

# JENKINS ELEMENTARY

## THE PLAN... THE PROMISE...

2023-2024



## Jenkins Elementary

Creating the Path and Leading the Way

### 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 Meeting
- Reviewed and revised throughout the year

The School-Family Promise is available online through parents' My Payments Plus accounts at the beginning of each school year for parents to review. Parents are asked to acknowledge they have viewed the document as part of their child's registration process. An additional reminder to view and electronically sign the documents

sent to families via School Messenger (email only)

within the first month of school. A link to the document also is posted on the school website under the Parents tab and on each student's eCLASS landing page. It is revisited during parent/teacher conferences in the fall, as well as periodically throughout the school year during parent workshops or school-wide events.

### LET'S TALK



Jenkins Elementary is committed to supporting our families with frequent two-way communication regarding their child's learning. Some of the methods we use include: Parent/Teacher Conferences, Friday Folders, Parent Portal, My eCLASS, MyPaymentsPlus, email, School Messenger, phone conferences and through our school's Parent Outreach Liaison (POL).

*If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact: Jesenia Carmona at 678-407-8900*

### ACTIVITIES TO BUILD OUR PARTNERSHIP

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR

#### FEEDBACK AND INVOLVEMENT:



- Volunteer Orientation Trainings
- Annual Title I Parent Meeting (fall)
- Title I Planning Meeting for 2023-2024 & Document Review (spring)

#### PARENT WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

- Technology: Introduction to My eCLASS, Parent Portal, MyPaymentsPlus and more
- Helping your Child with Reading and Writing through Learning Phonics and Word Roots
- Helping Your Child Get Ready for Kindergarten



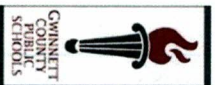
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May 8, 2023

## SCHOOLWIDE EVENTS FOR

### FAMILY LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT:

- Curriculum Night
- Literacy Night
- International Night
- Fall Early Release/ Parent Conferences
- Spring Early Release/ Parent Conferences
- STEAM Night (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics)
- Math Carnival
- Sneaker Ball
- Grade Level Informational Nights
- PTA Meetings



### 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/JenkinsES> under the Title I Section. Families can also find paper copies of this Family and Community Engagement Plan in our Parent Center or by logging into their MyPaymentsPlus accounts.

### 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 strive to give information in ways that are both clear and easily understood by parents and families by providing:

- Bilingual support and translation services provided through our Parent Outreach Liaison to the extent possible.
- Multiple ways for families and community to stay informed

Newsletters	Reminder Stickers
Flyers	My eCLASS
Friday folders	MyPaymentsPlus
Parent Portal	Parent Center
School website	
School Messenger (email only)	

Parents may also contact their child's teacher directly through email and written requests.

## 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 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.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ All Title I schools jointly develop a Family and Community Engagement Plan with families.
- ✓ 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.

## JENKINS VISION

We envision a school where all children reach their peak level of academic, social, behavioral and emotional ability successfully becoming life-long learners and citizens who productively contribute to society.

## JENKINS MISSION

We will provide students with rigorous, engaging and quality lessons that are relatable to real life experiences supporting their individual learning styles challenging them to strive towards higher levels of student performance and development of their Gwinnett County Academic Knowledge and Skills.

## 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.

The percentage of our students in the Proficient and Distinguished levels at each grade level will increase as measured by the end-of-year English Language Arts (ELA) District Assessments (DAs). All students will make at least one year of growth.

*Foundational Skills we will target this year in order to strengthen the ability to read and respond to informational text:*

- **Kindergarten-** Phonics – letter names and sounds
- **1<sup>st</sup> Grade-** Phonics - blend, isolate vowels, decode
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-** Distinguish long/short vowels, common prefixes and suffixes, irregular spellings
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-** Identify prefixes/common Latin suffixes

- **4<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Use letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns and morphology

- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Use root words, prefixes and suffixes to figure out the meaning of unknown words

## WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE SUCCESS



*Jenkins Elementary will...*

Provide learning opportunities for parents to help them support their child's academic learning at home by:

- offering parent workshops and school-wide events that teach strategies to support the AKS at each grade level.
- provide take-home learning kits, tip sheets or resource lists available at each event. Books and learning games can also be checked out from the Parent Center throughout the school year.
- using electronic resources (newsletters, our school websites, and My eCLASS to share links to learning videos, practice games and other helpful websites that align with the AKS and their child's specific needs

Principal's Signature

Date

*Shirley Ayers* 5/8/23

### ***As Students, we will...***



Practice our writing to improve our literacy skills by:

- using strategies and materials our parents receive through workshops and school-wide events.
- using materials, home-learning kits and other resources from events or the Parent Center.
- using electronic resources my parents share with me to practice literacy skills in fun and interesting ways

### ***As Families, we will...***



Work together on literacy skills by:

- attending parent workshops or school-wide events to the extent possible. If we cannot attend, we can contact the POL for resources from the event.
- asking the teacher, POL or visit the Parent Center for additional resources and materials to use at home.
- contacting the POL for additional tips and resources to target specific foundational skills my teacher recommends for us.

## **VISIT OUR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER**

Our Parent Center has learning games, books, and many other resources available for families to checkout and use at home.

Our Parent Outreach Liaison or Parent Instructional Coordinator is **Jesenia Carmona**. She is available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your children at home.

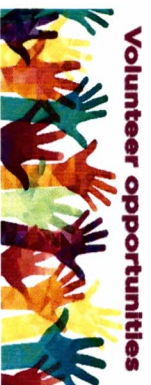
Our Parent Center is located Room 1.215

Hours of Operation: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Please contact **Jesenia Carmona** for additional information about our Parent Center and resources available for checkout.

Phone Number: 678-407-8900

Email: [Jesenia.Carmona@gcpsk12.org](mailto:Jesenia.Carmona@gcpsk12.org)



**Jenkins Elementary invites parents to volunteer, participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities.**

- Teachers will notify parents of various opportunities to visit and participate in their child's class activities.
- Parents can schedule a classroom observation by contacting their child's teacher in advance.
- Please contact the POL to learn more about our many other ways you can serve:
  - ♦ Parent Center
  - ♦ Media Center
  - ♦ Book Room
  - ♦ PBIS committee
  - ♦ PTA
  - ♦ Reading or math help
  - ♦ Career Day
  - ♦ Field Day