

# Morrilton Primary School

South Conway County School District

## Parental Involvement Plan

1-19-12

### **Communication**

The school will distribute a monthly calendar and weekly newsletter to parents that is developed with participation of the parent-school organization, principal, staff and parent volunteers. It includes school news, a calendar of school activities, parenting tips related to school achievement, and opportunities for parents to volunteer within the school. Contact the school office or your child's teacher at 354-9423 for more information.

Each teacher will send home a folder containing student papers and work samples at least once each week. Parents will be asked to sign the folder and send it back to school. Contact your child's teacher at 354-9423.

The school will provide to parents interim reports/report cards every four weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress.

The school will communicate events and policies via the student handbook, school Web site, signage at the school entrance, and parent orientation meetings (Open House). Contact Kathy Zimmerman at 354-9423 for more information.

The School Messenger phone service will be used to communicate to parents.

### **Engaging Parental Involvement Opportunities**

Open House/Orientation before school begins (Aug. 2, 2011). Meet and Greet – August 15, 2011, for children to meet teacher and see their classroom. Annual Report to the Public was September 12, 2011.

Watch Dog Dads Program – held September 20, 2011.

Title I Parent Night held November 29, 2011.

Parent/Teacher Conference will be held once each semester (Oct. 18, 2011 and Feb. 21, 2012). Contact your child's teacher or the school office at 354-9423 for more information.

Parent/Teacher meetings are scheduled throughout the year as called by PTO.

Kindergarten Talent Show will be April 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at H.B. White Auditorium.

Kindergarten Graduation will take place at 9:00 a.m. at H. B. White Auditorium on May 2012.

Music Program throughout the year – December 13, 2011 at H. B. White Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

End of Year Field Day for all students is hugely successful because of all the volunteers. This is a yearly event that involves parents, students and school staff.

Monthly awards assembly is held to promote a climate of high expectations honoring students with marked improvements.

Family Art Wall will be held in the spring. Every student in the school will have artwork displayed within the school for family and friends to view. Volunteers will meet with the art teacher to organize and hang artwork. Volunteers and school personnel will be available during Art Wall. Contact Katrina Wall at 354-9423 after 12:00 Noon for more information.

An art digital textbook will be used in the art program, accessed by students and parents to view online, as well as access to art lesson plans. Contact Katrina Walls at 354-9423 after 12:00 Noon.

Fire safety is taught every year during the month of October. Local fire personnel visit our campus and work with our students to learn and review fire safety.

Yearly, the Rice Depot and area residents provided backpacks of food weekly to our students. Area residents and our school counselor will pack and hand out the food each week. Contact Sandra Oliver at 354-9457.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

The school and/or PTO will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts during orientation of parents. Teachers will explain the requirements to parents and encourage them to become involved in the school. The district Parent Center will maintain student prescriptions written for students having difficulty with particular skills as well as provide a variety of programs that instruct parents on developmentally appropriate learning activities at home (such as meal planning, discipline, etc.). Contact Claire Pruitt at 354-9485 for more information.

Teachers will earn at least two hours of professional development designed to enhance their effective parental involvement skills.

Our School Messenger phone system will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities. Contact the school office at 354-9423 for more information.

### **School-Parent-Compact**

The school will develop and adopt the Parental Involvement Plan during the 2011-2012 school year. A committee of parents and school personnel will meet to develop the plan during the fall of 2011.

### **Opportunities for Parents to Be Involved**

An alumni advisory committee will meet twice per year to address the needs of families and the community. Contact the school office at 354-9423.

A bilingual interpreter will assist in parent teacher conferences and other events to encourage participation by LEP parents. Contact Pam Ussery at 354-9423 for more information.

### **Parenting Resources**

The school counselor will work to coordinate services that address the needs of students and their families, and when appropriate consult sources outside the school that provide such services (such as food banks, counseling agencies, etc.). Contact Sandra Oliver at 354-9457.

On-site Parent Center containing parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting will be maintained through the school library. Parents may check-out/use these materials and other items from the library collection.

The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact Anne Stobaugh at 354-9456 for more information.

The school will distribute Information packets each year that includes a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parental involvement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teacher to communicate (notes, phone calls, e-mail...). Parent Center hours are as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday the center is open 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact Claire Pruitt at 354-9485 for more information.

Include in the school's policy handbook the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions.

The Principal of each school in a school district shall designate a certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. Contact Kathy Zimmerman at 354-9423 for more information.

### **Parent Interest Surveys**

The school will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey, "How Are We Doing?" at registration or at the beginning of each school year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial. The results of the parent interest survey will be used to plan the parental involvement activities for the year; the activities' success will then be evaluated during the month of May. Contact Charlotte Heidenreich at 354-9423 for more information.