



Fulbright Elementary School

Parent Information Packet
2013-2014

Principal- Sherkeyer Jackson
447-4702

Parent Facilitator- Rhonda Smith-Baker
447-4704

PTA President- Amy Townsley
447-4700

Fulbright Elementary 2013-2014 Parent Involvement Plan

Our School's Mission: The mission of Fulbright Elementary School is to provide a quality, integrated educational program that motivates all children to reach their optimum intellectual, social, emotional and physical development. The students will develop positive attitudes, and behaviors, and appreciation for ethnic and cultural diversity, leading to responsible citizenship.

Fulbright Elementary is charged with the responsibility of serving students in grades Prekindergarten through fifth grade. We are a non-Title I school who currently meets the ~~adequate yearly progress (AYP)~~ **AMO (what is your AMO?)** standard as required by the Arkansas Department of Education. Our student population is comprised of 28.37% of free and reduced lunch.

Parent Involvement Committee Members

Mrs. Sherkeyer Jackson, Principal
Mrs. Rhonda Smith-Baker Counselor/Parent Facilitator
Mrs. Katie St. John-Short, Art Teacher
Ms. Megan Tilley, Music Teacher
Dr. Marian Howse, Counselor
Mrs. Candy Rickett, Parent
Mrs. Amy Townsley, Parent
Mrs. Walls, Parent

Fulbright will communicate with parents to increase parent involvement and to support classroom instruction by:

- Distributing weekly/monthly newsletters published by teachers and specialists, and the "Parent Page", which is a school-wide publication developed with the participation of the PTA, principal, nursing staff and counselor;
- Maintaining a school-based website to house classroom teachers and specialists webpages- hence, homework assignments and pertinent classroom information will be available on each classroom web page;
- Providing parents access to student's academic progress through the use of a PIN number that is distributed prior to the end of the first nine-week period;
- Encouraging parents to use email and to telephone to routinely communicate with members of the school staff (e.g. teachers, specialists, etc.) on an individual basis regarding their child's progress;
- Requiring each teacher to send home a folder containing student papers and work samples each week- requesting a parent signature and return back to school; providing weekly reports, interim reports and report cards- a parent-friendly letter will be enclosed in the first report that explains their child's grades and overall performance;
- Offering parents special opportunities each year to include their opinions in regards to the school's approach to school improvement-during the annual open house for parents (The ACSIP plan is available on the website and can be provided in hard copy form upon request);
- Offering parents numerous opportunities through brochures sent home with students-posting notices around the school facilities-advertisement through the school's morning broadcast about parent workshops and meetings (e.g. Literacy night, Math night, GT family night, etc.), and using the LRSD student handbook.

Fulbright has planned several parent/family nights to increase parent involvement, build staff and parent capacity. Each event is carefully planned with the parent/child relationship in mind. All grade level teachers (pre-K through 5th), specialists (Music, Art, Physical Education, Gifted and Talented, Counselor) and the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) work together to sponsor/host monthly activities that encourage positive relationship-building:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten Ice Cream Social, August 17th
- Open House Meet & Greet, August 17th –Ms Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
- Watch Dog DADS meeting, September 13th – Mr. Toth, Top Dog/447-4700

- Falcon Fix Up, September 21st - Stephen Fulton, PTA/447-4700
- Grandparents Week, September 30 through October 4 – Amy Townsley, PTA/447-4700
- Hall of Fame Assembly, September 26th – Rhonda Smith-Baker/447-4704
- Scholastic Book Fair, September 30 through October 4-Beth Johnso
- AR Store, October 17th- Beth Johnson/447-4700
- Parent-Teacher Conferences, October 21st –Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
- Fall Carnival, October 25th – Karen Fleischmann, PTA/447-4700
- 3rd grade Musical Night, October 29th-Megan Tilley/447-4700
- Hall of Fame Assembly, October 30th – Rhonda Smith- Baker/447-4704
- Math and Science Night, November 7th - Lisa Mack/447-4700
- VIP's Reading Day, November 19th, - Beth Johnson/447-4700
- 1st Grade Musical Night, November 19th, - Megan Tilley/447-4700
- Hall of Fame Assembly, November 21th – Rhonda Smith- Baker/447-4704
- 5th Grade Musical Night, December 17th- Megan Tilley/447-4700
- AR Store, October 17th, - Beth Johnson/447-4700
- Spelling Bee Competition, January 17th – Kayrn Wortsmith /447-4773
- Hall of Fame, January 30th – Rhonda Smith-Baker/447-4704
- Father-Daughter Dance, - TBA
- Literacy Night, February 6th - Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4700
- Black History Night, February 11th - Megan Tilley/447-4700
- Parent-Teacher Conferences, February 17th – Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
- Hall of Fame Assembly, February 27th – Rhonda Smith-Baker/447-4704
- Test Taking Workshop, March 4th - Rhonda Smith-Baker/447-4700
- 4th Grade Musical Night, March 18th - Megan Tilley/447-4700
- Hall of Fame Assembly, March 20th – Rhonda Smith-Baker/447-4704
- AR Store, April 14th, - Beth Johnson/447-4700
- Kindergarten Musical Night, April 22nd, - Megan Tilley/447-4700
- Hall of Fame Assembly, April 24th, - Rhonda Smith-Baker/447-4700
- AR Store, May 15th, - Beth Johnson/447-4700
- Field Day, May 16th - Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4700
- Hall of Fame Assembly, May 22nd, - Rhonda Smith-Baker/447-4700
- 5th Grade Celebration, May 30th, - Kelly Shuffield/447-4700

