

# Ward Central Elementary Parental Involvement Plan

Ward Central Elementary is dedicated to the effective education of all students. We recognize the family as the primary influence in a child's life, and know that the family plays an integral role in the educational success of all children. Education is a shared responsibility of the family and the school during the entire time a child spends in school. Families and school staff must work together as knowledgeable partners to attain success. Ward Central Elementary is committed to effective parental involvement. We welcome parents/guardians/caregivers to our campus and classrooms by providing a climate conducive to active parental involvement.

## I. Program Components

To support the belief of the Cabot Public Schools, the school's parents, alumni, and community must work as knowledgeable partners. The Ward Central Elementary School's plan may include, but not be limited to the following components of a successful parental involvement program.

### A. Parent, Alumni, and Community Involvement:

Ward Central Elementary will provide the following opportunities to involve parents, alumni, and community:

1. Advisory Committee
  - a. The committee will consist of school personnel, community members, parents, and representatives of Higher Education in our area.
  - b. The above committee will develop a Parental Involvement Plan that will involve parents and community partners in a variety of roles.  
cite plan will be disseminated to all Ward Central patrons.
2. A Volunteer Plan
  - a. Survey parents regarding their abilities, interests, and availability as volunteers.
  - b. Needs assessment will be conducted at the building level to determine needs. A list will be compiled and distributed to parents.
  - c. A volunteer resource book will be established for teachers listing the interests and availability of volunteers.
3. Activities and Events
  - a. PTO Activities
    1. Room Parents
    2. Grandparent's Day
    3. PTO Meetings
    4. Fund Raisers
    5. BooHoo and Bagels
    6. Field Day
  - b. Counselor/Parental Involvement Coordinator Activities
    1. Red Ribbon Week Activities
    2. Career Day/Week
    3. PALS Program
    4. K-Kids Program
    5. Veteran's Day Celebration
    6. Bully Prevention Education
    7. Just Do The Right Thing
    8. Parent Education Classes Offered
    9. Food For Kids Program: Backpack Buddies
    10. Special Needs of Children and Families

11. Supply Parent Lending Library Materials
12. Free Parent Materials
13. Back 2 School Fair with Community Vendors
14. Parent Information Packs

c. Media Specialist Activities

1. Book Fairs
2. Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Birthday Activities
3. Family Reading Pledge
4. Children's Book Week
5. Parent Lending Library Resources

d. PE and/or Science Teacher Activities

1. Field Day
2. Health Night
3. Science/Math Night

e. Principal Activities

1. Advisory Board Meetings
2. Public Meeting Facilitator
3. Facilitate Literacy Campaign in the Community
4. Facilitate ELO Program (Extended Learning Opportunity)

f. Ward Central Staff/Parent Activities

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| 1. Back 2 school Fair/Open House | August        |
| 2. Public Meeting                | September     |
| 3. Parent/ Teacher Conferences   | October/March |
| 4. Family Game Night             | November      |
| 5. Cookies with Santa            | December      |
| 6. Christmas Sing-Along          | December      |
| 7. Recognition Assemblies        | January/May   |
| 8. Math/Science Night            | March         |
| 9. Grade Level Music Program     | March         |
| 10. Field Day                    | May           |
| 11. Literacy Night/Author's Fair | May           |
| 12. Hallway Hero Opportunities   | Ongoing       |
| 13. PTO Meetings                 | Ongoing       |

B. Resource Materials

1. Handbooks, District and Title 1
2. District/School Websites
3. Parent Center Materials/Lending Library
4. Family Information Kits (Parent Packs)
5. Library Materials
6. Parent Tip Card
7. Pinnacle
8. District/School Calendars
9. Ward Central Twitter Account

C. Recognition of Parents

A parent recognition event will be held to thank volunteers and/or community partners.

II. Information Kits (Parent Packs)

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

- A. Ward Central Elementary Parental Involvement Plan
- B. School phone number, website address, Pinnacle Information, etc.
- C. Responsibilities of the parent, student, teacher, and school
- D. List of ways parents may be involved at school and in child's education
- E. A district calendar of activities throughout the year
- F. Dates of two parent/teacher conferences
- G. Title I Survey
- H. Title 1 Handbook
- I. School's process for resolving parental concerns
- J. A description of the system which allows parents and teachers to communicate in a regular, two-way and meaningful manner

### III. Parent Center

A Parent Resource Center is located on the Ward Central Elementary campus.

### IV. School Policies

Ward Central Elementary encourages parental involvement and participation.

- A. The policy regarding check-out procedures is published in the Cabot Public School Handbook under Checkout Policy.
- B. The Ward Central car-rider pick-up procedure will be available in the office and in the Parent Packs.
- C. The policy for classroom visits during school is published in the Cabot Public School Elementary Handbook under Visitors to School.
- D. The school's process for resolving parental concerns is published in the Cabot Public Schools Elementary Handbook under Appeals Procedure.