



Tellico Plains Elementary School

Parent-Community

Involvement Plan

2018-2019

Tellico Plains Elementary School

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Tellico Plains, TN 37385

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Parent Involvement Plan

Tellico Plain's Elementary School's Parent Involvement Plan has been developed in cooperation with the principal, faculty, staff, Parent Involvement Advisory Council, and parents.

Shared Responsibility for Student Performance

Tellico Plains Elementary believes that education is a shared responsibility of the students, the teachers, the parents, and community. Student success is greatly increased when we work together. Parents are asked and encouraged to communicate with their child's teacher on a regular basis. Parents are also encouraged to contact the school with any questions regarding their child's education. Tellico Plains Elementary School Promotes the involvement of parents and community in TPES Parent Teacher Organization, Parent Volunteers, and School Improvement Committee for SACS.

Communicating

Tellico Plains Elementary School will communicate with parents and the community about student progress and school programs effectively.

Methods for communication:

Newsletters-a schoolwide newsletter is sent home monthly with information on school activities and events.

Student Communication Binders will be used by each student daily to ensure effective two-way communication between school and home.

Open House-Parents will be informed of special programs, such as Title 1, offered at their school. Information is given as to how special programs in the school support academic achievement.

Classroom newsletters and/or web pages will be created by teachers to convey important classroom information.

Parent-Teacher Conferences- Each parent will have the opportunity to formally meet with their child's teacher at least twice a year.

School Website - School information, upcoming school events, lunch menu, student accomplishments, PTO information, etc., can be easily accessed by logging on to the school or teacher's website.

Student work assessment- Grade cards will be sent home each nine weeks. Progress reports are sent home half way through each quarter. Student work is sent home weekly for parent review. ParentVue allows access to up to date student progress online.

IEP Meetings- These meetings will include parents to set up their child's Individual Education Plan.

Local Newspaper- Announcements, accomplishments, and important school information will be submitted to the county newspaper.

STAR- The results of this computer Reading and Math Assessment are made available 2-3 times each year.

An explanation of TNReady for grades 2, 3, and 4 will be sent home to parents.

Student Learning

It is the goal of Tellico Plains Elementary School to involve families/community in learning activities and awards for students.

Parents are informed of the State's Standards and a checklist of goals for each nine weeks.

Grade reports are sent home for each nine weeks grading period.

A progress report is sent home half way through each quarter.

Student of the Month program is held at the end of each month to reward one child chosen from each class for outstanding academic work and behavior.

Perfect Attendance incentives are awarded several times a year to encourage good attendance. There is a Perfect Attendance and Academic Awards Ceremony at the end of the school year.

The Accelerated Reader Program draws monthly from tickets earned by students for a \$10 winner. A fun day is hosted by AR at the end of the year for students earning a determined amount of points for the year.

Literacy Night is held in February each year. Students and a parent partner participate in literacy programs and games. Each student who participates is registered for a drawing at the end of the night to win a Kindle Fire.

Field Day is held at the end of each year. This involves each grade level, with games that encourage physical fitness, good sportsmanship, competition, and teamwork. Ribbons are awarded to students for their accomplishments.

Parents

Resources for parents are available through the School Resource Center. Our school media center has available to parents, on request, a variety of information to help them in many aspects of their child's educational needs. Information on the Monroe County Family Resource Center is available through the school office. Assistance with various aspects of family needs is available to all parents and community members through the school office.

Kindergarten Readiness packet- These are provided to parents at Kindergarten pre-registration to help parents know what is expected of their beginning kindergarten student.

Health Screenings- During Kindergarten registration, a variety of screenings are offered to all enrolling kindergarten students. Among those are hearing, vision, dental, and speech screenings. These are organized and facilitated by the school and community as a resource for parents to utilize. During Pre-K application day, speech screenings are completed for those children in need.

Reading Connections and Home-to-School Newsletters are sent home on a regular basis to give parents suggestions on activities to do at home to help their child be a better student.

Volunteering

Tellico Plains Elementary School welcomes and encourages parent and community volunteers to support our students, staff, and school.

We utilize many of our PTO members as volunteers to assist in classrooms and other programs in the school that support curriculum.

Parents are asked to volunteer in assisting such programs as field day, career day, chaperone field trips, and school programs that help with funding and rewards.

Community Involvement

Tellico Plains Elementary School recognizes that our school and our students are more successful when we have the support of our parents and our community. The following resources have participated and will continue to be asked for their support in our efforts to make our school the best that it can be. We also feel that it is important for our students to join with agencies in our community to help others in need.

UT Extension hosts several programs in our school, such as 4-H for fourth graders and Health & Nutrition for third graders.

Simmons Bank- This bank supports academic achievement by awarding a cash prize to our Student of the Month winner.

Area businesses help many of our economically disadvantaged students by supplying them with clothes, gifts at Christmas, and dental service. Some of these businesses include ***JTEKT and Monroe County Dental Clinic***.

Ingle's Grocery supports our school by donating supplies and technology equipment.

Box Tops for Education is a valued tool that supplies teachers with extra classroom funding.

Community organizations help our students with needs such as shoes, glasses, and medical care. Some organizations also donate teaching and classroom supplies, and student award items. Some participating organizations are the ***Lion's Club, Shriner's, Kiwanis***

Club, Cherokee Women’s Club, Tellico First Methodist Church, and Hiwassee Church of God.

Bierley-Hale Funeral Home presents all staff members with a yearly calendar.

As a part of giving back to our community, our school helps raise money, food, etc. for such organizations as the ***Good Shepherd Center, the Red Cross, American Diabetes Association, and the American Cancer Society.***

Title 1 Services for Students in Monroe County

Students are eligible for Title 1 services based on the number of free and reduced lunch participants. Currently, we have nine schools being served by the Title 1 funding. There are two types of programs- targeted assistance and school wide.

Targeted assistance schools mean that only those students who have been identified as eligible for Title services can be worked with by Assistants at that school. School wide assistance schools means that no student or staff member is identified as “Title 1”. Being school wide gives the school more flexibility in the way Title 1 funds and personnel are used. All nine schools; Coker Creek, Madisonville Primary, Madisonville Intermediate, Rural Vale, Tellico Plains Elementary, Tellico Plains Junior High, Tellico Plains High School, Sweetwater High School, and Vonore Elementary School are being served as school wide facilities.

The emphasis in the new law is still on improving reading and math skills- that is; students must make the gains as set by the State in these areas. One major change is that all staff, including Title 1, must be better qualified in education to work with children. Specifically, the new law states that educational assistants must have the equivalent of two years of college or pass a test approved by the State. All assistants currently employed are highly qualified. At this time, Title 1 employs 6.5 Reading Specialist teachers, 1 Coordinator of Accountability and Parent Involvement, and 31 Educational Assistants.

Currently, Title 1 funds a Reading Program which is in operation in all nine schools. Our Reading Specialists and Educational Assistants work in each school with students who have been identified as needing help with reading skills. Principals and teachers are very pleased with the progress these students are making in this program.

Any questions concerning the Title 1 program should be directed to your principal or any of the Title 1 personnel in the Monroe County Education Central Office, (423) 442-7104.

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