



Deer Park Elementary Family Engagement Activity Well Received

Although we couldn't yet host our family nights in-person and in-building, that didn't stop the Deer Park Elementary staff from creating a meaningful and well attended parent and family engagement activity for Deer Park students and families in mid-March.

In an attempt to increase participation and avoid families and staff getting snowed on like at the Arcadia event a month prior, DPE staff sent home a planting activity with a book to read and everything needed to plant and grow their own plant from seed. Families were then able to respond to an optional survey about how the activity went, as well as make other parent and family engagement recommendations for the rest of this year. To add an extra element of fun and recognition, families could also send in a picture of their learner doing the activity to be featured on the Deer Park Elementary website. Reviews of the activity were extremely positive.

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Testing Update

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has announced that Washington State will not administer the SBA assessment this spring. To read more about this, the OSPI website address is: www.k12.wa.us/ Scroll down the page and click on the "news" link below the heading "Superintendent Chris Reykdal."

DPSD will continue to use district and school assessment tools and data points at our schools for gauging where our students are at academically and addressing their needs.

School Parent & Family Engagement Plans

In addition to a school improvement plan and Title 1 School-Wide Plan, we also have a parent and family engagement plan at each school. These are reviewed annually by parents and/or family members of students that attend DPE or Arcadia, though recommendations or ideas can always be submitted to our Title 1 Director, Steve Hitchcock (contact information on the back of this page). These plans were shared and available at conferences, and are also located on our website www.dpsd.org/title-1. As a requirement of the Title 1 program, these documents help to outline how each school works to partner with families, including events like We Heart Deer Park, conferences, and family academic nights/activities.



Curriculum Used at Deer Park

Deer Park Elementary uses the following core curriculums:

- English Language Arts: Wonders
- Math: Ready Math
- Social Studies: MyWorld
- Science: Mystery Science

Arcadia uses the following core curriculums:

- English Language Arts: Wonders
- Math: Eureka
- Social Studies: MyWorld
- Science: Mystery Science

In addition to these core curriculums, both schools use a combination of iReady and Fastbridge as a screener, progress monitor data point, and as a diagnostic. If you have questions about the curriculum at your school, please contact the building principal.

shutterstock.com · 1367018006

Please Share Your Thoughts

Call: (509) 464-5708 or email: steve.hitchcock@dpsdmail.org

Steve Hitchcock, Title 1 Director, Deer Park School District, Assistant Principal Arcadia Elementary