

Little Rock School District
Gibbs Magnet
Parental Involvement Plan/2014-2015

School Mission: The entire community of Gibbs Magnet School of International Studies and Foreign Languages will encourage all children to achieve high academic standards, as they become good citizens of the world in the 21st century.

Principal: Felicia Hobbs

Parent Facilitator: Kecia Fells/Kim Romain

District: Little Rock

School Improvement Status: N/A

Grade levels: Prek-5

Are you title 1 school wide: No

Percent of free/reduced lunch: 40.59 percent

Parent Involvement Committee Members

Felicia Hobbs, Principal

Jessica Harris, Teacher

Ashley Sims, Teacher

VP Parker, Parent

Kecia Fells, Parent Facilitator/Counselor

Kim Romain, Parent Facilitator/Math Facilitator

Gibbs Magnet will communicate with parents in the following ways to increase parent involvement and to support classroom instruction by:

- Distributing a bi-monthly newsletter developed by school staff, principal and the parent teacher association which will include school news and activities, district events, and parenting tips. Vicki Gonterman writes the newsletter. She can be contacted at 447-4921 or Vicki.gonterman@lrsd.org.
- Distributing parent involvement surveys at the beginning of the year to help develop goals and objectives for the school year. This survey will be distributed by the parent facilitator and/or the PTA. For more information, contact Alfred Johnson at Alfreda.johnson@lrsd.org or Kecia Fells at 447-4904 or kecia.fells@lrsd.org.

- Distributing volunteer opportunities to all parents. Then, a volunteer resource document will be created and shared with staff and parents. This will be distributed during the fall semester of 2014
- Utilizing the school website and edline to communicate pertinent school information. Edline provides parents access to their child's grades and parents may use edline to communicate with their child's teacher. Contact Lori Diffie for more information at 447-4935 or lori.diffie@lrsd.org.
- Providing two parent teacher conferences per school year for individual students to discuss academic and behavioral progress. Parent teacher conferences will be held on October 16th & 20th, 2014 & February 12th & 16th, 2014.
- Utilizing student's assignment notebooks, teacher web pages, e-mail and telephone calls to communicate individual student's academic and behavioral progress.
- PTA has an additional website

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Gibbs Magnet will plan the following activities to increase parental involvement and to build staff and parent capacity:

- Parent observations and training sessions will be scheduled to help parents help their children academically. These may be scheduled by individual teachers and or grade levels. You may contact your child's teacher for further information.
- A family math and literacy night will be scheduled to help parents better understand instructional strategies and their purpose in the classroom setting. This will be held in the fall.
- Annually, the school will host a Grand Gathering the transition to a new school year and communicate school expectations. This will be held on August 14, 2014.
- During a title 1 parent meeting, the school principal will share statewide assessment information with parents. Also, teachers will provide an overview of grade level expectations and classroom rules and procedures. This will be announced in the fall.
- Gibbs Magnet will encourage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning:

Check-In	Aug. 4th & 5 th	PTA/Staff
Gibbs Grand Gathering	Aug. 14th	PTA/Staff
Teacher & I Pictures	Aug. 21 st	Staff
Book Fair	Sept. 2 nd -5 th	Gibson
Grandparents day luncheon	Sept. 5 th	PTA
PTA Meeting	Sept. 11 th	PTA
Fall Fund Raiser	Sept. 15 th - 29 th	PTA
Birthday Table	Sept. 18 th	PTA
Coffee Cafe'	Oct. 3 rd	PTA
3 rd /4 th grade Musical	Oct. 6 th	Baker
Parent Conferences	Oct. 16 th	District/Staff
Teacher Record Day	Oct. 17 th	
Parent Conferences	Oct. 20 th	District/Staff
Honor's Assembly	Oct. 23 rd	Kecia Fells
Dad's Day Luncheon	Oct. 24 th	PTA
Coffee Café'	Nov. 5 th	PTA
Do the Right Thing Field Trip	Nov. 5 th	Kecia Fells
Professional Development	Nov. 6 th & 7 th	PTA
Check Us Out	Nov. 12 th -14 th	District/Staff
PTA Meeting	Nov. 13 th	PTA
Staff Appreciation	Nov. 21 st	PTA
Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov. 24 th -28 th	District
Coffee Café'	Dec. 5 th	PTA
1 st /2 nd Grade Musical	Dec. 8 th	Baker
Birthday Table	Dec. 12 th	PTA
Holiday Parties	Dec. 19 th	PTA/Staff
Winter Vacation	Dec. 22-31	
Winter Vacation	Jan. 1st-2nd	

