

Crab Orchard Elementary Parental Involvement Plan

Standard 1: Welcoming All Families

Family friendly atmosphere: Crab Orchard Elementary celebrates each new school year with a Back to School Night. PreK and Kindergarten classes have lunch with their grandparents on Grandparent Day. Our School Website is updated weekly on upcoming events and important dates.

Opportunities for volunteering: Crab Orchard Elementary offers community members the opportunity to proctor the TCAP test during the spring. Our PTO Fall Festival and Fall Fundraiser include community members, parents and grandparents. Various field trips are scheduled throughout the school year for school board approved volunteers.

Developing personal relationships: Administration greets children during AM parent drop off and PM parent pick up. Staff and Faculty will always be respectful and professional. Grandparent Day is a day for visitation during lunch for PreK and Kindergarten grandparents. Community members and staff vote on two inductees for Crab Orchard Hall of Fame yearly

Standard 2: Communicating Effectively

Multiple communication paths: Crab Orchard Elementary's School Website offers parents an opportunity to communicate with their child's teacher. Principal Newsletters, including school news, brags and upcoming events, are sent home each nine weeks. Back to School Night gives parents and teachers a chance for introduction. School-wide Parent / Teacher Conferences are scheduled twice a year. Folders with graded papers are sent home either daily, weekly or bi-weekly depending on the grade level. School Handbooks are distributed to all students the first week of school. Each teacher distributes mid-term reports and report cards. Phone calls to parents are placed on an as need basis.

Identify issues of concerns from parents: Parent / Teacher Conferences may be requested by parents and/or teachers. Folders (daily, weekly or bi-weekly) are sent home with all students. Parent surveys are sent home frequently for parents to voice concerns. Mid-term reports and report cards offer parents an opportunity to monitor their child's progress.

Access to principal: The principal prepares a school newsletter each nine weeks. The school website offers parents an opportunity to contact the

principal. The principal meets with Crab Orchard Elementary PTO every other month. An open door policy is used at Crab Orchard. Phone calls are returned within 24 hours of the initial call (if possible). Administration participates in PM parent pick up and AM parent drop off.

Standard 3: Supporting Student Success

Parent – teacher communication about student progress: Teachers and Administration communicate student progress through conferences, mid-term reports, report cards, folders (daily, weekly or bi-weekly) and phone calls.

Strengthening learning at home: Many educational links are listed on the Crab Orchard Elementary website including Parent Connect and Home Connect. Lesson plans are placed on teacher websites and updated bi-weekly.

Linking student work to academic standards: Math teachers in grades 3 –8 are teaching with the state Common Core Standards. K-2 teachers have unpacked Common Core Standards for Reading / Language Arts and Math during the 2010-2011 school year.

Standard 4: Speaking Up for Every Child

Understanding how district and school operate: The principal attends a monthly principal meeting and school board meeting at Central Office. Monthly faculty meetings and grade level meetings are held involving teachers and administration (occasionally guest speakers attend). The principal participates on a yearly policy review committee.

Understanding federal and state laws: Administration attends law seminars and the LEAD conference. Administration has completed the Assistant Principal Academy.

Learning about resources: The principal attends monthly principal meetings. Faculty meetings consist of presentations by faculty and guest speakers.

Standard 5: Sharing Power

Insuring parents have a voice in decisions: PTO meetings are held bi-monthly. Crab Orchard Elementary's School Improvement team and site-based team consist of parents and community members.

Developing parent leadership: Parents and community members are involved in the school improvement plan. PTO leaders consist of parents and community members.

Developing an effective parent involvement organization: PTO bi-monthly meetings are held.

Standard 6: Collaborating with Community

Linking to community resources: Back to School night is held at Crab Orchard Community Ballpark. First National Bank and Fairfield Glade Baptist Church are supporters of Crab Orchard Elementary. They have provided judges for the school's science fair, painted the interior walls of the school and proctored the TCAP tests. Fairfield Glade Methodist Church provides Box Tops for Education labels for the school. Kids on the Rise (KOTR) is a community-mentoring program for Crab Orchard Elementary.

Organizing support from community partners: Community members provide support during our TCAP test by proctoring classrooms.

Turning school into a hub of community life: Crab Orchard Elementary has an open door policy. Community members are involved in various areas of the school including: classroom and field trip volunteers, testing proctors, Site-based team and school improvement team.