

PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN FOR MOUNTAIN CREST, 2011-2012

Mountain Crest Elementary School, in Morganton, NC, is a Title 1 school. Under *No child Left Behind* (Title 1, Part A), our school is required to have a plan to inform and give opportunities for parents to be involved in the educational process of their children.

Our Parent Involvement Plan includes the following:

1. Information for parents: www.burke.k12.nc.us/schools/mces/pages/Home.aspx

- School and District Report Card--Description of NC Content Standards www.ncreportcards.org
- Information shared on student assessments, interpretation of results, how progress is measured, and proficiency levels students are expected to meet
- Timely responses to parents' suggestions
- Student Planner used to communicate between parents and teachers on a daily basis
- Opportunities for parent meetings to share in the educational process
- Qualifications of teachers—Notification if teacher is out for extended leave
- Parental input on School wide and District project plans

2. Information regarding student progress, important dates and activities:

- Sent home through Take Home Tuesday (THT) classroom newsletters as well as a monthly calendar from the principal.
- Information is communicated in English and Spanish.
- Parent signatures are required on the weekly progress reports.
- Homeroom teachers e-mail class newsletters to all staff members to facilitate open, clear communication within and between grade levels.

3. The student handbook is located in the student planner:

- Provided at the beginning of school.
- A school supply list is sent home (in Spanish and English) with the last report card so parents will know what to have ready for fall.

4. Parents are provided opportunities to meet with academic personnel:

- Through nine week parent conferences, -IEP meetings, -other conferences on request.

5. Parent involvement activities at our school include but are not limited to:

- Parent services offered: Mountain Crest website, Bilingual Services, Parent Education Programs, Parent Computer Class, Alert Now phone messages, Newsletters, Parent's Handbook of Rights (EC), Essential Standards, BCPS Annual Reports, WPCC ESL Classes on Monday, 6-8 pm
- School Events: Family Nights/PTO Programs, Two Book Fairs, Field Trips, Spelling Bee, Poetry Alive Performance on Monday, October 31 (K-2nd 9:00-9:45, 3rd-5th 10:15-11:00) Science Week, 5th Grade Graduation, DARE, Classroom Parent Events, Mountain Crest Athletic Association: Indoor Soccer and Basketball, Read Across America, Nine week Academic Excellence Assemblies, Parent Teacher Conferences, Parent Surveys, Duty Free Lunch Parent Volunteers, Field Day, Battle of the Books, Math Counts, Speech Contest, Science Fair, Silver Trout Productions-Abells (Monday, March 26, 2012-Evening Performance for parents; other activities for students throughout the week)
- Student Recognition: Positive Office Referrals, Principal's Lunch, Terrific Kids, Good Behavior Treats, AR Rewards for Reading, and PEAK Tickets

6. School Services:

Technology: Smart Boards are in every classroom, Pre-K through 5th grade. We have two computer labs with 20 plus computers in each for assessments, educational programs, technical skills and research.

Flex Scheduling in the Media Center: Our Media Center is like a public library. Students have open circulation times when they can come and check out 2 books a day - read, read, read! Teachers can also set up a time for their classroom to use the media center to complete research projects. We want to teach your children how to think!

Support Staff: Please contact any of the following staff members if your family needs assistance or services.

-School Nurse: Mrs. Tonya Kiser, -Guidance Counselor: Ms. Bethany Phelps, -Family Mentor: Mrs. Adriana Morris, -English Language Learners: Ms. Lori Fletcher, Ms. Ann Shook, Ms. Mee Ly, -Exceptional Children: Ms. Heather Bailey, Mrs. Carol Odell, -Speech and Language: Mrs. Nina Horton, -Title 1 Reading: Mrs. Barbara Stewart

School Nurse: Mrs. Tonya Kiser, RN, BSN, NCSN - Mrs. Kiser will be at Mountain Crest in the afternoons if you have medical questions or concerns about your children.

Guidance Counselor: Ms. Bethany Phelps - Ms. Phelps can meet with your child if they are upset, need advice about problems or issues with family, friends or are dealing with losses or grief.

Family Mentor: Mrs. Adriana Morris - Mrs. Morris is here to support your family needs. Being a parent is not an easy job! She can give you advice on home schedules, discipline and reward ideas, social skills, local services and guidance with all types of forms for various agencies. Our goal is to support you and teach you at Mountain Crest Elementary. Please ask for assistance for your families and children.

Academically Gifted Program: Teachers are well trained in each grade level to challenge and differentiate lessons for your children.

English Language Learners (ELL): Ms. Lori Fletcher, Ms. Ann Shook and Ms. Mee Ly are here to strengthen student skills in Reading, Math and Writing. I love the diversity at Mountain Crest and I am very impressed with the students' bilingual skills.

Exceptional Children: Ms. Heather Bailey and Mrs. Carol Odell are here to assist students who may need extra help in Reading, Math and Writing. If you have concerns about your child's academic levels, please discuss with your child's teacher if you feel they may need extra assistance in certain subjects. All children are smart and all children are different. We must use various teaching strategies to help them learn and grow. Please let us know if your child needs extra interventions to help master traditional foundational educational skills.

Speech and Language: Mrs. Nina Horton is here to serve our children who have speech concerns. Please talk with your child's teacher if you feel your child needs support in this very important area. Communication is the key to your child's self-esteem and future progress.

Title 1: Mrs. Barbara Stewart is a reading specialist who can offer your child support in the area of reading. Small groups and individual strategies will help make your child a stronger reader. Please Read, Read, Read at home. Reading will close the achievement gap for all children. The more you read, the more you learn! Turn the TV off and READ!!