Rhea Central Elementary is Branching Out!

Rhea Central Elementary will take the following measures to empower and support parents and family members as an important foundation of our school in order to strengthen the school and reach our goals.

We will:

* Ensure that all information related to school and family programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish; posted on the school website; and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.

*Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with families and ideas to increase family engagement in reading and math for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share promising practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.

* Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.

* Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and in the school newsletter for families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways families can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.

* Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, our website, social media, and flyers.

*Work with our families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.

* Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.

* Use our School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.

* Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and a post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.