

2013-2014 Belair/Involvement Plan

District: Pine Bluff School District

Suzette Bloodman, Principal

School Improvement Status: Priority

Grade Level: 6th, 7th

Parental Involvement Facilitator, Monica Bones

Are You Title I Schoolwide? Yes

Percent of free and reduced lunch: 86%

Committee member: Suzette Bloodman, Principal

Committee member: Monica Bones, Parent Facilitator

Committee: Rosie Clayton, Literacy Coach

Committee member: Sylvia Grady, Math Coach

Committee member: David Christian, Health and Wellness Coach

Committee member: Herman Horace, Parent

Committee member: Debra Dean, Cafeteria Manager

Committee member: Robbie Williams, District Staff

Committee member: Freddie Jolivet, District Parent Coordinator

Committee member: Bernice Martin-Russell, District Federal Coordinator

1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.

Communication strategies used: EdLine, telephone contact, letters sent home, use of school marquee, e-mail, teaming, parent-teacher conferences, emailing and home visits.

The school will also use the student handbook, school Web site, signage at the school entrance, and parent orientation meetings about the Schoolwide Title I Plan and how to get a copy upon request.

The school will offer parents a special workshop each year on the school's approach to school improvement.

2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

* Annual Title I Meeting - August 27, 2013 - 5:30 p.m.

* Open House - Tuesday, August 27, 2013 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

*Monthly parent meeting (second Tuesdays) to inform parents of updated information.

*Parent-Teacher Conference; (1) October 17, 2013 2:55 p.m. - 5:55 p.m. and March 13, 2014 from 2:55p.m- 5:55 p.m. (please note-parents have a twelve hour window to meet with teachers to discuss their students achievement progress. This will help those parents who may need to be at work early and stay late).

* Task Force Advisory Meeting - October 16, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

*Grandparent Day - November 14, 2013 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

* Knowledge Bowl - February 27, 2014

* Task Force Advisory Meeting March 19, 2014

* Family Night April 8, 2014

3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?

During Open House on August 27, 2013, Parent-Teacher Conference. Teaming with teachers and throughout the school year. This would include an agenda with sign-in sheets. Our school parent coordinator will also conduct the meeting.

The school will provide opportunities for parents and community members to support the instructional program through such programs as Accelerated Reading and after school tutoring.

4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact?

Belair's Parent Facilitator will send letters home asking for volunteers and follow-up with telephone calls. Those who desire to work will be contacted and all meetings will take place on the campus in the Media Center. School staff, parents, and students will develop a school-parent-student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards.

5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?

Belair parents will be invited to participate in a planned scheduled meeting to engage them in the discussion. If they are unable to come and survey and or follow-up telephone call will be made.

The school will ask parents to serve on curricular and instructional review committees. To support this process, the school will offer both school staff and parents training on how to contribute to this process in a meaningful way. This will include PAC members.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

Belair parents may check out materials, use the computer to check grades (EdLine), and visit educational Web sites. Parents will be encouraged to view the Title I Plan located in the parent resource center or media center. A suggestion sheet will also be available for parental input. The school will open the resource center at hours that are convenient to parents. Resources are available at the District Title 1 Parent and Family Resource Center.

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts?

Belair Middle School will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I, Part A Program's parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. The Title I committee, made up of teachers, parents and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted.

8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year?

Belair will use the results of the parent interest survey to plan the parental involvement activities for the year. The school will evaluate the activities that were suggested by the parents at the end of the year as part of the annual parental involvement plan evaluation.

9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately?

(It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)

Belair Parent Facilitator will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey at registration or at the beginning of each school year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically.