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GRAVES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THE PLAN... THE PROMISE... 2024-2025



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WHAT IS A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN?

It is a plan that describes how our school will provide opportunities to improve family engagement that will support student learning at school and at home. All students and their families are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. The school will provide information and as many opportunities as possible for the participation of all family members.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL-FAMILY PROMISE?

It is a written agreement that outlines how the school, the students, and the family will work together to ensure your child's academic success. An effective School-Family Promise contains the following elements:

- Clear learning goals that are linked to the school's improvement plan
- Specific skills students will learn during the year
- Strategies that staff, families, and students will use to improve student learning
- Ways to extend learning at home
- Methods teachers and family members will use to communicate about student progress
- Opportunities for family members to observe and participate in the classroom
- Jointly-developed by families, school staff, students, community business partners, and other stakeholders during our Planning MeetingThe Promise will be reviewed during parent/teacher meetings and periodically throughout the school year.

LET'S TALK

Graves Elementary School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student learning. Some of the ways we can foster effective communication include:

- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ◆ Friday Folders
- ◆ GCPS Parent Portal
- ◆ Emails and phone conferences
- ◆ Teacher eClass
- ◆ Class DoJo
- ◆ School Messenger Emails
- ◆ Town Hall Meetings
- ◆ School Newsletter

If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact:

Johann Timaran – PIC : (770) 209-6662

Sandy Reavis-POL : (770) 209-6674

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD OUR PARTNERSHIP

Title 1 Planning Meeting and Document Review
Curriculum Night
ESOL Parent
Workshop Annual
Title 1 Meeting
Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 18 & 19, 2023
Math and Literacy Event
Parent-Teacher Conferences: March 6 & 7, 2024
Georgia Milestones Parent Meeting
Rising Kindergarten Entry Workshop



WHERE IS THE PLAN AVAILABLE?

The Family and Community Engagement Plan and all other Title I information are available on our school's website at <https://www.gcpsk12.org/graveses> under the Title I Section. Families can also find paper copies of this Family and Community Engagement Plan in our Parent Center.

HOW IS THE PLAN DEVELOPED AND REVISED?

It is reviewed and revised at least annually during the Planning Meeting in the spring. All feedback forms from the Planning Meeting are submitted to the Office of Federal Programs for review. Families who are not able to attend the Planning Meeting have the opportunity to review draft documents and provide input during the draft document review period.

COMMUNICATION

We will communicate, to the extent feasible, all information with you in a language and format you understand. We will provide interpreters during parent workshops and academic events whenever possible. Translation is available for most documents.

If you would like to schedule a meeting or conference with your child's teacher, please contact the Main Office at 770-326-8000.

ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING FAMILIES WITH...

- ❖ **Title I Program Information:** Program information is available during the Title I Planning Meeting in the spring and Annual Parent Meetings in the fall, on the school website, and in the Parent Center.
- ❖ **Curriculum Information:** Knowing what your child is learning at school is important. We will keep you informed throughout the year about what your child is learning during parent meetings, conferences, eCLASS, and on our school website.
- ❖ **Student Progress Monitoring:** The Parent Portal is an online resource that allows families to view grades, attendance, schedules, assessment, and your child's results, course history, and much more. Monitoring your child's progress in school is an important way to be engaged.
- ❖ **Parent Resources:** We have many resources available for checkout to use at home with your child. We also host several parent workshops to empower you as you work with your child at home.
- ❖ **Staff Training:** We will train our staff to effectively communicate with you. Your input on how we train our staff is valuable.
- ❖ **Communication:** We will communicate, to the extent feasible, all information with you in a language and format you understand. Whenever possible, we will provide interpreters during parent workshops, and academic events. Translation is available for most documents.
- ❖ **Transition Support:** Entering a new school can be scary for both students and families. We will host events to make sure both you and your child are aware of what is expected and how you can prepare as your child transitions to a new school level, college, and career.

- ✓ Title I is a federal program designed to support school reform efforts to improve teaching and learning for all students.
- ✓ Title I programs are based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement.
- ✓ The Title I Office reserves at least one percent of the district's allocation to fund family and community engagement programs. The use of these funds is based on suggestions gathered at our spring Planning Meetings from families and community members. Funds are distributed equally to all our Title I schools.
- ✓ Childcare and/or transportation may be provided for meetings and school events.

OUR MISSION

Graves Elementary will produce consistent gains in student achievement utilizing the rigorous Academic Knowledge and Skills curriculum while encouraging creativity by integrating the Arts as we prepare students for success in college, careers and beyond.



DID YOU KNOW?

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OUR DISTRICT GOALS

Empathy: Cultural competence, staff and student wellbeing, educator diversity.

Equity: Multi-tiered system of supports, opportunity and access, equitable resource allocation.

Effectiveness: Results-Based evaluation system, talent management, educational return on investment.

Excellence: Preferred education destination, post-secondary and workforce readiness, world-class communication and engagement.

OUR SCHOOL GOALS

We will provide all students with high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to meet high academic standards.

Graves ES will implement a comprehensive framework to maximize student achievement by removing barriers and addressing academic and nonacademic student needs to achieve success.

To reach our goals this year, we will focus on the following foundational grade level skills:

Reading/English Language Arts

Kindergarten & First Grade

- Phonics
- High Frequency Words
- Vocabulary
- Informational Text

Second Grade & Third Grade

- Phonics
- Comprehension
- Informational Text
- Vocabulary

Fourth & Fifth Grade

- Comprehension

- Informational Text
- Vocabulary

Math

All Grade Levels

- Number and Operations
- Measurement and Data
- Algebra and Algebraic Thinking
- Geometry

WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE SUCCESS

Graves Elementary School will...



- Conduct parent workshops to provide strategies to use at home in the areas of problem solving, number sense and reading comprehension (including fluency).
- Offer Math and Literacy events where families can learn reading and math strategies.
- Share math and literacy websites on class web pages and eCLASS that will help students build their math and literacy skills in the areas of problem-solving, number sense and reading comprehension (including fluency).

Monica Johnson-Ball

May 4, 2023

Principal's Signature

Date




As Students, we will...

- Practice problem-solving, number sense and reading comprehension skills with flash cards, games and other materials shared from the parent workshops.
- Practice the reading and math strategies provided at Math and Literacy events using the given resources. Practice problem-solving strategies, number

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sense and reading comprehension skills by using my school and class web pages.

As Families, we will...

- Attend Parent Workshops to learn strategies for problem-solving, number sense and reading comprehension (including fluency) to use with my child at home. 
- Attend Math and Literacy events to learn reading and math strategies and resources to build reading comprehension (including fluency), number sense and to practice solving word problems with my child at home.
- Use the problem-solving, number sense and reading comprehension strategies (including fluency) and activities contained in class web pages and through eCLASS to help my child at home.

VISIT OUR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

Our Family Engagement Center has learning games, books, and many other resources available for families to check out and use at home. Our Parent Instructional Coordinator is *Johann Timaran*. *Sandy Reavis* is our Parent Liaison. They are available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your children at home.

Our Family Engagement Center is located at Room 1.1.134.
We are open from 8:45 AM to 2:30 PM

Please contact **Johann Timaran** or **Sandy Reavis** for additional information about our Family Engagement Center and resources available for check-out.

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Parents who are interested in volunteering at Graves ES may
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