

## **Morrilton Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

### **Morrilton Elementary School Program Components**

Parents are vital to the success of students at Morrilton Elementary School. By working together, parents, teachers, administrators, and students improve the success of the Conway County community. Morrilton Elementary understands that as well as being a child's first teacher, parents are also a child's first leader. This is important to MES because it is the goal of Morrilton Elementary to build students' leadership skills. The following information will provide understanding necessary for parents to be a help in the education of each child. MES looks forward to working with parents to create a plan for each student's educational success.

**Tentative dates** to remember for parental involvement opportunities:

- August 9<sup>th</sup> – Open House
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> – School Pictures
- August 29<sup>th</sup> Dismiss @ 2:20
- Sept 4<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting @ 6:00
- September 13<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:45pm-7:30pm Dismiss @ 2:20
- September 27<sup>th</sup> Student Early Dismissal @ 2:00
- September 28<sup>th</sup> – Awards Ceremonies
- September 28<sup>th</sup>- October 5<sup>th</sup> MES Book Fair
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – PTO Meeting @ 6:00
- October Fall Pictures TBA
- October 12<sup>th</sup> Fall Break No School
- October 19<sup>th</sup> FLU Clinic @ MES
- October 26<sup>th</sup> – Awards Ceremonies
- October 26<sup>th</sup> - “Donuts with Dads” Breakfast
- October 29 - November 2 Red Ribbon Week
- October 31<sup>st</sup> - Early Dismissal for students @ 2:20
- November MES Veteran Musical (Mighty Pup Singers) TBA
- November 6<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting @ 6:00
- November 15<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Thanksgiving Dinner
- November 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> – Thanksgiving Break
- November 28<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal for students @2:20
- November 30<sup>th</sup> - Awards Assembly
- December - MES Spelling Bee TBA
- December – MES Christmas Musical (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) TBA
- December 4<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting @ 6:00
- December TBA - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Christmas Dinner
- December TBA – Christmas Party at the Movie Theater
- December 14<sup>th</sup> – Awards Ceremonies
- December 14<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Christmas Dinner
- December 21<sup>st</sup> – Jan 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Break

January 8th - PTO Meeting @ 6:00  
January 21<sup>st</sup> – MLK Day – No school  
January 25<sup>th</sup> – Awards Ceremonies  
January 30<sup>th</sup> - Student Early Dismissal 2:20  
February 5<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting @ 6:00  
February 19<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences – 2:45pm- 7:30pm Dismiss @ 2:20  
February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Party  
February 18<sup>th</sup> – Presidents’ Day – No school for students  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> - “Muffins with Mom” Breakfast and Awards Ceremonies  
February 27<sup>th</sup> - Student Early Dismissal @ 2:20  
Parent Night TBA  
Spring Pictures TBA  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> - PTO Meeting @ 6:00  
March 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Spring Break  
March 27<sup>th</sup> - Student Early Dismissal @ 2:20  
March 29<sup>th</sup> - Award Ceremonies  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> - PTO Meeting @ 6:00  
April 19<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday, No School  
April 24<sup>th</sup> - Student Early Dismissal @ 2:20  
April 26<sup>th</sup> Awards Ceremonies  
May 7<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting @ 6:00  
May 27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day, No School  
May TBA - Second Grade Field Trip  
May TBA - Cookout for both grades  
May 17<sup>th</sup> – Awards Ceremonies  
May TBA – Field Day  
May 24<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School

### **Communication**

MES will distribute a monthly calendar to parents that is developed with participation of the parent volunteers. It includes school news, a calendar of school activities, parenting tips related to school achievement, and opportunities for parents to volunteer within the school. Contact the school office or your child’s teacher at 501-354-9443 for more information.

Each teacher will send home a weekly newsletter to parents regarding weekly learning goals. A folder containing student papers and work samples at least once each week will be sent home as well. Parents will be asked to sign the folder and send it back to school. Contact your child’s teacher at 501-354-9443.

The school will provide to parents interim reports/report cards every nine weeks with information regarding their child’s academic progress.

The school will communicate events and policies via the student handbook, school web site, signage at the school entrance, and parent orientation meetings (Open House).

The Morrilton Elementary School Facebook page and Twitter page will be used to communicate pertinent information and reminders to parents and community.

Each year, the Arkansas Rice Depot area residents, and church groups provide backpacks of food weekly to students in need. Our school counselor will disperse the food each week. Contact Christy Meeler at 501-354-9443.

Artsonia Online Gallery is available for parents to access their student's artwork online. Parents and family are able to leave comments and encouragement for the student artists. Contact Katrina Walls at 501-354-9443 before 12:00 pm.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

The school and/or PTO will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts during orientation of parents. Teachers will explain the requirements to parents and encourage them to become involved in the school.

