



DREW CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

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Drew Central School District Kimbraly Barnes, Superintendent **Family & Community Engagement Plan** 2019 – 2020

Mission: DCS will provide a forum for administrators and educators of our school to collaborate with parents, students, and the community to create a vibrant learning community for all students.

Contact Information: DCES Parent Facilitator: Brandie Everett; DCS Parent Coordinator: Cindy Luper

To contact any of our staff, use the following format:
firstname.lastname@drewcentral.org

For example, contact our parent facilitator @
brandie.everett@drewcentral.org

Or call: 870-367-6893

Drew Central Elementary is proud to provide **free breakfast and free lunch to ALL students.**

1. **Communication avenues**

- A. Quarterly Progress Reports
 - Contact: Counselor – Savanna Singleton
- B. DC Website
 - Contact: Martha Crook
- C. Home Access Center (HAC) grade, discipline, attendance
 - Contact: Savanna Singleton
- D. School Electronic Sign Memos
 - Contact: William Osburn
- E. Parent Phone Calls:
 - Contact: Individual Classroom Teachers
 - Coming Soon: School Messenger
- F. DCES Pirates Facebook
 - Contact: Trudy Jackson
- G. Letters/flyers to parents will be mailed and/or texted to parents concerning ACT Aspire and how parents can help the students succeed:
Contact: Counselor and Office Staff

2. DCES family & community engagement programs and activities:

- A. DCES Student Orientations
 - Contact: Counselor – Savanna Singleton
 - Open House: K – 12, August 8, 2019, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- B. Kindergarten Back-to-School Splash Pad Party
 - August 5, 2019, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
 - Contact – Susan Cossey
- C. 3rd Grade Back-to-School Pool Party
 - August 7, 2018, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 - Contact: Melanie Brotherton
- D. 4th Grade Breakfast
 - September, 2019
 - Grand's Day
 - Contact: Eva Arrington
- E. Family Nights (in conjunction with Book Fair/21st CCLC):
 - October, 2019, and April, 2020
 - Grand's Night – April
 - Contacts: Stephanie Teel/Cindy Flemister
- F. Parent/Teacher Conference
 - September 12, 2019 and February 13, 2020 (teachers' classrooms) from 2:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Contact: Trudy Jackson, Principal
- G. Quarterly progress reports
 - Contact: Savanna Singleton
 - September 12, November 14, February 13, April 23
- H. Character Education
 - September 12, 2019, and October 1, 2019
 - Contact: Trudy Jackson
- I. Take Your Parent to PE week
 - September 23 – 27
 - Randi McMahan
- J. Annual Title 1 Meeting
 - October 3, 2019 at 6:00 in the DCS Board Room
 - November 7, 2019 at 5:30 in DCE Library
 - Contact: Cindy Luper
- K. Book Fairs
 - October, 2019, and April, 2020
 - Contact: Cindy Flemister, DCES Library Media Specialist
- L. Free Flu Shot Clinic
 - October, 2019
 - Contact: Kami Griffin
- M. Awards Assemblies
 - October 17, January 9, March 19, & May 22
 - Contact: Trudy Jackson
- N. Color Run
 - October 19, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. – All welcome and no fee
 - Contact: Cindy Luper
- O. PTO Meetings
 - First Thursday of each month in the DCE Library
 - Contact: PTO President
- P. Lights on After School
 - October 25, 2019
 - Contact: Nola Gober, (After School Director)

- Q. Fall Festival
 - October, 2019
 - Multi-purpose gym
 - Contact: Janine Eubanks, Choir
- R. Cookies with Santa
 - December 6, 2019
 - PTO President
- S. 3rd & 4th Grade Musical
 - October, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.
 - Contact: Janine Eubanks
- T. Kindergarten Musical
 - February 28, 2020 at 12:30
 - Contact: Janine Eubanks
- U. Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration
 - March 2, 2020
 - Contact: PTO President
- V. 1st & 2nd Grade Musical
 - April, 2020
 - Contact: Janine Eubanks
- W. Kindergarten Promotion Day
 - May 19, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.
 - Contact: Trudy Jackson
- X. Approved Snack Days
 - September 20, October 31, November 22, December 20, January 24, February 12, March 20, April 17, and May 8

