Palm Springs Community Middle School

2015-2016 Family Involvement Policy/Plan

Summary

**School Name** – Palm Springs Community Middle

Palm Springs Middle School recognizes the importance of forming a strong partnership with parents and community members in order to positively impact the students in our school.  To promote effective parent involvement, the staff at Palm Springs Middle welcomes input from parents and community members in decision making and encourages them to join us in the activities outlined in this plan. We work with parents as equal partners in the educational process.

**Annual Meeting**

Parents are invited to attend this meeting at the beginning of each school year to learn more about the requirements of Title I and our School-wide Title I Program.   At this meeting there will be opportunities to review the Title I documents and give input into the following:

* School Parent- Compact
* Title I Family Involvement Policy/Plan
* Parents’ Right to Know
* Ideas of topics for future parent involvement activities
* Title I budget

**Accessibility for all families**

We will accommodate all families by providing the following:

* Choices of meeting dates and times based on input from parents
* Interpreters
* Translated documents

**Parent Involvement Activities**

Based on parent survey input, we will provide the following activities to assist parents in understanding the state curriculum and assessments and to help parents improve their children’s academic achievement:

* School open house in order to meet teachers, hear about the curriculum, and expectations for the year.
* Family Literacy Nights will be implemented for parents so parents can learn strategies to help children at home; so that children can increase reading achievement.
* Parent Information Nights will inform parents about FCAT/Standardized Testing and curriculum strategies to help prepare their children. The results would indicate student achievement these standardized tests.
* Title I Information Training for School Staff that provides information to staff on communicating with parents and providing resources to support learning at home.
* Newsletters from principals give best practices to parents and inform them of the value of family involvement.

**Shared Decision Making**

Through the school’s SAC parents will review and approve the school’s Family Involvement Policy/Plan and evaluate the plan annually.Parents review the Title I Family Involvement Survey data results to determine change. Use of parental involvement funds is discussed. Parents receive information in a timely fashion and are informed of student curriculum and assessment. Parents will have opportunities to discuss school wide programming and review data reports.

**Communication**

Parents will be provided information in a language and format which is easy to understand. We will communicate with parents by:

* Stingrays Online Newspaper
* The Connection
* Emails
* Edline
* Agendas books
* Positive Postcards
* Edline
* School Advisory Committee Meetings (SAC)
* Marquee
* OneVoice in multiple languages

**Volunteers**

Parents are encouraged to volunteer at our school in a variety of capacities that address the needs of the students and school.

***This Parent Involvement Plan has been jointly developed and distributed to the parents of Palm Springs Middle School parents.***