

Wakefield Elementary School
Parent Involvement Plan
2015-2016

School Mission: The mission of Wakefield Elementary School is to provide each student with a developmentally appropriate education that will lend itself as the foundation for future learning. Assisted by parents, teachers, and the community, students' social and educational needs will be met which will provide them with the opportunity to become productive lifelong learners.

Wakefield is currently designated as a "Focus School". We are on Alert for Math only. We are a school-wide Title I school for grades Pre-Kindergarten - 5th grade. Ninety-seven and one half percent (97.5%) of our students are on free and reduced lunch. This will be our fifth year of participation in the Breakfast In The Classroom Program.

Parent Involvement Committee Members

Les Taylor, Principal
Delwin Smith, Vice Principal
Jennifer Rood, Parent Facilitator
Juanita Scroggins, Teacher/Parent
Tamara Bealer, Parent
Maria Garcia, Parent
Jason Lanier, Community Representative

To increase parent involvement, Wakefield will communicate with parents and support classroom instruction by hosting a Family Literacy Night and Family Math Night to teach parents' strategies to assist their child/children with literacy and math skills. Teachers will provide parents literacy/math family activity kits. Teachers will distribute a monthly newsletter which will highlight skills being taught in the classroom. Teachers will keep their Edline websites updated with pertinent information concerning students in their classroom. The school will provide information explaining the school's involvement with the LRSD's reading initiative and how the parents can be involved in supporting the goals of this initiative.

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Wakefield will plan the following meetings/activities to increase parent involvement and build staff and parent capacity:

- Open House-Walk-through/Parents Make A Difference Session - August 13, 2015
5:00-6:00pm
- K-2 Math Night - September 24, 2015 - 5:30 - 7:00 Connie Hansen 501-447-6622
- Annual Title 1 Meeting - September 24, 2015
- Hispanic Heritage Month Program- October 15, 2015- 12:45 Jennifer Rood 447-6644
- Parent-Teacher Conferences-October 19, 2015 (Contact Child's teacher)
- Fall Festival - October 29, 2015 - 5:00 - 7:00 (Contact Connie Hansen) 447-6622
- Charity Dinner - December 6, 2015 (Contact Mrs. Marks) - 447-6643
- Class Holiday Parties - December 19, 2013 Contact Child's teacher 447-6600
- School-Wide Incentive Movie- December 18, 2015 (Contact Child's teacher)
- Black History Program - February 26, 2016
- ELPA- ESL testing February 1- March 11
- Valentine's Parties February 12th (Contact Child's Teacher)
- Little Rock Kids Marathon- March 5 Jennifer Rood 447-6644
- ACT Aspire Testing - April 11- May 13 Connie Hansen 447-6622
- Middle School Transition Parent Night - April 21, 2016 (Michele Woodham) 447-6604
- Accelerated Reader Ceremony- May 13, 2016 Jennifer Salinas 447-6627
- Annual Talent Show - May 20, 2016 (Contact: Music Teacher) Mary Rebidue - 447-6639
- Fifth Grade Graduation - May 26, 2016 (Contacts: 5th Grade Teachers)
- Field Day - May 27, 2016 Contacts: P.E. Teacher Nick Eubanks 447-6667 or Connie Hansen 447-6622

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The teachers and administrators will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities during parent conferences and through the school website. A monthly calendar of events will be distributed monthly to all students which will include the monthly lunch menu to assist with nutritional meal planning. A parent volunteer training will be held to provide instruction on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment. In an effort to help students transition smoothly to middle school, Wakefield will raise parent awareness of procedures and activities by participating in a middle school parent night in the Spring. A minimum of two hours of parental involvement professional development will be provided for the staff each year designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies. The importance of administrative leadership and setting expectations to create a climate conducive to parental participation will be addressed.

School staff, parents, and selected students have developed a parent-student compact. This compact 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. The compact will be signed by all the stakeholders. (Contact Child's teacher)

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) will encourage parental and community involvement with our school by coordinating and integrating parental involvement strategies through supportive programs such as our Children International, UALR Dental Clinic, and our partners in education. Parents will be recruited to serve on our school improvement planning committee. Based on the results of the parent needs assessment distributed in the Fall, the committee will make decisions about the allocation of our Title I, Part A parental involvement funds. Contact 447-6600 (leave a message)

Parents may check out materials and use the computer to visit educational websites in our Media Center between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (Dana Jones - 447-6606). Parents will also be encouraged to view our Title I plan located in the parent section of the Media Center. Informational packets will be distributed each year which will include a copy of our parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, and suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education. Parents will be provided with an events calendar and information about ways that teachers and parents communicate through email, notes, phone calls, newsletters, and conferences. Wakefield will promote and support responsible parenting by purchasing parenting books, magazines and other

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materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library as funds are available. The school policy handbook will include the process for resolving parental concerns including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions. The principal will designate at least one certified staff member who is willing to serve as the parent facilitator.

Parent interest surveys will be sent out in the fall and spring of each school year. A comprehensive needs assessment will be completed by teachers, parents, school staff, students, and community partners to determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if needed.

Parents will fill out a parent interest survey at the beginning of each school year to get input concerning activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child. The results of the survey will be used to plan meaningful activities throughout the school year. At the end of the school year, we will evaluate the activities that were suggested by parents to determine any changes needed for the upcoming school year. (Contact: Jennifer Rood) 447-6644

An annual Title I meeting will be held in the fall of each school year that will be designed to provide parents with a description/explanation of the school curriculum. Information will be provided about academic assessments that will be used to measure student progress. Information will also be shared about proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Meeting held September 24, 2015. Contact: Mr. Les Taylor 447-6600

The National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) NNPS invites schools to use research-based approaches to organize and sustain excellent programs of family and community involvement that will increase student success in school. Wakefield Elementary collaborates and supports the LRSD Southwest Schools Cluster Team. Partnership Programs focus on the six "keys to involvement" identified by educational researchers as the critical components of home/school/community connections.

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