

# **Parental Involvement Policy for 2013-2014**

## **Rutherford College Elementary**

In accordance to No Child Left Behind (NCLB) each Title I School (schools that receive federal monies with the amounts depending on the number of free and reduced lunches served daily) is asked to develop a parent involvement policy. The purpose of this plan is to inform and to provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the educational process of their children.

A School Parent Advisory Council will serve on the following committees: Parent Involvement, School Improvement, and Title I Committee. Representation includes parents from our PTO; Mrs. Ginger Stinson, Mrs. Deanna Stringfield, Mrs. Alexandra Hernandez, and Mrs. Jackie Smith. Additionally, Mrs. Suzanne Jensen, Reading Specialist and Ms. JeanA' Gallagher, Principal, served on the committee to update our Parent Involvement Policy for the 2013-2014 school year. Parents will receive the following information and any other pertinent information (as needed via Take Home Tuesdays/conferences) from the school in a timely manner.

- PTO meetings
- Newsletters (principal/teachers/PTO)
- School website/system website
- Parent teacher conferences
- Principal contact
- Newspaper articles (local, regional, state)
- Effective Schools' Survey
- End-of-Grade Testing Results
- Case 21 Math/Literacy/Science Assessments
- mClass Assessment Results
- Interim Reports
- Report Cards
- Student Work Samples
- Portfolios
- Teacher Made Tests and Other Informal Assessments
- STAR/AR Results
- Parent Surveys
- Responsiveness to Instruction (RTI)/Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Information (Individually and Schoolwide)
- Absences/Tardies displayed on school marquee
- Renaissance Place Home Connect
- Study Island parent email/reports
- Parent Portal for Powerschool (check student grades)
- Student Support Team (SST) Meetings
- Alert Now Phone Calls/Emails

The Parent Involvement Plan will include but is not limited to:

- Rutherford College Elementary Principal will inform parents of services provided through Title I funding ( First Nine Weeks Awards Assembly)
- Burke County Public Schools (BCPS) student accountability form outlining how parents, school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement will be sent home. (August 26, 2013; First of Year Parent Information)
- Parents are provided opportunities to meet regularly with teachers, the principal, and the Enrichment team (i.e. Reading Specialist, Psychologist, Guidance Counselor, Exceptional Children's Teacher) through parent conferences to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children.

Parent Involvement Activities include but are not limited to:

- Family Wellness Nights; Roadrunners on the Run
- Book Fair (September and March)
- Open House (August 22, 2013)
- Fall Festival/Hallway Haunt (October 25, 2013)
- PTO Programs ( December, March, and June)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Kindergarten, Muffins for Moms; Doughnuts for Dads
- Academically Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Parent Meeting (October 10, 2013)
- Young Author's Day
- Community Fundraiser Nights
- Art in the Park (May 2014)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Wax Museum (November 1, 2013)
- Grandparents Day
- Science Fair
- Community Helpers Month (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)
- Chase for Cupid's Arrow 5K Race
- Festival Booths
- Field Day
- School Level Competitions (Spelling Bee, Speech Contest, Battle of Books, etc.)
- Graduations (Pre-K and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Monthly PTO Board
- One Book/ One School Program (March 2014)