**Core Values:**

*Calusa Elementary is dedicated to a student-centered environment:*

*Driven by professionalism*

*Developed through positive attitudes*

*Demonstrated through a supportive climate*

*Delivered through clear communication*

**Belief Statement**

We believe academic achievement is fostered through cooperation between staff, student, parent(s) and community. We encourage all families and staff to participate in the many social and learning opportunities offered at our school.

**Annual Title 1 Meeting**

* Our Annual meeting will be held on the same night as our Open House and is open to all families.
* Title 1 Program information and Parent’s Right to be involved will be explained.
* A description of the school’s high quality curriculum, instruction and ways for parents to partner with the school to improve their student’s achievement will also be discussed.
* State standards, assessments, school assessment program and student achievement goals will be presented along with the school’s vision and mission.
* Parents will be encouraged to attend monthly SAC meetings to offer suggestions and participate in decisions related to the education of their children.
* Parents will be invited and encouraged to meet with their child’s teacher for parent/teacher conferences.
* A copy of Calusa’s Parent Involvement Plan and Family/School Compact will be distributed in a timely manner.

**Family Involvement Opportunities**

* Calusa Family events will be planned on a flexible schedule to accommodate our families’ schedules.
* Families are encouraged to volunteer, attend events at Calusa and attend at least one Parent-Teacher conference per semester.
* Parents may be involved by attending school events, meetings, and workshops or by joining our Calusa PTA.
* Information will be provided in Spanish when needed; a meeting will be held for parents of ESOL students to foster positive home/school relationships.
* Parents are encouraged to submit feedback regarding school events via feedback forms and to participate in our annual Needs Assessment Survey.
* Parents are encouraged to have lunch with their children any day of the week.

**Communication**

Parents/guardians will be informed of school activities through various types of communication throughout the school year. Calusa Elementary School’s staff will maintain a record of all parent contacts each year. Some of the types of communications to be used are:

**Facebook Outdoor Bulletin Boards**

**School Connects Messages Open House**

**Parent/Teacher Conferences School Marquee**

**Personal Phone Calls School Website**

**Twitter Email**