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Memorial Parkway Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2021-2022

Statement of Purpose:

At MPE, the faculty and staff work to provide an educational program which offers each child, within a caring and cooperative environment, the opportunity to develop individual, intellectual, physical and social abilities, and to enable him/her to become a productive and responsible member of the community. We believe that all students, regardless of individual differences can learn, and that teachers who are committed to this belief provide for the most successful learning experiences. The staff members at MPE strongly support community and parental involvement which promotes student learning and therefore, leads to student success.

The mission statement at MPE is "Memorial Parkway Elementary strives to empower successful, independent, lifelong learners supported by a safe, collaborative environment that respects and embraces diversity in a family-friendly community." We are the BEST school in the land!

Developing the Policy:

The MPE Campus Advisory Team (CAT) consisting of teachers, administrators, parents, and community members work to develop and revise the Parental Involvement Policy. Each one of these team members participate in the CAT meetings to represent the diversity of the student population. This policy is reviewed and revised annually to continue encouraging and supporting parental involvement at MPE.

Annual Meetings:

At the beginning of each school year, MPE will conduct a Title 1 orientation meeting to inform parents of the Title 1 program. Along with this orientation, the parents will have the opportunity to participate and explore in fun activities to help promote student learning. In May of each year, Katy Independent School District will hold a public Title 1 meeting for the administrators, teachers, parents, and community members to evaluate the Title 1 program. The information regarding this meeting will be provided in the campus newsletter, on the Katy ISD webpage and in the local newspaper.

Building Capacity:

Memorial Parkway Elementary values parental interaction in the school environment and at home to support the student's education. Student achievement is the result of effective home-school-community partnerships. There are many ways parents can participate and contribute to student success both at home and at school. Some examples are providing a safe and positive learning environment, holding high expectations for all students, and consistent communication between the teachers and parents. Each student will have at least one parent conference in the fall.

Programs and the School Community:

MPE provides multiple opportunities for parents of Title I students to become equal partners in ensuring the educational advancement of their child(ren). Local area businesses are encouraged to become business partners called Partners in Education (PIE) and may contribute by volunteering their time, money and/or additional resources to benefit MPE.

Memorial Parkway will maximize the success of the students and will involve our parents by offering the following programs, events and meetings:

-Meet the Teacher (August 16, 2021) – Memorial Parkway hosts this night every school year before the first day of school. Students can locate their classroom, meet their teacher, greet previous teachers, and tour the building. This is also an excellent time where students can develop a positive and supportive relationship with their teachers and peers.

-Curriculum Night (September 8, 2021) – This is virtual presentation distributed within the first three weeks of school which parents are encouraged to review. Grade level teachers inform parents about grade level curriculum, policies, procedures, rules, and even how they can become involved within the school and how they can help their children at

home. Other teams provide parents information about their program. A Title 1 orientation is included at the beginning of each team's presentation.

-Grandparents Day (September 10, 2021) -One week during the school year we honor our MPE grandparents during our lunch times. Prior to the event, the grandparent lunch week committee decorates our cafeteria with posters, quotes and artwork from our students. During the specified week, grandparents are invited to join their student for lunch one day where they can visit and be honored.

-Starlight Dance (October 8, 2021) – This event, hosted by the PTA, is a new event this year. Parents will be able to spend some quality time with their daughters during this dance.

-Family Fitness Night (October 21, 2021)– Parents and students will participate in fun, engaging physical fitness activities in the gym and will also be able to explore health related/informational booths in the hallways. This is a fun event for the whole family!

-One School, One Book (Fall Dates - November 29, 2021-December 17, 2021, and Spring Dates - April 29, 2022-May 20, 2022) Students, Parents and Staff will all read the same book at the same time at home. Students will then participate in fun and engaging activities related to the book they read.

-Multicultural Night (November 18, 2021) - Students and their families will come together and celebrate the different cultures we have at MPE. Our focus is to become a cultural proficient campus that honors, respects, and embraces diversity.

-Breakfast with Santa (December 4, 2021)– This is a family event, hosted by PTA, that is held on a Saturday in December before school is let out for the holidays. Parents and students are encouraged to eat breakfast, visit with Santa, make arts and crafts, and participate in the silent auction.

-Music Program (December 9th)-4th Grade & March 24th 2nd Grade– We will have musicals that allow our Panthers to show off their musical abilities! Be on the lookout for newsletters and reminders so that you don't miss this great event!

-S.T.R.E.A.M (February 17, 2022) – This fun family night will provide enriching instructional activities for math, reading, science, engineering, art, technology. Parents will also be able to learn how to use manipulatives and do hands-on math and reading activities at home.

-Carnival (March 4, 2022) – Once a year, the PTA organizes and hosts the MPE school carnival to help raise money for the school. The carnival involves many fun games and activities for the students and their families.

-Spirit Nights (various dates throughout the school year) – Parents, teachers, and students of Memorial Parkway Elementary unite for a night of family fun. These nights students to come together in fellowship. In addition, families can spend quality time together, and visit with some of the MPE staff in an informal setting.

-Junior Achievement (TBA)–This is a volunteer program that provides community members and parents the opportunity to get involved by helping kindergarten through 5th graders understand the importance and basics of business and economics.

-Parent Teacher Association (PTA)– The PTA holds board meetings throughout the year to address different school policies, procedures, and funding. The PTA also helps provide opportunities for parents to become involved in the school, either through helping in the classroom, volunteering their time in the work room, or fund raising.

-Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students) Program- This is a program, co-sponsored by PTA, which focuses on improving education by using the positive influence of fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other father-figures as they volunteer for at least one day out of the school year. During the day, Watch D.O.G.S may play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, and assist with traffic flow to maintain student safety, mentor students, and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well. On the day of their participation, Watch D.O.G.S are given a brief review of their involvement and they wear an official WATCH D.O.G.S. t-shirt identifying them as Watch D.O.G.S.

