



Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan Summary: 2017-2018

Palm Pointe is resolved to making every effort to involve parents and community members in activities and meetings at the school, in order to promote effective relationships, form a strong school-home partnership, and increase student achievement.

Involvement of Parents and Community

- Palm Pointe will offer a variety of parent and family engagement events to strengthen its school-home partnership and to involve the community in students' education, including curriculum events, recognition events, and information sessions.
- Parents may serve on the School Advisory Council (SAC) and Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO).
- Members of SAC engage in a review of the School Improvement Plan and the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and all parents are provided the opportunity to give feedback.
- Parents will receive a Title I Parent Involvement/Satisfaction Survey in the spring of 2018 to provide feedback on programs and events offered throughout the 2017-2018 school year, in addition to individual evaluation forms supplied at events.

Coordination and Integration

- Exceptional Student Education
- IDEA
- Title IX (McKinney Vento Act - Homeless Education)
- Early Childhood/Kindergarten Blast-Off

Annual Parent Meeting

- The annual Title I/Title IX meeting was held on Wednesday, October 11th, 2017
- A flyer was sent home a week earlier with each student to advertise the event.
- Reminders were posted to the school's Facebook page, and two Connect-Ed phone messages were sent preceding the event.

Flexible Parent Meetings

- Parent and family engagement events and meetings will be scheduled at varied dates and times – some during the day, and some in the early evenings.
- Presentation materials will be made available for families who are unable to attend scheduled meetings via the school website, within the weekly communication envelopes, or will be sent home by the teacher or grade level facilitating the event.

Building Capacity

- A variety of parent and family engagement activities designed to promote effective school/home partnerships and improve understanding of curriculum and assessments are planned for the 2017-2018 academic year. Examples of events are included below:
 - Grade Level Events
 - Title I funds have been allotted for teachers to plan, prepare, and facilitate parental involvement activities throughout the year. Examples include CSI Investigations, FSA Game Night, Are You Smarter than a 7th Grader, etc.
 - Middle School Matters Orientation Session
 - Community Events
 - PTO Family Night Out events
 - Breakfast with Santa

- Dads Take Your Child to School
 - Volunteer Orientation
- School Curriculum-Based Events
 - Curriculum Night
 - Grade Band Events
 - Kindergarten Blast-Off
- The school will continue to partner with the Parent Academy of St. Lucie County to provide targeted sessions related to parenting skills and concerns.
- Staff development opportunities are provided to improve effective communication with parents and promote positive and school/home partnerships.

Communication

- Information related to curriculum, assessment, and academic progress is sent to and shared with the parents of participating children in a timely manner.
 - Weekly Communication Envelopes
 - Information Sessions
 - Workshops
 - Progress Reports and Report Cards
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Translation services are available upon request.
- Parents will have the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan.

Accessibility

- Palm Pointe will make certain that information related to curriculum, assessment, and academic progress is sent to and shared with the parents of participating children in a timely manner, in an understandable format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand, including English, Spanish, and Creole.
- Graded work and informational flyers will be sent home weekly via a school-home communication envelope, which must be signed by the student's parent/guardian and returned to school.
- Information related to advertising parental involvement events and/or meetings will be offered in several formats, such as hard-copies, student planners, social media, Connect-Ed messages, and the school marquee.
- Pertinent information/presentation materials with voice-over narration (when applicable) will be provided on the school website for those who are unable to attend events. Materials from family engagement events will also be available upon request from the Title I liaison, or the facilitating teacher/grade level.