

PineCrest Elementary

Schoolwide Title I Parent Involvement Plan

2017-18

During the 2017-18 school year, the PineCrest staff will work to support & enhance effective two-way communication between staff and parents. Planned communication events include: Fall and Spring Conferences, Fall Survey, trimester reports, and Spring Title Planning Meeting. Parents will have many opportunities to provide input, ask questions, and discuss information about their child's education.

All families will be invited to attend Open House in September. Information about the School Improvement Plan and the Title I Program will be presented to attendees. Families will be provided a copy of the Parent Involvement Plan provided by classroom teachers and a school calendar of events. PineCrest Intervention plan will be discussed at conferences to inform parents about the intervention groups available. Title I staff and the principal will be available to answer questions.

At the Fall Conferences parents will receive specific information about grade level curriculum, the assessment plan, student learning targets, and detailed information about their individual student's progress. Dialogue is held about parents' hopes and aspirations for their child, their sense of what their children need, and suggestions about ways teacher/staff can help. They will have the opportunity to review the Title I Compact and work with the teacher and their student to develop specific learning goals with support strategies. Parents will be informed at conferences, or before, of their student's need for interventions and will receive a written description of the intervention to be provided. Parents are invited to ask questions and suggest other strategies that would further support student success throughout the year.

A parent survey is given at the fall conference to provide families the opportunity to give feedback. In addition, all parents will be invited to attend a spring meeting at PineCrest to provide feedback on the current Parent Involvement Plan. The spring meeting will also be an opportunity for parents to give input for developing the next year's Compact, the Title I program plan, and the Family Involvement Plan.

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. The team includes teachers, paraeducators, the principal, and parent representation. All parents are welcome to review the plan at any time during the year. It is available on the school website.

Communication of student progress is formally shared with parents at the end of each trimester. However, parents are always welcome and encouraged to request additional meetings with teachers throughout the school year, as needed. Parents can request a meeting or make a referral to the school's Student Success Team (SST). SST meets on a weekly basis to discuss concerns about individual students and to determine the most appropriate interventions. The team is comprised of the parent(s), Learning Specialist, School Psychologist, a Resource Room teacher, the principal, and the classroom teacher. A child's strengths, growth objectives, and intervention strategies are discussed at SST meetings in order to provide the best learning environment for the child. We will provide interpreters for limited English speaking and deaf/hard of hearing parents as needed.

Parents will receive hard-copy and/or electronic school newsletters to inform them of learning opportunities at school and of any upcoming family events. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to volunteer, communicate with staff, and participate in class activities.

The PineCrest Elementary School homepage provides readily accessible information about school events and operations. Staff email addresses are available in addition to grade level links for math and reading support. PTA, PineCrest, and CKSD newsletters will be posted there as well.

Title I newsletters are also available on the homepage. These newsletters provide tips, strategies, and ideas for parents to help their children at home. In addition, there is information about Reading Olympics and Cultural Events. The homepage provides math support with information about access to grade level math materials.

Parents are an integral part of all we do at PineCrest. We welcome them and invite their participation in the day-to-day operation of our school. Our goal is for all students to meet academic standards. We will partner with students and their families to plan, evaluate, and participate in our efforts to improve learning.