**Gulfside Elementary School**

**Parent Involvement Plan**

**2016/2017**

**Our Mission Statement**

*“Kids first… everything else comes next.”*

**Belief Statement**Gulfside Elementary School believes parents are the key to the educational success of their children. Parents are a valuable resource in providing a positive educational experience for your child. As a school, we strive to be a part of the community and a place where parents are always welcome.

**Title I Parents/Guardians**

Gulfside Elementary School will involve parents in the development of the Title I plan and the process of school review and improvement.

* Each year Gulfside Elementary School will convene an annual meeting to which all parents/guardian are invited and encouraged to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to inform parents of the school’s participation in the Title I program and of the parent’s right to be involved. Parents will be provided timely information about available programs.
* Parents will be provided a description and explanation of the curriculum and standards used at the school, the forms of assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficient levels students are expected to meet.
* Parents will be invited and encouraged to meet with their child’s teachers, attend monthly SAC meetings to offer suggestions, share experiences and to participate in decisions related to the education of their children.

**Parent Involvement Opportunities**

Gulfside Elementary School supports parent involvement in a variety of ways as we strive to develop and maintain a quality-learning environment for all students. Parents will be encouraged to contribute to their child’s education by providing a supportive home environment.

* Events will be offered at flexible times to assist parents with providing a supportive home environment.
* Parents are encouraged to volunteer and attend school events.
* Parents are invited to participate in parent/teacher conferences that are convenient to their schedule.
* Parents are encouraged to participate with our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). The PTO helps provide a variety of activities for our students and families. PTO meetings provide parents additional opportunities to give input on school programs and school related topics.
* Parents are encouraged to complete school surveys, which help to determine school needs and offerings.
* Parents are invited to each lunch with their children.

**Communications**

Parents/guardians will be informed of school activities through various types of communications throughout the school year. A copy of all home/school communication is available in the front office.

Some communication resources we use are:

Annual Open House/Title I Meeting

Monthly Newsletters

Ongoing:

* Parent/Teacher conferences
* Personal contact/pelican praise
* Teacher’s notes/planners

Parent Suggestions

School updates on Facebook, school website and *Twitter*

School *Connect Ed* Messages

School Marquee Messages

Staff emails

Weekly Pelican Packets

**Community School**

The mission of the Community School at Gulfside Elementary is to use a culturally competent strategy to create prospects and supports to close the opportunity gap. The GSES Community School relies on committed long-term community partnerships to address student, family and community needs to create conditions for a healthier community, stronger families and more successful students. The Community School at Gulfside is committed to the following actions.

* Provide expanded learning opportunities that are motivating and engaging during the school day, after school, and in the summer
* Offer essential health and social supports and services
* Engage families and communities as assets in the lives of their children and youth

The Community School at Gulfside Elementary can be reached by calling 727-774-6071 or emailing kparris@yfainc.org.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) will review the Parent Involvement Plan (PIP) and Home/School Compact annually. Parents have the right to submit concerns related to this PIP or compact to the principal. This document will be made available to parents annually. Si necisita ayuda para entender esta informacion, por favor contacto a su escuela.