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# Parent Involvement Policy

In acknowledgement of reliable research proving that parental involvement raises the academic achievement of students, Parmelee Elementary School encourages involvement of parents through an active Parent Volunteer Program, active Family Resource Center and an active PTA. Parents are encouraged to assist in such activities as: Back to School Night, PTA Meetings, Rise and Roar, School Celebrations, Field Trips, Parent Conferences, and Super Kids Day. Parent volunteers will be solicited to monitor students during state testing. Information regarding parent involvement will be sent home in weekly "Thursday Folders".

In order to build an effective home-school partnership, Parmelee Elementary will provide the following:

1. An annual orientation meeting where parents will meet their child's teacher and be reassured of their rights and responsibilities to be involved in their child's education.
2. A flexible number of meetings and activities throughout the year to assist parents in understanding the federal and state academic content and student achievement standards, as well as local academic assessments. Meetings will also focus on how parents and teachers can work together to monitor the child's progress in order to improve student achievement.
3. A varied schedule for meetings and conferences in order to accommodate the needs of parents.
4. A minimum of two scheduled parent conferences, where the progress of the student will be discussed as well as the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, test information and any other concerns that the teacher or parent may have.
5. Continuous communication to assist parents in understanding the school's curriculum and student achievement through Parmelee School Report Card, Parent-Student Handbook, handouts, mailings, and student progress reports. All invitations will be sent in a timely manner with an additional follow-up reminder.
6. A school-parent compact designed by parents and school staff that outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improved learning.

Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in a format and language that is free of educational jargon and easily understandable by all. Parents and community members should be made to feel they are always welcome at Parmelee Elementary School.