Fulbright provides opportunities for parents and community members to support the foundation of the Little Rock School District's instructional programming through Reading Buddies, tutoring and mentoring. We will also compose and maintain a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts during orientation of parents throughout the school year. Parental instruction of how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities at home are provided through our schools' Literacy and Math nights as well as tailor parent-specific trainings (e.g. How to survive homework with my child?, Edline access, How to work with Home Connect, My Capstone, etc.). Teachers and Building administration will provide professional development designed to enhance their understanding of effective parental involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation. Contact: Rhonda Smith-Baker, Parent Facilitator at (501) 447-4704 or Sherkeyer Jackson, Principal at (501) 447-4702

Fulbright school staff, parents, and students incorporate the use of a school-parent-student compact, which is distributed during our annual check-in/registration. This compact agreement outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. A copy of the compact agreement is kept in each student's permanent record and re-visited annually. Contact: Rhonda Smith-Baker, Parent Facilitator at (501) 447-4704 or Sherkeyer Jackson, Principal at (501) 447-4702

Fulbright provides its parents with an opportunity to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide improvement plan by sharing the school's academic plan during our annually planned parent workshop featuring our school and how we can do more to become a better place for learning. Our PTA fosters parental and community involvement within the school through varying efforts such as the quarterly "Reading is Fundamental (RIF)" and "Accelerated Reading (AR)" store opportunities. Contact: Rhonda Smith-Baker, Parent Facilitator at (501) 447-4704 or Sherkeyer Jackson, Principal at (501) 447-4702

Fulbright's provides resources for parents and students and are afforded an opportunity to work with and/or communicate their concerns through the school's Parent Facilitator. A suggestion/comment box for parents is conveniently located in the school's Parent Center, which is located on the lower level of the building across from the Kindergarten pods and atop the front office counter. Parents may check out materials (e.g. Parenting books, magazines and other informational materials regarding responsible parenting), use the computer to check grades, and visit educational websites in the school's Media Center during school hours (8:00am-2:00pm). Other parent related brochures and pamphlets are available in the Parent Center with hours convenient for parents as well as community visitors. Informational family packets are created annually and distributed to parents including of a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/ teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parental involvement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, e-mail). The school's handbook informs on the process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions; the LRSD handbook is also a viable resource that is taught to the students and made available to parents. Contact Rhonda Smith-Baker, Parent Facilitator at (501)447-4704

Fulbright engages parents in the annual evaluation of its parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment questionnaire to be filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. The parental involvement committee, made up of teachers, parents and school staff determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted. While collecting evidence about the satisfaction of previous decisions made by the parent involvement committee, the school's efforts to increase parental involvement will be a part of the evaluation, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in the number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth. Contact Rhonda Smith-Baker, Parent Facilitator at (501)447-4704.

Fulbright also asks parents to fill out a parent interest survey prior to the end of the school year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child(ren) academically. The results of the parent interest survey are used to plan the parental involvement activities for the upcoming school year. The activities that are suggested will be evaluated by the parents and staff as part of the annual parental involvement plan evaluation meeting, which is generally held during the month of May. Contact Rhonda Smith-Baker, Parent Facilitator at (501)447-4704

As the Fulbright administration and staff strive to make this a great school year, we challenge all parents and students to keep 'bursting with excitement' towards the next level!!!

The Parent Center

The purpose of the Parent Center is to actively engage parents of our Fulbright students with assisting in their education. The Parent Center allows all parents and/or guardians the opportunity to check out books, have free computer access, and the review of various parental-related materials that are geared towards complimenting what is already going on at home.

The Parent Center is located on the 1st floor across from the Kindergarten pods. The hours of operation are from 8:00am to 2:00pm Monday through Friday.

The mission of our Parental focus:

WHY ARE PARENTS IMPORTANT?

- They are **P**atient
- They are **A**wesome
- They are **R**espectful
- They are **E**ncouraging
- They are **N**oble
- They are **T**rustworthy

Please stop by and become more equipped with a wealth of information and knowledge!

For more information, contact the Parent Facilitator, Rhonda Smith-Baker at (501) 447-4700 or by email at rhonda.smith@lrsd.org.

**LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
FULBRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HOME/SCHOOL LEARNING COMPACT**

School Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

(Any parent who is interested in helping with this student may sign in lieu of the parent.) I want my child to achieve.

