

# Cougar Valley Parent Involvement Plan for 2017-18

## Parent involvement in developing and reviewing the plan

- An annual spring meeting will be held in conjunction with our annual Celebration of Learning to seek parent input and evaluate our plan. Participants will include: the principal, learning specialist, paraprofessionals, teachers, and parents. All parents will be invited to this meeting.
- Our School Improvement Plan (SIP) guides our instruction to help ensure student success. Planning and annual review of the SIP takes place within our shared decision making team and with the whole staff during August. The team includes teachers, paraprofessionals, the principal, and parent representation. All parents are welcome to review the plan at any time during the year.

## Providing parents with information throughout the year

- Parents are invited to attend Curriculum Night in the fall where information regarding the school program is presented. The principal and teaching staff is available to answer questions.
- A copy of the Building Parent Involvement Plan will be available to parents during the school year and on the school website. A detailed letter will be mailed home describing all the programs we use in LAP.
- During October conferences parents are invited to ask questions and provide input about the program as classroom information is shared and student progress is noted.
- Parents are informed when a student is invited to participate in a school academic intervention. This is done in writing and shared with parents at conferences, if not before. Parents are informed of the intervention model for the building, curriculum options for the student, and how and when the student will be assessed. The classroom teacher will share progress with parents, as needed, based on ongoing assessments. Information about curriculum, assessments, and programs is provided throughout the year through newsletters, letters, conferences and meetings.
- Digital access to Home Connections Newsletters for primary and intermediate is provided for parents.

## Effective parent involvement to improve achievement

- Parents are welcome to request meetings, provide suggestions, and participate in their child's education throughout the year. There are many ways to do this including conferences with the classroom teacher, additional LAP parent conferences, Student Success Team meetings, and discussions with the principal and other support staff. Staff is willing to work with parents to assist in their child's success.
- Teachers are encouraged to enrich thematic instructional units by inviting parents and family members to participate and share their cultural experiences.
- Interpreters for limited English speaking and deaf/ hard-of-hearing parents will be provided as requested.
- Our Student Success Team is set up to meet weekly. Students can be referred by any staff member as well as by parents who have concerns about a child's achievement in school. This is a team effort involving the parent, Learning Specialist /Counselor, School Psychologist, Principal, classroom teacher, and any other staff with whom the child works. As a team we discuss strengths, concerns, and strategies. Interventions may be put in place to better assist the teacher, child and parent.
- During the Kindergarten Round-Up add to the agenda an explanation about what the LAP program provides.
- New families will be welcomed and provided information at the annual Curriculum Night/Back-to-School BBQ.