

Susick Elementary

Family Engagement Plan 2018-2019

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

- School wide use of the BLOOMZ communication app
- “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.
- District and School website
- Monthly School Newsletters
- Report cards and progress reports- The report cards identify student progress and growth in the specific Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations. Parents will receive a letter with results and explanation of the students’ performance on state and district level assessments.

- 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.
- 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 Subway, 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
- “Moments with Mom” and “Donuts with Dads”
- Invite parents to assist on field trips

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

Family Engagement Activities

2018-2019 School Year

We have implemented several activities at Susick Elementary. We publicize and encourage parent participation in these activities through our use of BLOOMZ, a school wide communication tool, our monthly newsletter, reminder notes home, our school marquee, and our website. Below are the activities by month.

August

Back to School BBQ

-Incoming Kindergarten Home Visits

September

-Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night

-Susick Sampler

-PTO Meeting

October

-Grade level Curriculum updates in the parent newsletter

-Fall Festival

-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

-Holiday Shoppe

-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

-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 Celebration

-Kindergarten Preview day for Fall Kindergarten students and parents

-ELL Parent Meeting

-PTO Meeting

-Moments with Mom

June

-End of the Year Picnic

-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

--Donuts with Dad

