

# **Egret Lake Elementary**

## **Family Involvement Policy/Plan**

### **School Year 2019-2020**

### **Summary**

Egret Lake Elementary 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 Egret Lake Elementary 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.

#### **Mission Statement:**

Egret Lakes' mission is in alignment with the School District of Palm Beach County's mission. We are committed to providing a world-class education. As a school, we will partner with parents to empower each student to reach his or her highest potential and experience personal and educational success. By working with families, we will be able to provide students with a greater opportunity for learning and to prepare them with strategies to be college and career ready.

#### **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
- Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP)
- Parents' Right to Know
- Title I School Wide Plan
- Ideas of topics for future parent involvement activities
- Title I Budget
- Migrant Education Program
- Services for Homeless Families

#### **Accessibility for all families**

We encourage families to attend meetings and events. 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:

- Curriculum Nights will be implemented for parents so parents can learn strategies to help children at home; so that children can increase reading, mathematics, science and writing achievement.
- Parent Information Nights will inform parents about FSA and curriculum strategies to help prepare their children. The results would indicate student achievement on FSA.
- Kindergarten Round-up Awareness Training held every spring in May will inform parents of simple activities that they can expose their children to during the course of the year to prepare them for Kindergarten readiness.
- Title I Information Training for School Staff that provides information to staff on communicating with parents and providing resources to support learning at home.
- Newsletter from the principal and grade level teams to provide best practices to parents and inform them of the value of family involvement.
- Family Nights where parents come out to spend quality time doing activities that are fun and inexpensive with their child/children.
- Partnership with our AVID sister school. This event is for parents – Choice Middle School Options.
- English Language Arts Training - Parents will be provided with at home activities and strategies (e.g. fluency and phonics) that reinforce ELA standards taught at school.
- Mathematics & Science Training - Parents will be provided with at home activities that reinforce Math & Science standards, math skills /concepts, and hands on activities taught at school. Parents will also be shown online resources to use to assist their children.
- FSA Parent Night Training - Parents will be practicing sample questions and given strategies and resources to support children at home. Also will be shown and navigate district and state website resources

### **Shared Decision Making**

Through the school's SAC meetings parents will **review and give input in writing the school's Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) and evaluate the plan annually.** Parents will also give input in writing the **School-Compact.** 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:

- Flyers
- Emails
- Agendas
- Text Messages
- Class Dojo
- School Advisory Council (SAC) – parents are invited to participate on this council.
- Family Involvement Surveys will be distributed to parents for parent input.
- Family Involvement Surveys will be reviewed by SAC.

### **Volunteers**

Parents are encouraged to volunteer at our school in a variety of capacities that address the needs of the students and school. Please contact front office at 561-616-7900 if you are interested in volunteering.

***This Parent Involvement Plan has been jointly developed and distributed to the parents of Egret Lake Elementary students. You are also encouraged to attend our Parent Input Meeting in the spring and complete the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Survey sent home each year.***

**Please review and send the return portion below with your child to the classroom teacher.**

**I have reviewed the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan Summary.**

Print Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardians Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Homeroom Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_