

Mary V. Wheeler Elementary Parent Involvement Plan

In acknowledgment of reliable research that parental involvement raises the academic achievement of students, Mary V. Wheeler Elementary School encourages involvement of parents through active parent volunteer programs such as PTO, school volunteers, and Family Resource Center. Parents are encouraged to assist in such activities as Grand Parent's Day, Veterans' Day, Fifth Grade Farewell, Kindergarten Graduation, Family Reading Night, Family Math Night and other school activities.

In order to build an effective home-school partnership, Mary V. Wheeler Elementary will provide the follow:

1. An annual orientation meeting where parents will meet with their child's teacher and be reassured of their right and responsibility to be involved in their child's education.
2. A flexible number of meetings and activities throughout the year to assist parents in understanding the federal and state academic content and student achievement standards, as well as local academic assessments. Meetings will also focus on how parents and teachers can work together to monitor the child's progress in order to improve student achievement.
3. A varied schedule of meetings and conferences in order to accommodate the needs of parents.
4. A minimum of three scheduled parent conferences, where progress of the student will be discussed as well as the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, test information and any other concerns that the teacher or parent may have.
5. Continuous communication to assist parents in understanding the school curriculum and student achievement through news, notes, report card, handbook, handouts, student achievement reports and

other means. Newsletters will include parent tips and suggestions. All invitations will be sent and posted in the school in a timely manner.

6. A school-parent compact designed by parents and school staff that outlines how parents, school staff and students share in the responsibility of improving learning.

7. Every other year, a survey for all parents shall be conducted to collect opinions and concerns of parents about the current program and to collect suggestions for improvements and topics for meetings that meet the needs of parents.

8. Maintain an updated web site for parents.

Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in a format and language that is free of educational jargon and easily understandable by all. Parents and community members are always to be made welcome at Mary V. Wheeler Elementary School.