

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a safe, diverse community where all children can grow intellectually, socially, and emotionally through quality education and student engagement while becoming optimistic and unique builders of their future. We actively involve parents and the community in supporting student learning and development.

INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS

Research regarding the effects of family involvement on educational outcomes has shown that parent involvement makes a difference in children's academic achievement. Schools, parents, and the community should work together to promote learning of all students. When parents are involved they are able to respond more effectively to the needs of students. We would like for parents to get involved and to take advantage of the many resources and workshops that will be available for families throughout the year.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY (PIP)

We encourage parents to give their input in the activities that will build the capacity for strong parental involvement.

We know that parent involvement can have a dramatic effect on the academic achievement of our students.

This plan is developed with the goal of building a strong partnership with all of our parents so that our children will be provided with the best possible education we can offer.

We believe in involving parents in all aspects of our school. We request parent input regarding how parental involvement funds will be used and in the development of our Parent Involvement Policy.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The SDMC's Title I office will provide technical assistance to Title I Schools. This includes, but is not limited to:

- ✓ Assisting with the creation of family information areas
- ✓ Creating an electronic resource to house information and share best practices
- ✓ Establishing a Parent Involvement Contact Team (PICT) at each Title I school led by Parent Involvement Contacts
- ✓ Reviewing each school-level PIP to offer feedback and ensure compliance

STAFF TRAINING

Our Parent Involvement Plan includes professional development activities the school will provide to educate the teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and how to implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and schools.

BUILDING CAPACITY

Monthly workshops and activities are offered to parents at different times to accommodate their schedules.

The following are the workshops and activities for this school year, a full description of each one is provided on the first issue of our Newsletter and available at the school at any time.

- ✓ Annual Title I Meeting August
- ✓ How to Help your Child Prepare for Testing
- ✓ Connecting Home and School
- ✓ Family Math Night
- ✓ Family Literacy Night
- ✓ Family Science Night
- ✓ Family Game Night
- ✓ PTO

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL SAC

Each Manatee County public school has a School Advisory Council that is ethnically, racially and economically representative of its community. This council is an umbrella group that brings all stakeholders together to work on improving a school. The following are the dates that the Palmetto Elementary SAC meets this school year: TBA

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION, PTO

This is a nonprofit group comprised of parents, teachers, and staff dedicated to improving the educational experience of all students at Palmetto Elementary School.

ANNUAL EVALUATION

At the end of the school year you will receive a Title I Parent Survey, please make sure that you fill it out and return it to the school, to help us in designing a Title I Program that best meets the needs of all students involved.

SCHOOL COMPACT

A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students and teachers develop together.

The Compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the state's high standards.