3. Volunteer opportunities:

- A. Parent Volunteer Sign Up
 - August 8 & September 12
 - Contact: Brandie Everett
 - Book Fairs
 - Contact: Stephanie Teel and Cindy Flemister
- B. Parent Informational Packets will be handed out at the beginning of the school year.
 - Contact: Brandie Everett
- C. School Community Council: The council will be comprised of mostly parents and community members who will meet to discuss school improvement ideas and strategies. Meetings will be posted and everyone is invited to attend.
 - Contact: Cindy Luper
- D. These are only a few ways parents may volunteer
 - Read to a class
 - Help with parties, field trips, or field days
 - Assist teachers in making copies, cutting out supplies, etc.
 - Serve on a committee to assist with plans, communication, and ideas to improve the school
 - Help with special events
 - Serve on the PTO
- C. Online volunteer form: Coming soon – DCES website will soon have an online registration form to sign up to volunteer in the classroom, field trips, field days, or other events throughout the year.

4. School Community Council, School Parent Compact and the School Improvement Plan

- A. School Community Council: The council will be comprised of mostly parents and community members along with a few teachers who will work together with staff to create and revise the School Parent Compact and the family and community engagement plan.
 - Contact: Brandie Everett or Cindy Luper

- B. Elementary Leadership Team: Parents, staff, and community leaders are asked to serve on the ELT to assist in the decision making processes of the school.
 - Contact: Trudy Jackson
- C. Meeting for the School Community Council will occur after school, before school, in the evenings, and online so that more can participate.

5. DCES provides the following resources for parents:

- A. Parent Information Packs
 - Contact: Kathy Kellum
- B. Online Announcements
 - Contact: Trudy Jackson or Martha Crook
- C. Computer access to HAC
 - Contact: Savanna Singleton
- D. DCES will designate one school faculty member to act as elementary school parent facilitator
 - Contact: Brandie Everett and Cindy Luper
- E. Drew Central School will offer classes or literature on the following topics:
 - “Access and use of the Home Access Center otherwise known as HAC”
 - “The Dangers of Social Media”
 - “How to Assist Your Students with Homework”
 - “How to Assist Your Student in Preparing for the State Assessment”
 - “What is Bullying?”
 - “Nutrition Today in a Fast Food/High Paced World”
 - “The Dangers of E-Cigarettes”
 - For other ideas, please contact cindy.luper@drewcentral.org
- F. DCES parents have the right to due process resolving parental concern as outlined in the student handbook
 - Contact: Trudy Jackson

6. DCES will engage parents in the evaluation of their family and community engagement efforts through:

- A. Volunteer Opportunities and Parent Volunteer of the Year
 - Contact: Brandie Everett
- B. Parent Interest Surveys
 - Contact: Cindy Luper
- C. School Community Council – Parents, teachers, and students will evaluate the plan twice a year. Parents are welcome to come to the council meetings.
 - Contact: Brandie Everett

7. Annual Title I Meeting

- The Annual Title 1 Meeting will be held in the DCE Library on September 19, 2019 at 6.00 p.m.
- A second Title 1 Meeting will be held in the DCE Library on November 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
- Contact: Cindy Luper

8. Family and Community Engagement Plan Committee

- Brandi Everett
- Savanna Singleton
- Liz McRae
- Heidi Reed
- Trudy Jackson
- Cindy Luper
- Kim Jacks

- Tina Moore
- Lindsey Gonzales
- Brandy Hampton
- Ashley Vest
- Tanisha Riley
- Jamie Hammil
- Damien Harrison

Notice:

We welcome you to our campus and would love for you to make set up appointments anytime to visit or meet with our teachers.

However, all doors to the Elementary and Kindergarten buildings will be locked. Parents and visitors can enter the double doors at the front entrance. Please push the white button on the second set of double doors so the office can buzz you in. Please sign in at the office anytime you visit our school or come to eat lunch with your child(ren). The safety of our students is our first and foremost concern!