

Bale Elementary School

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2015-2016 Parent Involvement Plan

School Mission: *The mission of Bale Elementary School is to provide a safe, nurturing environment in which all children will develop academic, emotional, and social skills that will lead to the be productive citizens in society. This will be accomplished by providing a diverse, equitable, and challenging curriculum. Encouraging the development of positive social skills in a secure environment will enable Bale Elementary students to achieve this goal.*

Bale Elementary is currently on alert in mathematics and met standard in literacy. We are a school-wide Title I school for grades Kindergarten through fifth grade. Bale Elementary qualifies for Title 1 services implicating that Bale has over 40% students who qualify free and reduce lunch.

Parent Involvement Committee Members

Dr. Ericka McCarroll, Principal – Ms. Nita Bohannon, Literacy Facilitator, Ms. Hazel Harris, Math Facilitator- Mrs. Tamara Williams, Reading Teacher/ Parent Involvement Facilitator

Mrs. Terecia O’Gwin, Parent –

Ms. Julia Cartwright – Counselor - Mrs. Susan Taul – Teacher

Mrs. Donna Blackwell, Physical Education – Mrs. Lori Noel-Green, Librarian

Mrs. Clara Brown, Teacher – Dr. Kimberly Talley – Teacher – Ms. Kimberley Washington, Teacher

Venisha Brown-Principal Secretary, PTA President

Bale Elementary Staff will communicate with parents in the following ways to increase parent involvement and to support classroom instruction:

- Distribution of a monthly newsletter developed by the principal and staff. The newsletters will include a calendar of school and district as well as parenting strategies and homework tips
- Distribution of pin numbers so parents can access Edline to monitor their child’s academic progress
- Provide academic/behavioral updates via report cards, interim reports, edline, conferences, weekly folders, emails, conference calls, newsletters, etc.
- Provide information packets, homework tips, volunteer opportunities, Bale’s Parental Involvement Plan, and the school/district handbook
- Provide opportunities for parenting classes, access to the computer (to view the school website, teacher web pages, edline, etc.)
- Provide mentors and tutors to work with targeted students to address academic deficits
- Provide interpreters when needed during parent/teacher conferences for parents who do not speak English

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Bale Elementary will plan the following meetings at various times to increase parent involvement, build staff and parent capacity:

- Back to School Bash (August) Dr. Ericka McCarroll 447-3600
- Open House (September) Dr. Ericka McCarroll 447-3600
- Literacy Night (Spring) Nita Bohannon/Tamara Williams 447-3600
- Math Night (Spring) Hazel Harris 447-3600
- Science Fair (Spring) Hazel Harris 447-3600
- Spelling Bee (Fall/Spring) Tamara Williams 447-3600
- Parent Testing Seminar Hazel Harris/Nita Bohannon/Tamara Williams 447-3600
- Reading Day (Monthly) Lori Noel-Green 447-3600
- Grandparent's Day (September) Julia Cartwright 447-3600
- Quarterly Awards Assemblies Julia Cartwright 447-3600
- Black History Program (February) Pamela Germany 447-3600
- Career Fair (April) Julia Cartwright 447-3600
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Tamara Williams 447-3600
- Field Day (May) Donna Blackwell 447-3600
- Fall Carnival (October) Donna Blackwell 447-3600
- Muffins for Moms (Spring) Tamara Williams/Venisha Brown 447-3600
- Donuts for Dads (Spring) Tamara Williams/Venisha Brown 447-3600
- Culture Fair (May) 447-3600
- Volunteer Recognition Banquet (May) Dr. Ericka McCarroll/ Julia Cartwright 447-3600
- Open House (Septmeber 3, 2015) Nita Bohannon/Hazel Harris/Tamara Williams/
Venisha Brown 447-3600
- Title I Meeting (Septmeber 3, 2015) Nita Bohannon/Hazel Harris/Tamara Williams/
Venisha Brown 447-3600
- Basketball Jamboree (Fall) Jeremy Williams 447-3600
- Health Fair – Donna Blackwell 447-3600
- World Fest (Fall) – Julia Cartwright/Pamela Germany 447-3600

Parents will be encouraged to participate in their child (ren) education through volunteer opportunities listed below as well as solicited for additional volunteer opportunities:

Date of training (September 14)

- Assisting in the Media Center – Book Fair helper
- Reading Day
- Field Day Volunteers
- Reading in the classroom
- Open House
- Reading with a buddy
- Registration

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- Mentoring
- Special Programs
- Assisting in the classroom
- Various committees
- Tutoring
- Volunteering in the cafeteria/ playground

Parent volunteer opportunities will be provided during registration and as each new student enters. A list of volunteer opportunities will also be provided by our school counselor, parent facilitator, and PTA board member.

