

# Susick Elementary



## Family Engagement Plan 2017-2018

### Purpose of Plan

Research studies reveal that high student achievement and self-esteem are closely related to positive parental participation in education. The Susick staff believes we must create a welcoming and collaborative school environment. The plan provides opportunities to actively engage parents/guardians in assisting with the learning and development of the students at Susick. We are committed to ensuring our students succeed, and we understand that the partnership between school and home is essential.

### Goals of Plan

- a. Communication
- b. Decision-Making
- c. Community partnerships
- d. Volunteering
- e. Title I
- f. ELL
- g. Parenting

#### **Goal #1: Communication**

Effectively communicate with parents through a variety of ways.

### Strategies

- “Meet the Teacher/Curriculum” night- sharing with parents the State Content Standards and assessments. Each parent is provided a handbook of their child’s specific grade level content expectations.

- Weekly Parent/Guardian e-mail updates, phone calls, including the “Robo” All-Call system
- District and School website
- Monthly School Newsletters
- Report cards and progress reports- The report cards identify student progress and growth in the specific Michigan Standards. Students in grades 3-5 who take the MStep test will receive a parent letter with results and explanation of the students’ areas of strengths and weaknesses.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences- communicate the monitoring of student progress in a language that they can understand through use of bi-lingual tutors when necessary.
- Monthly ELL (English Language Learners) parent meetings- provide our ELL families the student progress from report cards and progress report in a translated language.
- Incoming Kindergarten students and families participate in our annual Kindergarten Preview and Orientation.

### **Goal #2: Decision-Making**

Provide parents the opportunity to be involved in the process of school-wide decisions and encourage their input.

#### **Strategies**

- Provide parents a copy of this parent involvement plan and encourage their feedback
- Partner with Susick’s Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to assist and participate in school-wide activities and fundraisers, e.g. Fireball Olympiad, End of the Year Picnic
- Include School Improvement Updates to Parents
- Parent surveys to encourage feedback from parents on how parents can be supported and involved.

### **Goal #3: Community Partnerships**

Collaborate and Partner with local businesses and Cub/Girl Scout Troops in an effort to support our student as well as coordinate parental involvement.

### **Strategies**

- Jimmy's Coney Grill student of the week
- Jimmy John's Restaurant student of the week
- Involve Cub/Girl Scout Troops in school activities
- Promote and encourage students to attend PTO events at local businesses such as Chuck E. Cheese, McDonald's, Jimmy's Coney Night

### **Goal #4: Volunteering**

Provide opportunities for parents to participate in classroom activities and field trips

### **Strategies**

- Encourage parents to participate in school activities
- "Breakfast with Moms" and "Donuts with Dads"
- Invite parents to assist on field trips
- VIP Luncheon (put on by Susick staff to recognize and show appreciation to our parent volunteers)

### **Goal #5: Title I**

Provide information to parents on our Title I program and encourage the parents' input and feedback.

### **Strategies**

- Beginning and end of the year Title I parent meeting
- Parent surveys given at the beginning and end of school year
- Parent-Student Compact
- Title I Teacher providing ongoing communication with parents on students' needs and how they are being supported

### **Goal #6: ELL (English Language Learners)**

Provide outreach to parents of our students who are English Language Learners (ELL), so they feel welcomed and supported.

#### **Strategies**

- Beginning and end of the year Title I parent meeting
- Parent surveys given at the beginning and end of school year
- Monthly ELL parent meetings
- Bilingual Tutors providing ongoing communication with parents on students' needs and how they are being supported

### **Goal #7: Parenting**

Provide parents with parenting workshops to assist their roles as parents.

#### **Strategies**

- Family Reading Nights
- Provide resources for parents to assist their child at our Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night, ELL parent meetings, and parent-teacher conferences
- Home Visits to assist for academic and behavioral support
- Parent Resource Library

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## **Family Engagement Activities**

### **2017-2018 School Year**

We have implemented several activities at Susick Elementary. We publicize and encourage parent participation in these activities by our monthly newsletter, weekly principal e-mail, reminder notes home, our school marquee, our website, text messaging and by making phone calls home through our Automated Robo All-Call system. Below are the activities by month.

#### **September**

- Incoming Kindergarten "Opening Day" Breakfast
- Incoming Kindergarten Home Visits
- Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night
- PTO Meeting
- "New Families" Dinner

#### **October**

- Grade level Curriculum updates in the parent newsletter
- Incoming Kindergarten Home Visits
- Red Ribbon Week
- ELL Parent Meeting
- Halloween Parade and classroom celebrations
- Progress Reports
- PTO Meeting

#### **November**

- Grade level Curriculum updates in the parent newsletter
- ELL Parent Meeting
- Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Report Cards
- Scholastic Book Fair
- PTO Meeting
- Title I Fall Parent Meeting

### **December**

- Grade level Curriculum updates in the parent newsletter
- ELL parent Meeting
- Progress Reports
- Holiday Classroom Celebrations
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Concert
- PTO Meeting

### **January**

- Grade level Curriculum updates in the parent newsletter
- Report Cards
- ELL Parent Meeting
- PTO Meeting

### **February**

- Grade level Curriculum updates in the parent newsletter
- ELL Parent Meeting
- PTO Meeting

### **March**

- Grade level Curriculum updates in the parent newsletter
- ELL Parent Meeting
- Progress Reports
- Parent Survey
- PTO Meeting

-Family Reading Night

### **April**

-Grade level Curriculum updates in the parent newsletter

-Report Cards

-Scholastic Book Fair

-ELL Parent Meeting

-Colonial Days 5th Grade Activity

-"New Families" Dinner

-Parent Teacher Conferences

-Parent Engagement Survey

-PTO Meeting

### **May**

-Grade level Curriculum updates in the parent newsletter

-Progress Reports

-Title I Spring Parent Meeting

-Preschool Lunch at Susick

-Kindergarten Preview day for Fall Kindergarten students and parents

-ELL Parent Meeting

-PTO Meeting

-Muffins with Moms

-Donuts with Dads Breakfast

### **June**

-Grade level Curriculum updates in the parent newsletter

-Field Day

-Report Cards

-ELL Parent Meeting

-5th Grade Graduation/Service and Safety Squads Recognition

-PTO Meeting

-Incoming Kindergarten Orientation

-Susick Bookmobile

-Student Book Give-Away

-Summer Reading Challenge

### **July**

-Susick Bookmobile

-Summer Reading Challenge

### **August**

-Susick Bookmobile

-Summer Reading Challenge

-Incoming Kindergarten Camp

-Incoming Kindergarten Home Visits