



Where Integrity & Inquiry Light the Way

Briargrove Elementary School

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Family Engagement Policy, 2021-2022

Purpose

Briargrove Elementary School is dedicated to the philosophy that parent involvement is integral to the success of each student. Research has shown conclusively that parent involvement at home in their child's education improves student achievement. For this reason, parents are actively recruited as our partners for success. We pledge to continue maintaining open lines of communication with our parents so that every student at BGE may have a "voice". This Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how Briargrove supports the important role of parents in the education of their children and how we will work together to help students achieve the highest standards of learning.

Goals

- Develop and deliver parent community meetings aligned to critical topics to empower, educate, and engage parents in the teaching and learning process. Parent community meetings will be designed to meet the unique preferences, availability and accessibility needs of families by offering a variety of meeting dates, timeframe, format, method, and feedback.
 - Parent and Family Engagement meetings (annual meetings)
 - Principal Coffees
 - Curriculum nights
 - Meet the Teacher/Campus Tours
 - SDMC Committee Meetings
 - Student Led Conferences
 - Town Hall (Goals/Objectives)
 - General PTO Meetings/Job Fair
 - Speaker Series
 - Saturday Play Dates
 - Fall Fair
 - Spirit Nights
- Redesign and implement a comprehensive communication structure to meet the needs of faculty, staff, and families to ensure inclusiveness, clarity, consistency, and accuracy. The BGE communication framework features:
 - **The Grove Trove:** School-home newsletter which includes celebrations, gratitude, calendar of events, information, SEL resources, reminders, preview of events, PTO news
 - **LivingTree:** A non-public communication tool designed for teachers to keep their parents informed of activities, updates, important reminders, updates, etc...
 - **Wednesday Folder:** Folder containing graded work, notes from teacher, flyers, and other pertinent information for families
 - **School Messenger:** Administration-driven notification to parents via email/text to inform parents of important dates, safety information, school updates
 - **School Website:** Landing page where a resources/tools are stored for families and the public (calendar, registration, events, activities, district resources, updates)
 - **BGE Twitter:** Campus's public social media page to highlight school events, celebration of student and campus accomplishments, etc...
 - **PTO Instagram:** PTO maintained social media account for information specific to organizational news, guidelines, volunteerism, fundraising, etc.

- Title I Coordinator will create a repository on our campus website where parents have access to presentation artifacts, forms, information, tools and resources covered in parent meetings.

Briargrove Townhall (Annual Review)

In order to build an effective, home-school partnership, Briargrove will invite parents to participate in the annual review of campus School-Family Compact and Family Engagement Policy. The Family Engagement Policy ensures that there is a strong partnership between the school and the parent. A school Family Compact will describe school and parent responsibilities. Two annual meetings will be held to inform parents of the school's participation in the Title I, Part A programs. All parents and caregivers are welcome to participate.