(Julia Cartwright, Venisha Brown, Tamara Williams) 447-3600

We will provide information for parents and community members in various ways to support instructional program such as tutoring, mentoring, school-wide spelling bee, after school program, reading day, etc.

(Nita Bohannon, Tamara Williams, Hazel Harris) 447-3600

Bale will provide parents with instructions on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home during Math and Literacy Night. These activities will be organized by the math facilitator, literacy facilitator, and committee members.

(Nita Bohannon, Tamara Williams, Hazel Harris) 447-3600

Bale's staff and parents will work together to create a Home/School Learning Compact. It outlines how parents, students and staff share the responsibility for improving students' academic achievement levels. All stakeholders will have input and be required to sign the contract. Parents will have the opportunity to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the schoolwide improvement plan.

We will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I Program's parental involvement efforts by conducting a needs assessment involving staff, stakeholders and parents. The committee will make adjustments or changes when necessary. The evaluation will include numbers that indicate whether the level of parent participation in meetings and activities has improved and the impact of parental participation on student achievement. The meetings will take place in at the beginning of the year (September), Midyear (January) and end of the year (May). (447-3600)

Parent interest surveys relating to what parents feel we can do to support their child academically will be administered during registration and throughout the year for new students by our parent facilitator and school counselor. We will use the results of the surveys to plan for upcoming parent involvement activities. We will evaluate the impact of suggested activities at

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the end of the school year and give parents the results. Parents will be provided with a parent handbook that includes information on resolving parental concerns through due process, as well as policies and procedures of Bale Elementary. (Nita Bohannon, Hazel Harris, Tamara Williams) 447-3600

The Annual Title I Meeting was held for parents on September 3, 2015, facilitated by the principal. The agenda, sign-in sheet, and minutes for the meeting are on file in the school's office.

Bale will work with our feeder middle school to prepare parents and students for the middle school transition. Parents will be invited to attend our middle school field trip. Parents will be encouraged to assist their child with middle school shadowing experiences that can be arranged between parent, student and the middle school counselor. This field trip will be coordinated by our school counselor February – March (Julia Cartwright 447-3600).

We have the following resources available for our parents: Our parent center is located outside the media center. The hours of operation are during the regular school day. The parent center has a large selection of pamphlets, books, and brochures with resource information for a parent can help their child succeed in school and be a responsible parent. All materials are available for parents to take a copy or check out for personal use. Our parent facilitator oversees the Parent Center. For additional information, contact Tamara Williams/Lori Noel- Green at 447-3600.

The library has a section of books and games available for check out. Computers are available for parents to check Edline and educational websites. Parents may visit our library immediately after school to utilize in efforts to log on the Edline and Educational websites.(Tamara Williams/Lori Noel- Green)

Parents are provided a Bale parent handbook that includes the process for resolving parental concerns through due process, homework policy, dress code, Home School Learning Compact, District Mission, School Mission, and Parent Contact Tamara Williams, our parent facilitator, is available on campus daily. She may be contacted via email at tamara.williams@lrzd.org or telephone at 501-447-3600.

National Network of Partnership Schools: Contact Person: Tamara Williams (501) 447-3600

Bale Elementary is a member of Johns Hopkins University National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS). The NNPS School, Family and Community Partnership family model is designed to enhance parent participation and involvement in the school and community. The family model is researched based and references engagement, activities, and resources for the six types of involvement: Parenting, Communicating, Volunteering, Student Learning, Decision-Making and Collaborating with the Community. To support the six types of involvement, Tamara Williams participates on the LRSD NNPS Central-East School Cluster Team.

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