

Parent Involvement Policy for Valdese Elementary School 2011-2012

NCLB Title I Part A requires our school to have a parent involvement policy for the purpose of informing and providing opportunities for parents to be involved in the educational processes of their children. Our Parent Involvement Policy includes the following components.

- The School Parent Involvement Council will serve as part of the School Improvement process. Representation includes parents from the PTO and others interested from the school.
- Provisions will be made for parents to receive information in a timely manner. Information includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - School and District Report Card
 - Description of the State Curriculum and State Content Standards
 - Descriptions of how student progress is measured
 - Proficiency levels students are expected to meet
 - Opportunities for parent meetings to share in educational decision making
 - Qualifications of teachers
 - Timely responses to parent suggestions
 - Inclusion of parents input into school wide plans
- Our school will also convene regular meetings at convenient times for parents throughout the school year for the purpose of planning, reviewing, sharing information, and organizing school improvement efforts.
- Meetings will be held (see list below) to discuss our school wide project, new federal regulations and requirements as it relates to our Title I program and parent's rights to be involved.
- Parents reflecting the socioeconomic and racial diversity of our school will serve on the School Improvement Team. Our School Improvement Team will meet, review, and plan School Improvement Strategies as needed. School Improvement Team will develop School Improvement Plans, Title I programs, parent involvement policies, and other school wide programs.
- A School/Parent Contract will be utilized to outline how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student achievement will be sent home for parent review.

- Parents are provided opportunities to meet regularly with teachers, principals, and resource personnel through parent conferences and Student Services Team Meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children.

- Parent Involvement activities at our school include, but are not limited to:
 - Monthly PTO board meetings- First Monday of each month at 6pm in the media center
 - PTO Open House- August 23,2011 (4pm-6pm)
 - 5th Grade Parent Night - September 13, 2011 (4:45 - 5:45)
 - Family Reading Night and Book Fair- October 4, 2011 (4pm-6pm)
 - Grandparents to Lunch - October 6,7,13,14,20,21,28, 2011
 - Doughnuts for Dads- December 7-8-9, 2011 (8:00am)
 - Muffins for Moms- March 7-8-9, 2012 (8:00am)
 - Family Fun Night- May 4, 2012 (5pm-8pm)
 - Parent Volunteer Readers
 - Foster Grandparents Program
 - Lunch Buddy Program
 - CATS assemblies each nine weeks
 - November 21, 2011
 - January 31, 2012
 - March 27, 2012
 - June 7, 2012

- Plan was reviewed and revised by the following team members:
 - Phil Smith, Principal
 - Carol Smith, Kindergarten
 - Mari Beth Icard, 1st grade teacher
 - Leslie Cline, 2nd grade teacher
 - Sandra James, 3rd grade teacher
 - Tracy Moulton, 4th grade teacher
 - Monique St. Louis, 5th grade
 - Lia Yang, ELL teacher
 - Teresa Fender, Specialty Areas
 - Joanna Heilman, Teacher Assistants
 - Lisa Nichols, Breakout Areas
 - Kim Perry and Christy Baker, Title I teachers
 - Kristina Mercer, PTO President and Parent Representative