

Grassy Waters Elementary School
2020-2021 Parent and Family Engagement Plan Summary

Please be advised that all face to face family events mentioned will be held virtually until Palm Beach County moves to Phase 2 and the School District of Palm Beach County opens school campuses for face to face instruction. At that time, events will be held on campus following CDC guidelines and virtually for families who wish to participate online.

The mission of Grassy Waters Elementary School is to enhance parental involvement and increase the resources for parents in order to empower families to support their children's academic endeavors through providing parent trainings and initiatives throughout the school year and beyond. This will ensure that each unique student is engaged, challenged and supported at home while developing his/her critical thinking, creativity, collaborative skills and citizenship.

Annual Title I Meeting

Each year, Grassy Waters families are invited to attend this meeting at the beginning of the school year to learn more about our Title I program and the requirements of Title I. Parents are given the opportunity to provide input, offer suggestions, review documents and help define our Title I program. Parents are provided the training dates for the school year along with how Title I funds are being spent. Our Title I meeting will be held on October 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Accessibility for all Families

We advertise our meetings, family events, and Title I trainings in a variety of ways to encourage our parents to attend all meetings and events. The meetings are scheduled on different days and times during the school year. We offer activities for the children to participate in while parents are attending meetings.

All documents are provided in our family's home language and we have two Community Language Facilitators (CLFs) to provide support and translation on a daily basis for families who speak another language at home. We work with our ESE contact and resource department to provide any special services and access for our families with disabilities. Additionally, we work with the Migratory program to ensure migrant families feel welcome and have the resources they need.

Building Capacity

Families are invited to our three Parent Capacity Trainings for the FY20-21 school year. Writing Night, Literacy Night and Math Night will provide strategies and materials that families can utilize at home to increase student achievement. Literacy Night will provide parents the knowledge of sight words, reading skills and strategies to increase reading proficiency to seventy-five percent. Math Night will increase parent's knowledge of math strategies and math facts to increase math achievement. Writing night will increase parent's knowledge in the writing process and how students create outlines and notes while reading texts. Teachers will be

modeling and presenting the strategies, students will have time to practice with their families and materials will go home with each family to practice newly learned strategies from each training.

Coordination and Integration

The PBC sheriff department and West Palm Beach Police will provide supplies for back to school and holiday meals to needy families. West Palm Beach Police will also support our fifth grade students with a program called GREAT. The West Palm Beach police officers are supplying families in need with Thanksgiving dinners, Shop with a Cop for Christmas and hosting a contest with area schools for collecting canned goods and non-perishable items. Students will learn how to become a productive citizen in the community and how to look to their local police for support if they or their families need help. The West Palm Beach Rotary Club provides dictionaries to our third grade students every year to increase their literacy skills. Publix is also a business partner that provides food for our families for the holiday meals and provides various pastries and baked goods for our family events.

Communication

We communicate with our Grassy Waters families in a variety of ways. We utilize Class Dojo schoolwide, newsletters, Facebook, twitter, agendas, call outs, flyers, and the school's marquis throughout the school year.

Other Activities

We have a STEM initiative that is provided to parents each month on the back of our school newsletter. It is a simple STEM project that families can do at home together and send in the final project to be displayed. Parents will be encouraged to participate and learn about STEM through hands-on activities at our Bring your Dad's to school day, SECME club, classroom conferences and at our Project Based Learning afternoons. We will host three PBL afternoons held in each student's classroom where parents will be engaged with their child. Students will share what they have learned and strategies will be given to parents on how to support Science at home. We will host a STEM night along with our Science Fair projects in January.

Note: All meeting and activity invitations and information will inform parents of the platform used for the event.