Therefore, I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

- ✓ Ensure that my child is on time each day and attends school regularly
- ✓ Support the school discipline policy
- ✓ Establish a time for homework and review it regularly
- ✓ Provide a quiet well lighted place for study
- ✓ Encourage my child's efforts and be available for questions
- ✓ Stay aware of what my child is learning
- ✓ Provide a library card for my child
- ✓ Read with my child and let my child see me read

Signature: _____

STUDENT AGREEMENT

It is important that I work to the best of my ability. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- ✓ Attend School regular;
- ✓ Come to school each day with pens, pencil, paper, and other necessary tools for learning
- ✓ Complete and return homework assignments
- ✓ Observe regular study hours
- ✓ Conform to rules of student conduct

Signature: _____

TEACHER AGREEMENT

It is important that student achieve. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- ✓ Provide appropriate and meaningful homework assignments for students
- ✓ Provide necessary assistance to parents so that they can help assist with the assignments
- ✓ Encourage students and parents by providing information about student progress;
- ✓ Use special activities in the classroom to make learning enjoyable

Signature: _____

PRINCIPAL AGREEMENT

I support this form of parent involvement. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- ✓ Provide an environment that allows for positive communication between the teachers, parents and student
- ✓ Ensure teachers homework assignments that will reinforce classroom instruction regularly.
- ✓ Ensure high-quality curriculum and instruction that meets the State's student academic achievement standards
- ✓ Engage parents in parent-teacher conferences in which this compact will be discussed
- ✓ Ensure that parents receive frequent reports on their child's progress
- ✓ Ensure parental access to staff to support partnerships
- ✓ Provides parents opportunities to volunteer and observe classroom activities

Signature: _____

READING WITH YOUR CHILD

20 MINUTES A DAY IS ALL IT TAKES TO BUILD KEY READING

** Here are 6 ways to build a better reader during the elementary school year**

1. Create reading habits and read every day.
2. Talk about pictures and ask questions while reading.
3. Snuggle up close with a book before bed.
4. Share different kinds of books (stories, nonfiction, poetry)
5. Read favorite books again and again.
6. Read with expression...it's more fun!

GOOD READERS are made on the laps of parents'.

PTA Highlights

- Over 100% school membership

Proud winner of several awards which include the LR PTA Council "Unit of the Year", 2007-2008, the prestigious award as the 2008-2009 State PTA "Unit of the Year"

FULBRIGHT ELEMENTARY 2013-2014 PTA OFFICERS

President- Amy Townsley

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Teacher Rep. - Sarah Isgrig

PTA dues is \$4.00

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PARENT INTEREST SURVEY

- * What are your hopes and dreams for your child?
- * How can you partner with your child's teacher to ensure that the academic hopes and dreams that you have for your child will come true?
- * What day (s) will you volunteer in your child's classroom this month?
- * What are you interested in doing as a volunteer at your child's school this school year?
- * How often will you communicate with the school staff this year about your child's progress both academically and socially?

Return this survey to: Mrs. Sherkeyer Jackson, Principal

THANK YOU!

Fulbright Elementary Staff Phone Numbers

Principal – Sherkeyer Jackson 447-4702
Asst. Principal- Anna Lloyd 447-4715
Secretary- Deborah Roland 447-4703
Attendance Secretary- Melanie Tiner 447-4738
Nurse- Carrie Woodard 447-4705
Counselor- Rhonda Smith-Baker 447-4704
Counselor- Dr. Marian Howse 447-4754
Food Service Manager- Tina McDonald 447-4707

Pre-K Teachers:

Rhonda IZard- 447-4731
Susan Shelton- 447-4795
Gay Wyatt- 447-4743

Kindergarten Teachers:

Jean Dickerson- 447-4785
Micah Haupt- 447-4737
Alissan Jones- 447-4765
Cindy Price- 447-4787
Lisa Reed- 447-4724

1st grade Teachers:

Donna Camp 447-4722
Natalie Jones- 447-4726
Harriett Kidd 447-4727
Beverly Westlake- 447-4718

2nd Grade Teachers

Hayley Armstrong 447-4767
Shorice Long- 447-4789
Juliana Reynolds- 447-4716
Laura Ross- 447-4739

3rd grade Teachers

Trish Blair- 447-4798
Sandra Bryles- 447-4712
Sherri Harris- 447-4720
Karen Smith-447-4713

4th grade Teachers

Sandra Croson- 447-4725
Nicole Cooper- 447-4745
Kathleen Mehran- 447-4775
Celeste Molsbee- 447-4768

5th Grade Teachers

Sarah Isgrig- 447-4773
Bridget Shinn- 447-4780
Kelly Shuffield- 447-4732

CBI Teachers

Janice Gossett- 447-4710
Cheryl Woodruff- 447-4774

GT Teachers

Hildy Dempster- 447-4786
Karyn Wortsmith- 447-4769

Resource Teachers

Lisa Drannon- 447-4714
Becky Farmer- 447-4758

Art Teacher- Katie Short- 447-4777
Music Teacher- Megan Tilley- 447-4742
P.E. Teacher- Jennifer Horn- 447-4748