

STRANAHAN PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN

2019-2020

At Stranahan Elementary School, we recognize the importance of having parents (this term is also meant to include families and guardians) involved in the child's education. The support of the parents regarding school and academic policy is crucial to our success. We promise to provide a safe open environment that welcomes you as a valued member. We encourage you to attend our annual Kick Off Day and Open House which is held the week before school begins.

Home School Connection

Our parent handbook contains a multitude of items that include topics of school policies like school phone numbers, attendance, discipline, delayed starts and closings, etc... This handbook is updated annually and provided to every family. There is a monthly PTA (Stranahan Parent Teacher Association) meeting in the school that allow parents and families to provide feedback or concerns and be up to date on school events.

Information regarding Support Services are available through the main office for specific needs like family support, health, language translations, and special education needs. Also, our Reading Intervention Title I teachers attend conferences throughout the year to update parents on both academic and behavioral progress. Specifically, the Title 1 Reading Intervention teachers communicate with parents on strengths and weaknesses, and also work together to prepare a Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan (RiMP) and Parent- Teacher Compact as a form of collaboration.

Communication

Academic reports are given at a minimum of 8 times a year in the form of Mid Quarter and end of Quarter progress reports. In addition, every fall we scheduled formal parent teacher conferences. Educators or parents have the right to request additional face to face or phone conferences as needed which teachers request at least 24 hours prior notice. In addition, teachers are encouraged to maintain an open line of communication with parents via phone calls, agenda books, and / or teacher notes, Bloomz, or classroom DOJO. A monthly newsletter is also sent home with students or emailed to families. The school also sends a weekly email (PAWS Print) which includes recent happenings, lunch menus, and reminders for the next week.

Parent Educational Opportunities

There are several events throughout the year that encourages parents to participate. We included a yearly calendar with your Kick Off Day packet which includes important school and PTA event dates. We include parents in our 5th Grade Outdoor Education program where they stay overnight at Camp Storer and collaborate with students as they work through 5th grade standards in an outdoor environment. This year, we are hosting an evening Professional Development for parents and their children so they can learn literacy strategies from an author and implement the strategies at home.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are several opportunities for parents to volunteer at the school. We would love volunteers for the Skill Rings, Book-in-a-Bag, Science Workshops (Imagination Station), reading and math practice, cafeteria, library

and classroom assistance. Again, information on specific volunteer activities will be posted in the parent handbook, school newsletters, and classroom newsletters.