-Grade Level Events (various dates) – There will be several events throughout the year in each grade level that parents are encouraged to attend or participate. Some of these events might include field trips, 1st grade Reading Restaurant, Character Parade, etc. Watch for upcoming newsletters for information on school wide and grade level events.

-C.A.T. team (Campus Advisory Team)– This team consists of teachers, administrators, community members, and parents who gather to discuss school concerns, assist in creating, revising, and editing the Campus Improvement Plan as well as the Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy and Parent-Teacher Compact.

Staff/Parent Communication:

At Memorial Parkway Elementary, parents are informed regularly about their child’s progress, meetings, upcoming events, and programs. This information is provided through email, Smore, Remind, Canvas, electronic newsletters, and social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram).

-Grade Level Communication: Each grade level provides a weekly update (hard copy or electronic) containing important information on events and dates that are coming up, as well as other specific grade level news.

-School Web Page – This is a complete look at the school in general. Information about the school and the Title 1 program, the school directory and even important news are just a few items found on the web page.

-Parent/Teacher Conferences – Each teacher is required to have at least one parent/teacher conference throughout the school year, usually in the fall semester. More conferences may be held throughout the year by parent and/or teacher request.

-Parent-Teacher Compact – The Parent-Teacher Compact is updated yearly by the C.A.T. team. It is a summary of how students, parents, and teachers can help advance student achievement.

-Progress Reports – Progress Reports notify parents of their students’ progress. They are available in HAC (Home Access Center) midway through the nine weeks and can be viewed by the parent at any time.

-Report Cards - Report cards are available in HAC (Home Access Center) at the end of every nine weeks. The report cards show the grades the student received in each academic area as well as a letter grade for conduct.

-Parent Surveys – A Title 1 parent survey will be created and sent out by the Title 1 representatives in KATY ISD, at the end of the school year, to provide an opportunity for honest and anonymous feedback on the Title I service provided to the students. The survey will be available online. Parents will be given the opportunity to comment on their level of involvement, the effectiveness of communication between the school and home, and the progress of their child after receiving the Title 1 services throughout the school year.

-Parent Update-Parent updates will be sent out on a weekly basis via SMORE, email or text to keep parents informed of all school events and activities going on that week and any changes that have come up.

-Social Media – Follow Memorial Parkway Elementary on Twitter (@MPElemSchool), Facebook (@MPElementarySchool), and Instagram (@mpelementary) for additional school reminders and updates.

Funding:

Katy ISD is required to set aside 1% of its Title 1 funds for parental involvement. The campus principal will authorize the use of these funds as they are available. The remainder of the funds are used for Title 1 teacher salaries, materials/supplies, manipulatives, books, professional development and other effective instructional strategies that will increase student learning. Annually, we will work with parents and community members to improve our Title 1 program so that all students can be successful.

Evaluation:

The Memorial Parkway Elementary C.A.T. team, as well as additional parents, will collaborate to evaluate the successes of the Title 1 program and the Parental Involvement Policy. Information from needs assessment, classroom observations, test data, and other resources will be used for this evaluation. If needed, these programs will be revised to better meet the needs of our students and meet our community goals. In addition, the data from the annual parent and teacher surveys will help determine the program effectiveness and guide any revisions that need to be made.

Memorial Parkway Elementary

Parent Compact

2021 - 2022

School Responsibilities:

Memorial Parkway Elementary will:

Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables children participating in the Title 1 program to meet the State's student academic achievement standards by utilizing:

Instructional Programs and Resources:

During the Day Reading, Math, and Bilingual intervention and Panther Learning Academy (after school tutorials in math, science, reading, and writing) and Title III tutorials

Math and Reading intervention with a highly qualified professional

Technology (Imagination Station, Learning A-Z, RAZ Kids, Pebbles Go, Education Galaxy, Envision, Epic, Dream Box, Generation Genius, and My On) Response to Intervention

School Assessments

STAAR, I.S.I.P., SLP (Spanish Language Proficiency) TELPAS, LAS, Pre-LAS, Dream Box, Fountas and Pinnell, Texas Kindergarten Entry Assessment-TX KEA, TPRI/Tejas Lee) CBA's and DLA's. (The results from the assessments are shared with parents through teacher conferences, letters, or phone calls. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress.)

Staff Development

Guided Reading, Fountas and Pinnell training (level reading assessment), Readers and Writer's Workshop, Guided Math, Sheltered Instruction, Technology, Classroom Instruction that Works (CITW), Lead4ward, Professional Learning Communities, Differentiated Instruction, Planning with Instructional Coaches along with modeling best practices in all classrooms

- Hold parent-teacher conferences; provide parents with frequent reports on their child's progress; provide a parent-school connection to promote shared responsibility in the education of our students.

Parent Surveys, Conferences, and Compacts

- A Parent Survey will be accessible online near the end of the school year.
- Conferences with parents of struggling students will be held on an as-needed basis. Parents may request a conference at any time. Please call your child's teacher to set up a meeting.
- Parent Compacts will be distributed through different media outlets to promote shared responsibility in the education of our students.
- Progress Reports, report cards, and grades will be accessible through HAC (Home Access Center) at www.katyisd.org throughout the school year.
- Provide parents with opportunities to volunteer and participate in school activities.

Parent Involvement Opportunities

- Title 1 Parent meetings
- Curriculum Night
- Meet the Teacher Night
- Volunteering in workroom
- Book Fair
- Spirit Nights
- PTA Activities and Events
 - Starlight Dance
 - PTA Mother and Son Event
 - Junior Achievement
 - Class Parties
 - Family Nights
 - Watch D.O.G.S.
 - Grandparents Day
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