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School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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District
Fayetteville

Grade Levels
K-4

Building Facilitator and District Coordinator
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Title I Status
 Schoolwide
 Targeted Assistance
 Non-Title I School

Percent of free and reduced lunch
21%

Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members
(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

Enter committee members

First Name
Claire

Last Name
Garrett

Position

Enter committee members

First Name

Jason

Last Name

Edwards

Position

Principal

Enter committee members

First Name

Cheryl

Last Name

Murphy

Position

Teacher Representative

Enter committee members

First Name

Amy

Last Name

Spears

Position

PTO President

1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to

parents and to increase parent and family engagement in supporting classroom instruction.

The school distributes a monthly newsletter to parents that is developed with participation of the PTO, principal, and staff. It includes school news, a calendar of school activities, and parenting tips related to school achievement.

The school maintains an updated website.

Each classroom teacher sends home a folder containing student papers, parent-teacher communication, and homework each week.

The school provides to parents in grades K-4 report cards (4 times a year) every nine weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress and study habits/citizenship. There is a conference the 1st and 3rd nine weeks to go over the report card and other information

The school provides to parents an academic progress report halfway through each nine week grading period.

The school provides a published list of school supplies needed by each student for the school year.

The school offers a directory with phone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses of students that can be purchased through the PTO.

The school provides PTO meetings to communicate about committees, fund raisers, and other school events and activities.

The school has monthly assemblies to reinforce our schoolwide positive behavior plan (BLAST), show grade level music programs, and PTO sponsored programs.

The school provides special service reports to parents from GT teachers, Speech teachers, Special Education teachers, Section 504 designee and ESL teacher. Meetings are scheduled as needed.

The school has a marquee located in the front of the building that lists the upcoming events for the month.

2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parent and family engagement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

Parents have access to a Parent Information Center that provides brochures and information to help with various areas such as homework, reading, nutrition, etc.

The school honors selected volunteers with a volunteer appreciation breakfast.

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PTO meetings are held the twice a year to report on committees and activities.

The school has a Book Fair to give students the opportunity to buy books. Parent volunteers help with each classroom as they come to the library to browse and make purchases.

The school has a field day at the end of the school year for students in grade K-4.

Students participate in a home reading incentive program (Book Hogs) introduced by the U of A Athletic Department. Students may also participate in other home reading incentives programs (Braums, Pizza Hut)

A Health Fair is held in the fall to screen students for vision, dental, and hearing. Parent volunteers help in this process.

The school holds a United Way drive to encourage students and parents to give and participate. Rewards are given for the classrooms that collect the most money.

The school holds a Food Drive to benefit families in need. Incentives are given for the classrooms that collect the most food.

The school holds fall, winter and spring classroom parties. Homeroom mothers organize the parties with the help of parents from each classroom.

The school holds a curriculum night to provide information about the curriculum. Sign in sheets are out for parents to volunteer.

The school has a Watch Dog program for dads, granddads, uncles, and any other male role models of the students to volunteer for the day to help the office and teachers. It gives them an opportunity to see their child in the classroom and to be a male role model in the school.

The school has designated landscape upkeep and planting days to help keep the schoolyard looking nice. Parents, students, and teachers volunteer to help on a Saturday morning as needed.

The school provides music programs and art shows throughout the year. Parents help with the costumes and the backdrop of the stage and displaying the art in a gallery.

The school has a Multi-Cultural Fair that includes exhibits from U of A students and Root parents and relatives. The event culminates with a potluck supper with multi-cultural food and entertainment.

The school has a Meet the Teacher night to allow students and parents to meet their teacher. PTO has booths set up for membership drive, t-shirt purchases, and directory purchases.

The school has a Noodle Night to promote community between parents, teachers, and students.

3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?

The district offers professional development for teachers as required designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies.

The school provides a list of volunteer opportunities during Meet Your Teacher, Curriculum Nights, and through the school newsletter.

The second grade teachers provide an opportunity for parents to help the second graders sort and deliver the mail for the school post office. A brief training is given to help the volunteers guide the students through the process.

Watchdog Dads provides an opportunity for dads, granddads, uncles, or other male role models of the students to volunteer at school for the day to help the office, teachers, and other staff.

The Principal and PTO Newsletter provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities.

4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact?

A representative group of parents (K-4) will meet in the spring and the fall to review and discuss the

implementation of the School-Parent Compact to both add input and to discuss how they can support school wide implementation.

Interested parents may contact the school at 479-445-3075

5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?

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6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

The principal will designate a certified staff member to serve as a parent facilitator.

The district policy handbook includes a parental involvement section that defines the process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions.
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The school has a parent information center located in the front hall.

The school's Family Care Committee provides food, clothing, rent, etc. to families in need.

PTO Membership offers opportunities for leadership, teamwork, collaboration, and networking with other parents.

The Ozark Guidance Center offers Root a part time counselor that meets with students and parents as needed.

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parent and family engagement efforts?

The PTO Executive Committee assists in evaluating the parental involvement plan twice a year.

8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parent and family engagement activities that will be offered throughout the year?

The school will utilize the needs assessment at the beginning of the school year to plan parental involvement programming for the year.

The school will evaluate the activities that were suggested by the parents at the end of the year as part of the annual parental involvement plan evaluation and survey.

The school will utilize the PTO to select, plan and execute parental involvement activities.

9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately? (It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)

Root Elementary School is not a Title 1 school.

****After completion of this form, the school should print and submit to district for review and approval. Once approved, the school is required to post their School Parent Plan on their website.***