

## **Southside Elementary School Parental Involvement Plan 2013-2014**

The community of learners at Southside Elementary is committed to educating the whole child. Through technology and best practices, students will be prepared for a rapidly changing society.

We recognize the family as the primary influence in a child's life:

1. A child's education is a responsibility shared by school staff and a family during the entire time they are in school.
2. Families and school staff must work as knowledgeable partners.
3. Families must play a positive role in providing for student success.

### **I. Program Components**

To support the belief of the Cabot Public Schools, the schools' parents, alumni and community must work as knowledgeable partners. The Southside Elementary School K-4 Parental Involvement Plan will include, but not limited to, the following components of a successful parental involvement program.

#### **A. Development of a Parent, Alumni, and Community Involvement Committee**

#### **B. Committee members: Casey Hannah, Lori Bridges, Jana Terrell, Vicki Marshall**

1. The above committee will develop a Parental Involvement Plan
2. The plan will be distributed to all Southside Elementary School patrons.

#### **C. Volunteer Plan**

1. Invitations will be extended to ALL parents to volunteer.
2. Parents will be surveyed regarding their abilities and interests as volunteers.
3. An orientation will be held to inform volunteers.
4. Parents will participate on site-based committees.
5. The committee will maintain a volunteer resource book for teachers, listing parents' interests and availability.

#### **D. Activities and Events**

1. Annual Report to the Public
2. Open House
3. Parent Teacher Conferences
4. PTO Meetings
5. Music Programs
6. Literacy, Math and Science Nights
7. Tutoring/Reading Partners
8. Grandparents' Day
9. Track and Field Days

- 10. Career Speakers
- 11. Room Parents
- 12. Parent Classes
- 13. Pals

E. Resource Materials

- 1. Parent center will provide parents with information to assist students in educational planning.
- 2. Parenting skills, interventions, and healthy lifestyles will be available through parent center.

F. Recognition of Parents

- 1. A notice of thanks will be published in the newspapers to all parents who participate in both parent-teacher conferences.
- 2. Parent recognition events will be organized to thank volunteers and/or community partners.

I. Information Kits

Parent Information kits containing pertinent school information will be furnished to each family at the beginning of the school year. Each kit will contain:

- A. Southside Elementary School's Parent Involvement Plan
- B. School Information and Website
- C. A district calendar
- D. A school calendar of events
- E. Dates of two parent/teacher conferences
- F. Parent Resource Center information

II. Parent Center

Parent Resource Center is located at the Southside Elementary School Campus.

III. School Policies

Southside Elementary School encourages parental involvement and participation.

- A. School policies/procedures do not discourage a parent from visiting the school. Each school will develop guidelines and procedures for parent visitation.
- B. The school process for resolving parent concerns is published in the Cabot Elementary and Middle School Handbook under appeals procedure.