

Susick Elementary



Parent Involvement Plan 2011-2012

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.
- E-mails, phone calls, including the “Robo” All-Call system
- District and School website
- Monthly School Newsletters- updating

- Report cards and progress reports- The report cards identify student progress and growth in the specific Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations. Students in grades 3-5 who take the MEAP 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
- Encourage parents' input on Susick's Mission and Vision Statements
- Partner with Susick's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to assist and participate in school-wide activities and fundraisers, e.i. Fireball Olympiad, Souper Bowl, etc.
- Two Susick parents are members of our School Improvement Team
- 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 Boys/Girls 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 Boys/Girls Scout Troops in school activities

- Promote and encourage students to attend PTO events at local businesses such as Chuck E. Cheese, McDonald's, Cici's Pizza, Jimmy's Coney Grill, Fuddruckers, Bowl One, etc.

Goal #4: Volunteering

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

Strategies

- Encourage parents to participate in school activities
- Invite them 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, including home visits
- 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

- Love and Logic Parenting workshops facilitated by our school counselor
- 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