

Dear SCHOOL Elementary Staff,

This is a monthly letter to update you about parent outreach efforts being done for the elementary school. The month of November has been another busy month and we would like to share all the progress.

Parent Liaison Classes

The first set of parents have finished the Parent Liaison classes. We had 25 out of 40 complete a minimum of 80% of the classes. On December 15th, prior to the School Board Meeting, parents who completed the classes will be given a special certificate by NAME. There will be cake and punch to celebrate. We would invite all staff to come and celebrate with our parents at this time. We will be starting another group of forty parents in January. Right now, the goal date to begin is January 12, 2010.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

We had our second meeting of the Parent Advisory Council in November. The PAC created a mission statement and also approved a motto.

Mission Statement:

The PAC mission is to increase student achievement through parent involvement at SCHOOL Elementary for every child, every teacher, every day!

Motto: ***Together we make a difference!***

There were many great ideas that were shared to increase parental involvement in the school. One idea was for magnets for parents. The magnet would provide a district calendar and contact phone numbers for the sites (with the new 1-888 numbers listed). This is being worked on by Ms. NAME at the district office and may be done as soon as January. Another idea is for a **Family Involvement Bulletin Board**. This will be placed on the wall facing the library and will provide useful information and sharing of family involvement practices for parents, teachers, students, and visitors. Also, the idea of increasing the frequency of **sharing information through Channel Eleven** of district and site events was brainstormed during the PAC meeting.

Interest/Enrichment Classes

The district has created a survey to collect information about which types of classes parents are interested in attending. This survey should go home the first week in December and information collected will help determine content of future interest/enrichment classes. The projected start date for an initial class is still December.

Parent Teacher Organization

PTO is goaled to begin at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please contact _____ NAME _____ !

1-888 Number for Elementary School--☺

District Office - 888-000-0000
High School - 888-000-0000
Elementary School - 888-000-0000

Parent Resource Room

Flyers have been put out in the lobby for parents for help and support in being involved in their child(ren)'s education. We are still in the process of developing a parent resource room. The PAC committee has done an initial brainstorm on content ideas for the resource room (old textbooks for parent check-out, educational games, educational videos, and books). We would greatly appreciate any ideas you may have on this project.

Your support and involvement with these efforts are critical. Welcoming parents with a smile and a greeting is one of the best ways to support them as they become active with the school. We would like your ideas for parental involvement and how we can create a collaborative community between the school and home. Please email your thoughts to _____ NAME _____

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