

### **Let's Get Together!**

Ruskin Elementary will host the following activities: workshops, events to build a strong parent/family capacity to support a partnership among the school, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement.

#### Open House— August 2019

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

#### Annual Title I Meeting-September 2019

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about the requirements of the Title I program including the parent engagement plan, the school wide plan and the school-parent compacts. The annual meeting's purpose is to explain what it means to be a Title I school. Invitations will be sent home and posted in the school newsletter and local newspaper.

#### Curriculum Night-Fall & Spring

Learn what your child is expected to master in all subject areas.

#### GRITS for Grandparents—Fall

#### Reading & Math Night - Fall

#### Lunch-n-Learn-Throughout the Year

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education.

#### Technology Talk-Fall

Catch up on the latest technical resources to help support your child's learning.

#### School Forum—May 2020

A forum is for parents to participate in discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parental engagement plan, school-parent compacts and the parental engagement budget.

#### Family Engagement/ Honors Day

#### School-wide Parent Conferences—January 2020

Parents will meet teachers to discuss their student's progress and ways parents can help their children.

### **2019–20 District Goals**

Increase academic achievement in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies 3% in proficient and distinguished on Georgia Milestones in FY20.

### **2019-20 School Goals**

Our goal is an increase of 5 percentage points of the number of students reading on grade level as indicated in the area of reading status as measured by GMAS Spring assessment.

#### ***The focus for reading is:***

K-2 Sight Word Fluency

3-5: Reading fluency and comprehension

### **School-Parent Compacts**

Parents, students, and staff work together to develop the parent compact. Teachers provide strategies for parents to use at home. Meetings are held in the spring to revise the compact based on the school's goals and students' needs. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers.

This compact is an agreement that explains how parents, students, and teachers will work together to ensure that all students reach grade level standards. Every parent will receive a compact to keep at home. During parent-teacher conferences and other parent meetings the compact will be reviewed and discussed.

### **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

#### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Ruskin Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Ruskin Elementary values the contribution and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Ruskin Elementary will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

#### **How is it revised?**

Ruskin Elementary welcomes parent input and comments at any time during the school year. Parent feedback will be used to review and revise the parent engagement plan and the school-wide plan for the next year. Both plans are posted on the school website for parents to view and post feedback. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions and feedback on the use of the 1% funds set aside for parent engagement. Parents can also give feedback during various parent meetings, workshops, the spring input meeting with the School Improvement Team and school leaders to review and revise the school-wide plan for the upcoming school year.

#### **Who is it for? EVERYONE !**

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Ruskin Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of all parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

#### **Where is it available?**

Parents receive a copy at the beginning of the school year. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan from the Title I Parent Engagement Coordinator and view it on the school website.

## ***Ruskin Elementary Parent Engagement Plan and Plan for Shared Student Success 2019-2020 School Year***



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#### **What is Title I?**

Ruskin Elementary is identified as Title I school-wide. This means the school receives federal funds to support efforts to challenge all students to meet state academic standards and assessments.

Ruskin will provide opportunities for parents/families to participate in programs to help their child be academically successful. These programs will focus on improving student achievement and include strategies to promote family engagement. As a Title I school, we will work with all parents to develop a written parent engagement plan.

### Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources. Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm .

### Parent and Family Engagement

Ruskin Elementary believes that parent engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities including:

- ◆ Parents play an integral role in assisting with their child’s learning.
- ◆ Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school.
- ◆ Parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Ruskin Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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### Ruskin Elementary is Branching Out!

Ruskin Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, events and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school Website and included in the weekly school newsletter for all parents.
- Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Help parents and their pre-k children prepare for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school’s academic standards, assessments, ways parents can monitor their child’s progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate staff on the importance of parental engagement.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child’s achievement.
- Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental engagement plan an activities.
- Collect feedback from parents at events in order to respond to parents’ requests for support for parental engagement activities.

**Parent and Family Engagement Standards**  
Ruskin Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school’s model in engaging parents, students and the community.

These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

### Parent Advisory Committee

Ruskin Elementary invites all parents to join the Parental Advisory Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Parental Advisory Committee, please contact Julie Augustine at (912) 287-2325.



**Attendance—IT IS IMPORTANT**  
For students to be academically successful, they **NEED** to be present at school. It is the goal of Ruskin Elementary to work with parents to ensure ALL students are present every day.  
We understand children get sick and emergencies arise. Please contact your child’s teacher and/or school when your child is absent. When your child returns to school, they **MUST** bring a note signed by the parent explaining why they were absent.

### Parent Advisory Committee

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Parent Advisory Committee.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the Parent Engagement Committee.
- Please send me notification about future meetings and updates.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child’s Name and Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_