

## LEARNING AT HOME

### **VOLUNTEERING:**

RECRUITING AND ORGANIZING PARENT SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.

1) Our Parent Service Provider (PSP) is our volunteer liaison, providing training sessions, recruiting, and teacher coordinating (speaking with teachers regarding their volunteer needs).

2) The PSP provides an end of the year Breakfast or Luncheon to show appreciation to our volunteers for their work and efforts.

3) Parents may participate and become a member in PTA.

PROVIDE INFORMATION TO FAMILIES TO HELP STUDENTS AT HOME WITH THEIR HOMEWORK AND RELATED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

1) Every grade hosts a curriculum night for their students and parents.

2) School newsletters are sent home every month from your child's Grade-level teaching team. School Messenger notices are sent out weekly from the front office.

3) ELL Teachers provide resources for parents to assist with language acquisition and learning.

4) DES hosts an Intervention Information Session during Conference Day.

The mission of a Denton Dolphin is to SWIM for success:  
to Stay Safe  
to Work hard  
to Include everyone  
to Make responsible choices

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*It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.*  
- Albert Einstein

*The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn.*  
- John Lubbock

*To be a teacher in the right sense is to be a learner. Instruction begins when you, the teacher, learn from the learner, put yourself in his place so that you may understand what he understands and in the way he understands it.*  
- Soren Kierkegaard

*Teaching seems to me beyond doubt the greatest of the professions.*  
-Theodore Brameld



A Schoolwide, Title I School

**2019-2020**

**PARENT AND  
FAMILY  
ENGAGEMENT  
BROCHURE**

# TITLE I FAMILIES

The Parent Advisory Council has been instrumental in developing goals and activities for the Denton Elementary Title 1 Parent Involvement program. The council invites parents to join as we continue to foster this partnership between school and home.

Title 1 Federal Guidelines state: "Schools receiving Title 1 funds must have a written Parent and Family Engagement plan that was developed with input from parents." In this brochure, you will find the ideas that were developed, reviewed and improved by the Parent Advisory Council meetings. We appreciate the support and time these parents gave to help us develop a workable and comprehensive plan.

We appreciate the teamwork of our parents, community, teachers, and students that lead to student success in school.

## Decision Making:

INCLUDING PARENTS IN SCHOOL DECISIONS.

- 1) All parents will be invited to participate in the Parent Involvement Council.
- 2) Parents will be invited to attend School Improvement Team (SIT) meetings.
- 3) Title I School-Wide Program and Title I Parental Involvement Funds will be discussed during a PAC meeting in the Spring for following year.

## COMMUNICATION:

CONTINUING AND IMPROVING UPON SCHOOL TO HOME COMMUNICATION.

- 1) Parent – Teacher Conferences occur throughout the year. Our teachers plan to meet with every parent or guardian at least once a year. PreKindergarten teachers conduct home visits.
- 2) Teachers continue an ongoing collection of student work to show progress and/or areas of concern. Your child's work can be reviewed with you at conference time.
- 3) Our Parent Service Provider (or PSP) provides valuable resources and support to our families including transportation and home visits.
- 4) Teachers can provide packets of materials for parents to use with their children to help with certain skills.
- 5) Parents can express comments, questions, and concerns to the principal.
- 6) There is a Parent and Family Engagement Plan available on the website.
- 7) Staff members are accessible to parents via conferences, phone, or email.

## PARENTING:

PROVIDING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO ALL OUR FAMILIES TO ENSURE A POSITIVE HOME ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING AND GROWING.

- 1) Provide workshop opportunities through Caroline County Department of Mental Health and other agencies, as appropriate.
- 2) Host Grade Level Nights, Intervention Presentation, Dr. Seuss Night, and Pre-K learning nights to provide opportunities for families to learn and grow together and learn ideas to use at home.
- 3) Host Open House-Meet the Teacher the day before school starts and Back to School Night for all families to attend.
- 4) Host Open House for Parents and Grandparents.

## WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY:

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO STRENGTHEN SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND STUDENT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

- 1) We collaborate with the Caroline County Public Library for an annual Librarian Visit.
- 2) We work with the Health Department to help our children with their mental and physical health.
- 3) We are a Character Counts school that invites members of the community to become Character Counts coaches.
- 4) We provide high school and college students an opportunity to observe and assist teachers as part of their education program of study.
- 5) We are a Professional Development School. In conjunction with Salisbury University we provide opportunities for students to complete their student teaching experience.
- 6) We provide a venue for community activities such as Parks and Recreation camps, basketball, Little League, etc.
- 7) We work with community leaders to provide Junior Achievement program lessons to our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.
- 8) We host an annual Career Day where parents and community member are invited to present.
- 9) Caroline County Recreation and Parks provides after school and summer programs to DES students.