

# Mountain Springs Elementary Parental Involvement Plan

Mountain Springs Elementary recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family. In order to educate all students effectively, the school and parents must work as partners. Parental involvement is vital to the success of all students. Mountain Springs strives to meet all needs of students and their families and acknowledges that engaging parents is essential to improve student achievement. It is our goal to foster and support active parental involvement.

In order to ensure success, we have created the following Parent Involvement Goals:

- Positive working relationship exists between educators and parents in all ethnic groups.
- Diverse communication exists between school and home.
- Strong parent involvement is evident in K-4.
- Parents understand that PTO meetings are open to the public and input from all parties is encouraged.

## **Program Components**

To support the belief of the Cabot Public School, the schools' parents, alumni and community must work as knowledgeable partners.

The Mountain Springs Elementary K-4 Parental Involvement Plan will include, but not be limited to, the following components of a successful parental involvement program.

## **Parent, Alumni and Community Involvement**

\*Mountain Springs Elementary School will provide the following opportunities to involve parents, alumni and community.

\*Development of a Parent, Alumni, and Community Involvement Committee

\*A Parental Involvement Plan will be disseminated to all Mountain Springs Elementary patrons.

## **Volunteer Plan**

\*A parent sign-up will be conducted regarding their abilities, interests and availability as volunteers.

\*Parents will participate in various building level activities

\*A volunteer resource packet will be provided to teachers listing the interests and availability of volunteers.

\*Parents will share expertise in content related areas

## **Activities and Events**

**Back to School Event prior to the First Day of School (August)** - Parents and Students will have an opportunity to visit their classroom and meet the teacher. Parents will have an opportunity to receive information about ways to volunteer and will have a chance to pay for school lunches and take care of school supplies.

**Report to The Public (September)** - Parents will be given information about the school and the instruction their child will receive throughout the school year. Parents will be given a report on the state of the school and the plans for the upcoming school year.

**Parents Make a Difference Night** – Parents visit the classroom in order to learn more about daily classroom expectations and procedures as well as instructional strategies.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences (October and March)**

**Volunteer Opportunities** - There are a variety of ways that parents can volunteer at Mountain Springs Elementary. MSE Teacher Workroom, Reading Buddy, Parent Center, PTO are a few of the opportunities.

**Grandparents Day (October)** - We will set aside a special day for Grandparents to have lunch with their grandchild.

**Book Fairs** - Parents will have an opportunity to attend the Book Fair with their child to purchase books for family reading enjoyment.

**Family Nights for Literacy, Math, Science and Benchmark** - A night will be set aside for families to attend school and participate in classroom activities.

**Parent Center** - A Parent Center is available for parents to check out resources to use at home with their child.

**Communication** - Parents have the following means of communication: newsletters, email, website, letters to communicate student progress

**Parent Involvement Coordinator** - We will have a Parental Involvement Coordinator to represent our school.

**Military Family Support** - We will have activities each semester to help our military families with transitions made due to the service they provide.

## **Resource Materials**

District Handbooks  
District/School Websites  
Parent Center Materials  
Family Information Kits  
Library Materials  
Parent Viewer

## **Recognition of Parents**

A notice of thanks to parents for attending both Parent/Teacher conferences will be published on the school website  
Parent recognition events will be held to thank volunteers and/or community partners

## **Information for Parents**

- \*Parents will be notified via school newsletters or training regarding the following pertinent information at the beginning of the school year.
- \*Mountain Springs Elementary Volunteer Guidelines
- \*Information on how to access Mountain Springs Elementary Parental Involvement Plan
- \*School information and website
- \*District/School calendar
- \*List of ways parents may be involved at school and in child's education
- \*Dates of two parent/teacher conferences
- \* Parent Resource Center information

## **Parent Center**

A Parent Resource Center is located on the Mountain Springs Elementary School campus. Hours and a contact telephone number will be published.

## **School Policies**

Mountain Springs Elementary School encourages parental involvement and participation.

\*The policy regarding checkout procedures of children is published in the Cabot Public School Elementary and Middle School Handbook under *Checkout Policy*. The Mountain Springs Elementary car-rider pick-up procedure will be distributed in the Parent Information Kits and will be available in the school office.

\*The policy for classroom visitation during school is published in the Cabot Public School Elementary and Middle School Handbook under *Visitors to the School*.

\*The school process for resolving parental concerns is published in the Cabot Public Schools Elementary and Middle School Handbook under *Appeals Procedure*.

