 9-week report card, upon new enrollment, and is posted on our school website. The policy review will be held annually, and revisions will be made with stakeholders' input from staff and parents. In addition, annual revisions will be made to our School Parent Compact. This document will be reviewed and sent home at the first parent/teacher conference.

3.Opportunities for regular public meetings:

The Autumn Annual Meeting and Annual Spring Meetings will be held at Parkwood Elementary. This year we had an Open House to:

- Introduce all school staff and classroom expectations
- Inform parents and families about school facilities and their Title I designation throughout the school
- Inform parents and families of the results of the previous year's EOG tests, if available
- Provide parents and families with an overview of the Title I Program
- Provide parents and families with information about parental and family participation requirements, assessment data, school performance profiles, and forms or methods for measuring student progress.

The Annual Spring Meeting will be held in conjunction with another family event to:

- Evaluate and/or make improvements to the current program or upcoming activities.
- Request parental and family feedback or input on the design and implementation of the School Improvement Plan, Parent Compact, and Parent and Family Engagement Policy for the coming year.
- To share the general preliminary results of EOG, if available, and alert parents and families that individual reports, if available, will be sent home at the end of the year on report cards.

4.Title 1 Regular Parent/Family Engagement Meetings:

Title I Parent and PTO Meetings will be held during the school year, usually in conjunction with literacy or book fair nights, to provide ongoing information, support, and resources for all parents and families. PTO meetings are held monthly and open to everyone. Parent representatives will serve on our School Leadership Team, and all parents and families will be strongly encouraged to attend other school events and conferences, and volunteer in classroom activities. Under Section 1116, parents may request child-care and transportation as needed.

5.Training opportunities:

Training topics are determined by our needs assessment data and suggestions from parents and family members.

- Parents and families will be notified in advance of scheduled activities by newsletters, websites, Class Dojo, Facebook, agendas and/or teacher emails...
- Parents and families can request additional meetings with staff members to address questions or comments.
- Instructional plans and evaluation information will also be communicated to parents and families through newsletters, weekly planners, the PES website, and individual teacher websites.
- Materials available for parent and family information and for use with your children will be available at the Title 1 office. The materials in this center are available for circulation through a check-in and return folder located with the resources. There are also parent resources posted on our school website.

6.**Coordination with other programs:**

We will meet our goals of linking and maintaining communication with other school programs and other related external agencies and organizations through collaboration and coordination with individuals in those groups and through the following actions:

- Notify parents and families of assistance from external agencies, such as food banks, Salvation Army, church programs and Rotary Clubs for assistance, recreation/sports/art opportunities, Boys and Girl Scouts, Toys for Tots, public library and summer programs.
- Invite the participation of adults from the community in assemblies and school programs with notification through flyers and social networks such as our PTO and Parkwood Facebook Pages.
- Allow the distribution of donated food donated by United Way to students in need through the CHEW Program.
- PWE established Support and Community Events Team; Support participation in school events sponsored by the library/media center, art, music, and physical education teachers at our school.
- Host college students who need experience in the field and university students from UNCW, ECU and Coastal Carolina Community College in our classrooms and schools to help prepare them as highly qualified teachers.
- Supporting the work of the Military, Family, and Life Counselor and hosting Marine volunteers.
- Collaboration with middle school and high school students in athletic and academic clubs.

7. **Opportunities for LEP and SWD parents:**

Once a need is identified, we will try to help parents and families with limited English proficiency and parents and families with disabilities in the opportunity to participate in their children's curriculum and educational environment.

- The EC Department provides Spanish versions of all forms and documents.
- BOG/EOG letters provided in multiple languages.
- Amplify letters and read aloud in multiple languages.

8.Coordination and integration of parental involvement:

At Parkwood Elementary, we coordinate programs and activities with the following staff and programs, and provide county opportunities to support parental and family involvement in their children's education. In addition, we provide reasonable parent and engagement activities under Section 1116.

- MFLAC (Military Liaison)
- School nurse, counselor, social worker
- Public preschool
- Marathon Kids
- Parent Teacher Organization
- Robotics
- AVID
- Kindergarten Camp
- Summer Reading Program
- School Improvement Team
- Spelling Bee
- Math Counts
- Science Olympiad
- National Elementary Honor Society
- CHEW
- Chess Club
- Battle of the Books
- School-wide Literacy Night
- Character Strong
- Multiplication Bee
- Chorus
- Grade level Parent Academic Information Night
- Cognicon: AIG Stem Camp
- Read Across America Week
- Pride
- Military Child Celebrations
- Veteran's Day Program
- Odessey of the Mind
- DARE
- County Provided Trainings & Workshops
  (See QR code below for upcoming Trainings & Workshops...)