

At East Chester Elementary, a Title 1 school, parents and community members are welcome and invited to participate in the various activities and involvement options we have at our school. We believe that active parent/community involvement is essential to ensure student academic success.

The following is a list of opportunities/activities for our school:

- During each school year, we will have at least two Family Engagement nights. These nights will focus on various learning areas: reading, writing, math, social studies and/or science. Students attend with their parent(s) and both are invited to participate in the activities. Parents will receive helpful learning tips and activities to assist their children succeed in school.
- A school newsletter is provided monthly in order to keep parents informed of various school and district initiatives that are occurring in their children's education. This focus will allow parents to feel knowledgeable about what they see their child doing. Community members can access our newsletter through our East Chester Elementary Web Site.
- Our Leadership Team meets once a week. One of the purposes of the team is to serve as the foundation for actively involving the school

community and parents in designing learning goals as well as innovative projects which enhance the educational experiences of our students. This team creates, reviews and evaluates the school improvement plan.

- An introduction and invitation for parent involvement is offered by staff during the spring Kindergarten Round-Up, first day of school, open house, as well as throughout the school year to encourage parents and community members to be actively involved.
- We provide translators/interpreters at Parent-Teacher Conferences in the Fall and the Spring, to assist parents with understanding the Standard Based Reporting System, and their student's progress toward grade level Standards.
- East Chester Elementary staff is available to communicate with parents through various methods: school and class newsletters, notes home, phone calls to parents, email, and if necessary, interpreters will be made available. Parents are invited to provide input and assist in making decisions regarding their child's education.
- During our Annual Open House (in August) parents are provided with information regarding Annual Yearly Progress (AYP), scoring, the testing process, student preparation, data,

trends and results from the previous spring iReady assessments.

- Teachers at East Chester Elementary conduct Goal Setting Conferences before the three benchmark assessments. The purpose of goal setting conferences is to provide meaningful conversation with students and parents regarding students' academic strengths and to set achievement goals and plans for the current school year using a Student Learning Plan/Goal Conferencing tool.
- SBRS—Standards Based Reporting System. K-2 teachers provide a report card to every student at the end of each nine weeks and will indicate student progress towards meeting the Tennessee State Standards.
- Parents of incoming kindergarteners are invited to attend a spring “round-up” as well as a kindergartener “welcome to school” first half day of school. Family school visits are encouraged during the start of the school year to help transition kindergarteners to full-day school.
- Parents may receive other assessment reports throughout the year that informed them on their child's progress towards their established goals. Each individual classroom has its own method of utilizing parent support depending on the needs of that particular classroom. •

Parent/Community volunteers are welcome at East
Chester Elementary.