Professional Development	Jan. 5 th	
PTA Meeting	Jan. 8 th	PTA
Coffee Café'	Jan. 9 th	PTA
Honor Assembly	Jan. 15 th	Kecia Fells
Tour of Gibbs Home	Jan. 21 st	Staff
Do the Right thing Field Trip	Jan. 23 rd	Fells
Open Enrollment	Jan. 26 th - Feb. 6 th	District
Coffee Café'	Feb. 6 th	PTA
Parent Conference	Feb. 12 th	PTA/Staff
Valentine's Day Parties	Feb. 12 th	PTA/Staff
Parent Conference	Feb. 16 th	District/Staff
Little Rockers Marathon	Feb. 28 th	Bradford
PTA Meeting	March 12 th	PTA
Kindergarten Musical	March 16 th	Baker
Staff Development	March 20 th	District/Staff
Spring Break	March 23 rd -27 th	
Coffee Café'	April 3 rd	PTA
Honor Assembly	April 16 th	Kecia Fells
Do the Right Thing Field Trip	April 17 th	Kecia Fells
Earth Day Parade	April 22 nd	Staff
International Festival	May 1 st	PTA/Staff
Staff Appreciation	May 4 th	PTA
PTA Meeting	May 7 th	PTA
Mother's Day Luncheon	May 8 th	PTA
Birthday Table	May 15 th	PTA
Memorial Day	May 25 th	
Pre K Graduation	May 27 th	Staff
Honor Assembly	May 28 th	Gonterman

Fifth Grade Ceremony	May 29 th	PTA/Staff
Step Up Day	June 4 th	Staff
Last Day of School	June 4 th	

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Garden Club	Weekly	PTA
International Speaker's Bureau	Ongoing	Vicki Gonterman
Field Trips	Ongoing	School Staff
Field Day	Spring	School Staff

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Gibbs Magnet will distribute a list of volunteer opportunities and allow parents to select activities and/or events of interest. Procedures for various involvement opportunities will be briefly outlined by previous volunteers or the PTA.

- Gibbs Magnet will work with the various LRSD middle schools to help provide a smooth transition from one school to the next by communicating the orientation process. A special orientation meeting will be held for parents of fifth graders to help them understand the move to middle school. You may contact Kecia Fells at 447-4904 or Kecia.fells@lrzd.org for further information. This occurs during the month of January.
- Gibbs Magnet will provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: Role play and demonstration by trained volunteer, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education. For more information, contact Felicia Hobbs at 447-4900 or Felicia.hobbs@lrzd.org.
- The parent facilitator or trained designee will provide no fewer than two hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies.

Gibbs Magnet will work with the PTA to develop a school-parent-compact. This compact will outline 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. All Stakeholders will sign the compact.

Gibbs Magnet will provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide ACSIP Plan to engage them in the decision-making process in regards to student achievement.

Gibbs Magnet will involve parents on school improvement planning committees. Parents and staff will be provided with a brief training concerning this process by the school principal. This training will occur during open house. Contact Felicia Hobbs for more information at 447-4900 or Felicia.hobbs@lrzd.org.

Gibbs Magnet will take advantage of the community resources for school improvement purposes.

Gibbs Magnet Parent teacher Association will foster parental and community involvement within the school. Contact

Alfreda Johnson Alfreda.johnson@lrzd.org for additional information.

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Gibbs Magnet will provide the following resources for parents:

- Gibbs Magnet has a parent center with easy accessibility to parents. It is located in the hallway across from the cafeteria and is available for parent use during school hours and after school. You may contact Kecia Fells at 447-4904 or Kecia.fells@Irsd.org for further information.
- Parents will also be encouraged to utilize the media center as a resource to help access edline to check student progress.
- Gibbs Magnet will distribute informational packets each year that include 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) This information will be given out during check in on August 4th & 5th. Gibbs Magnet will promote and support responsible parenting; the school shall, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review.
- Gibbs Magnet provides in the informational packet information on the process for resolving parental concerns step by step.

Gibbs Magnet will engage parents in the evaluation of our parental involvement efforts.

- Gibbs Magnet will engage parents in the annually evaluation of the parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment completed by teachers, parents and school staff. The parental involvement committee will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted.
- Gibbs Magnet will use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year.
- A parent survey will be distributed at the end of each school year to gather information on parental program effectiveness.

Gibbs Magnet will use the information collected to determine which activities to continue or discontinue.