The district Parent Center located at MIS will maintain student prescriptions written for students having difficulty with developmentally appropriate learning activities at home (such as meal planning, discipline, etc.) Contact Claire Pruitt at 354-9476 for more information.

### **School-Parent Compact**

The school will develop and adopt the Parent and Family Engagement Plan during the 2018-2019 school year. A committee of parents and school personnel met in the spring of 2018 and will have a follow up meeting in the spring of 2019.

### **Current Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members:**

Amber Holland (parent) Christi Olson (teacher) Rhonda Holmes (teacher)  
LeAnn Murray (parent) Kristi Williams (parent) Susie Warren (parent) Joy Paul (teacher)  
Lori Stidham (principal) Nikki Hill (teacher) Kari Tilley (Librarian) Christy Meeler (counselor)

### **Opportunities for Parents to Be Involved**

A bilingual interpreter will assist in parent teacher conferences and other events to encourage participation by LEP parents. Contact Pam Ussery at 501-354-9443 for more information.

### **Parenting Resources**

The school counselor will work to coordinate services that address the needs of students and their families, and when appropriate consult sources outside the school that provide such services (food banks, counseling agencies, etc.). Contact Christy Meeler at 501-354-9443.

The school on-site Parent Center contains parenting books, videos, and magazines useful for parenting and is located in the school library. Parents may check out these materials from the library. Contact Kari Tilley at 501-354-9443 for more information.

The school will distribute information packets each year that includes a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parental involvement activities planned for the current year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, e-mail...).

The district parent center is located at MIS and hours are as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm and Wednesday the center is open 9:30am to 5:30pm. Contact Clair Pruitt at 501-354-9480 for more information.

In addition to report cards, parents will receive information every nine weeks regarding the process for resolving parental concerns. This will include a list of helpful contact numbers parents may use in order to resolve a number of these concerns.

The principal of each school campus shall designate a certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. Contact Rhonda Holmes at 501-354-9443 for more information.

- A. Each South Conway County School understands the importance of involving parents and the community as a whole in promoting higher student achievement and general good will between the school and those it serves. Therefore, each South Conway County School shall strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in partnerships that are mutually beneficial to the school, students, parents, and the community. To achieve such ends, the school shall work to:
1. Involve parents and the community in the development and improvement of Title I programs for the school, Title I plan and the process of school review and improvement;
  2. Involve parents in the review, improvement and printing of the school's parental involvement policy annually;
  3. Communicate that Title I funds may be used for reasonable and appropriate expenses associated with parental involvement activities that will enable parents to participate in school-related meeting and training sessions;
  4. Have a coordinated involvement program where the involvement activities of the school enhance the involvement strategies of other programs such as Head Start, HIPPY, Parents as Partners, Parents as Teachers, ABC, ABC for School Success, area Pre-K programs and Even Start;

5. Explain to parents and the community the State's content and achievement standards, State and local student assessment and how the school's curriculum is aligned with the assessments and how parents can work with the school to improve their child's academic achievement;
  6. Provide parents with the materials and training they need to be better able to help their child achieve. The school may use parent resource centers or other community-based organizations to foster parental involvement and provide literacy and technology training to parents.
  7. Educate school staff, with the assistance of parents, in ways to work and communicate with parents and to know how to implement parent involvement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents;
  8. Keep parents informed about parental engagement programs, meetings, and other activities they could be involved in. Such communication shall be, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand;
  9. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents from being involved in their child's education. This may include providing transportation and child care to enable parents to participate, arranging meetings at a variety of times, and being creative with parent/teacher conferences;
  10. Find and modify other successful parent and community programs to suit the needs of our school;
  11. Train parents to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents;
  12. Provide, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child;
  13. Jointly develop the school-parent compact with parents to ensure the compact outlines how parents, the school staff and students will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement.
- B. To help promote an understanding of each party's role in improving student learning, each South Conway County School shall develop a compact that outlines the responsibilities of parents, students, and the school staff in raising student academic achievement and in building the partnerships that will enable students to meet the State's academic standards.
- C. Each South Conway County School shall convene as annual meeting, or several meetings at varying times, including parent conferences to adequately reach parents of participating students, to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A, and the parents right to be involved in those programs.
- D. Each South Conway County School shall, at least annually, involve parents in planning, review and improvement of the of the school's Title I, Part A program and parental involvement policy and the joint development of the school-wide programs plan.

- E. Provide parents of participating children with timely information about programs under this part and description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure the student progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Provide opportunities, if requested, for regular meetings during which parents can formulate suggestions and to participate in decisions relating to the education of children and responses to any such suggestions as soon as possible.
- F. This policy shall be part of the school's Title I plan and shall be distributed to parents of the district's students and provided, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.