

## Parents Are The Key

### School Decision Making

In order to include families/community members as advisors in school decisions, Mabelvale Magnet Middle School encourages parents/community leaders to participate in the following forums, with the understanding that the principal is accountable for the operation of the school and has the final responsibility for all decisions made at the site.

- Handbook Revision Committee (each spring) (F. Moseley, 447-3058)
- School/District ACSIP committees (F. Moseley, 447-3058)
- PTSA Committees (T. Troutman, 447-3082)

### Title I Meeting

The school will conduct an Annual Title I meeting with parents who participated in the Title I, Part A program. (Spring 2013). (F. Moseley, 447-3058 or C. Patterson, 447-3063)

### Tips for Parents of Middle Schoolers

- Use checklists
- Organize homework assignments.
- Designate a study space.
- Set a designated study time.
- Keep organized notebooks.
- Conduct a weekly clean-up.
- Create a household schedule.
- Keep a master calendar.
- Prepare for the day ahead.
- Provide needed support while your child is learning to become more organized.



## Parent/Community 2012-2013 Involvement Plan, cont'd

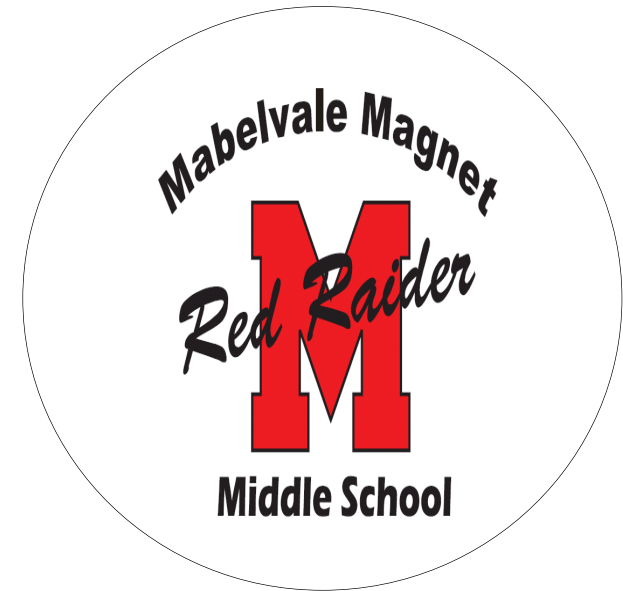
### Collaboration with Community

Mabelvale Magnet Middle School strives to collaborate with community leaders and businesses in order to coordinate resources and services for the school, students, families, agencies, and other groups. Please contact Cedric Patterson for further info. (447-3063.)

- School / Club fundraisers
- Guest Speakers
- Guest Readers
- Special classroom project needs
- Special school project needs
- Student / family needs (coordinated with school counselors)
- Special Student rewards donated through area businesses.

### Open door policy

Mabelvale Magnet Middle School has an “open-door” policy in which we invite families and community members to be a part of the activities in which our students participate. Parents are involved in the decision making process and school improvement plan implementation and evaluation. The Parent/Community Involvement Plan is designed to strengthen participation and to help it grow. We welcome any suggestions that will make our plan complete and in compliance with the purpose of Act 603 and the ADE guidelines. **Please feel free to contact Fran Moseley, Parent Facilitator at 447-3058 or Cedric Patterson, Title I Coordinator 447-3063 if you have any questions regarding this brochure.**



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Parent Involvement Plan**

**2012-2013**

**Rhonda Hall, Principal  
447-3000**

## Parent/Community 2012-2013 Involvement Plan

*MMMS is a supportive innovative diverse community where all students become life-long learners through collaboration ,real world experiences, and exposure to rigorous curriculum.*

*Students: 6,7,8 Grades*

*Title I School*

*87% Provisional Lunch*

*School Status: Needs Improvement*

### **Parent Committee Members:**

*R. Hall, Principal*

*F. Moseley, Teacher/Parent Facilitator*

*C. Patterson, Parent Coordinator*

*S. Green, Counselor*

*H. Campbell, Gifted-Talented Coordinator*

*J. Bailey, Parent*

*C. Perry, Parent*

### **Purpose**

Parents and community leaders play a crucial role in the success of our children's education, and Mabelvale Magnet Middle School (MMMS) would like to encourage parents/community members to be full partners in the education of our children. To help accomplish this goal, the school has developed a parental involvement plan in compliance with Act 603 of 2003 and according to guidance provided by the Arkansas Department of Education. We believe that student achievement will increase as a result of improved communication among all stakeholders.

### **Communication Strategies**

In order to establish an effective parental/community involvement plan it is essential that communication between parents, schools, educators, and community members be frequent, clear and two-way. When we work as a team we help to strengthen schools, families, communities, and learning. Mabelvale Middle School will strive to strengthen communication through various forms of education.

## Parent/Community 2012-2013 Involvement Plan, cont'd

### **(Communication Strategies—Continued)**

- Maintain School Website  
H. Campbell (447-3020)
- Edline—H. Campbell (447-3020)
- LRSD School handbook  
T. Troutman (447-3042)
- Mabelvale Magnet Middle School Partners in Education, K. Farley (447-3006)
- New Student Orientation, S. Green (447-3004)
- Parent Open House, R. Hall (447-3000)
- Quarterly/Interim Progress Reports  
H. Campbell, (447-3020)
- Raider Round-Up Newsletters/J. Watts  
(447-4015) [www.lrsd.org](http://www.lrsd.org)
- LRSD Parent-Link-([Shikara.Linzy@lrsd.org](mailto:Shikara.Linzy@lrsd.org))

### **Parent Involvement Activities**

In addition to Family Nights, the school will host Literacy and Math Nights. Many other additional activities include, but not limited to:

- 6th Grade Orientation (6th Grade Staff)
- Open Houses (Staff)
- Honor Roll Assemblies (Counselors)
- Fall Fest/Spring Fest (Staff)
- Benchmark Family Nights (Literacy and Math Coaches)
- "Parents Make A Difference Activities"  
(Parent Facilitator/Coordinator)

\*\*Parents are surveyed after each event for evaluation and effectiveness in regards to future planning.

**\*Call 447-3058 Fran Moseley for further information about these events**

### **Parent Volunteers**

Please see and complete Parent Volunteer Survey for a complete list of opportunities located in Parent Involvement Kit. Please remember to sign the VIPS Resource book when working in our building. For further information call Cedric Patterson 447-3063.

## Parent/Community 2012-2013 Involvement Plan, cont'd

### **School-Parent Compact**

As a component of Mabelvale Magnet Middle School's parent involvement policy, the school jointly developed with parents a school-parent compact that outlines how: Parents, the entire staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved 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 standards. Compacts are sent home on the first day of school and are kept in the student's files during the school year.  
(F. Moseley, 447-3058)

### **Parenting Services**

In an effort to provide parents with essential tools to help with child-rearing, counselors are available to help parents with child-rearing skills, understanding child and adolescent development and setting home conditions that support children as students at each age and grade level.

- School Website – Tips for Parents & Counselor's page ([mmms.org](http://mmms.org))
- Parent Center– Located in Counselor's office (C. Patterson (447-3063))
- MMMS Media Center available for Parents
- Living Hope: (663-5473)
- LRSD Parents Make a Difference Workshop (Fall/Spring) K. Rainey (447-3357)

### **Parent Surveys**

Parent surveys are conducted at the beginning of each year on ways that the parents can and will volunteer. Parents are also surveyed throughout the year about various topics using LRSD Parent-Link. (F. Moseley, 447-3058)