

2017-18 Boone Park Parent & Family Engagement Plan

District: North Little Rock School District

Grade Levels: PreK-5

Parent Involvement Coordinator: Darby Wallace

Are you Title I school wide: yes

Percent of free and reduced lunch: 98% Currently the NLRSD is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision Program and all students eat breakfast and lunch free of charge

Parent Involvement Committee Members:

Steve Orobona, Principal

Darby Wallace, LMS and Parent Facilitator

Scot Tyler, Asst. Principal

Jamesetta Ballard, Human Services Worker

Parent Member TBD

1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.

The school creates a monthly newsletter and calendar that the students, staff, principal and parent organization contributes information to. Mrs. Barton is in charge of this activity. She can be contacted at 501-340-5160.

The school maintains a website with instructional information as well as other parent involvement information. The contact for this website is Darby Wallace and she can be contacted at 501-340-5160.

The school's teachers communicate daily and weekly with parents through phone calls, notes, emails and weekly take home folders.

The school also hosts a Facebook page—Boone Park Elementary-We Are The Bengals. Mr. Orobona and Mrs. Wallace are both administrators of that page.

Boone Park will inform parents that a copy of the Parent & Family Engagement Plan can be provided in hard copy or on the website during the September Parent/Teacher conferences.

2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts.

Our calendar and the events listed are coordinated with Mr. Orobona, the Principal. He may be contacted at 501-340-5160.

August

August 10th - Open House

August 29th -2nd Cup of Coffee-a.m.

September

September 26th - 2nd Cup of Coffee-p.m.-Back to School Movie Night 6:00

September 29th - Spirit Day

October

October 18th -1st Nine Week Awards Assembly

October 23rd – 27th Bengal Bash

October 24th-2nd Cup of Coffee-a.m.

October 26th - Spirit Day

October 27th- Fall Festival

October 23rd -27th-Fit to Live

November

November 17th or 20th -2nd Cup of Coffee a.m.

Thanksgiving Baskets to Boone Park Families

December

December 1st - Spirit Day

December 14th-Christmas Program & 2nd Cup of Coffee-p.m.

December 15th-Classroom Christmas Party

January

January 9th-2nd Nine Week Awards Assembly

January 16th- 19th Bengal Bash

January 26th -Spirit Day

January 30th-2nd Cup of Coffee-p.m.

February

February 14th-Valentine Classroom Party

February 15th-Valentine Social Grades 3-5

February 23rd - Spirit Day

February 27th - 2nd Cup of Coffee a.m.

March

March 27th-2nd Cup of Coffee-p.m.

March 28th 3rd Nine Week Awards Assembly

March 30th-Spirit Day

April

April 20th S.L.A.M Night & 2nd Cup of Coffee p.m.

April 27th-Spirit Day

May

May 7th-11th –Bengal Bash

May 15th Talent Show

May 16th -Pre-k Promotion

May 17th-Kindergarten Promotion

May 18th - Fun Day

May 22th-5th Grade Promotion/ Parent/Volunteer Luncheon/2nd Cup of Coffee a.m.

3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities?

The school will provide volunteer opportunities during orientation at the beginning of the school year, during monthly parent meetings (2nd Cup of Coffee), and in monthly communications like the calendar and newsletter. Mrs. Wallace, the parent facilitator for the school is responsible for this information. You may contact her at 340-5160.

Our staff will participate in Parent Involvement training during professional development training as required by the state and led by Julie Drake, Parent Involvement Coordinator for the school district. Responsible party: Mr. Orobona 501-340-5160 and Julie Drake 501-771-8013

4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent Compact?

The school will create a School Parent Compact in which all staff, administration, students and parents will have an opportunity to be involved and have input. This will be done during monthly parent meetings and staff meetings. This compact will detail how the school and parents will work together to create the most positive and effective learning environment for the students. Mr. Orobona is the contact and her contact information is 501-340-5160.

5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?

The school asks parents to participate in school improvement meetings and committees, especially on the curriculum, wellness and instructional committees. This meeting takes place at the beginning of the school year during professional development times. During the Title I annual meeting, the parents are encouraged to ask about any Title I program and give input to the principal. The Title I meeting is held at the beginning of the school year, and this year will be held on September 26, 2017. The contact person for this is Mr. Orobona and his contact number is 501-340-5160.

The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. Contact: Steve Orobona – Principal; Darby Wallace – Parent Facilitator 501-340-5160.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

The school provides a Parent Center full of resources and is open every day. It is easily accessible and well maintained. The center contains instructional materials and parenting magazines.

In addition, we do a monthly parent meeting called 2nd Cup of Coffee. During those meetings we provide as many resources to the parents as possible. Mrs. Ballard is the contact person and you may contact her at 501-340-5160. The school's Human Services Worker works closely with the staff and parents, providing any assistance she can to assist our parents.

Boone Park Elementary encourages parents to use the Arkansas Department of Education free resources available on their website under the parent tab. Several helpful links are on this site ranging from My Child/My Student, to information in regards to hot topics such as safety, health and many others.

Informational Packets will be available to parents. This packet will include pertinent information for a successful school year. Steve Orobona, 501-340-5160.

Darby Wallace, Media Specialist, has been named Parent Facilitator at Boone Park.

The NLRSD Parent-Student Handbook gives information on complaints, problem solving and appeal procedure.

Responsible Party: Steve Orobona, Micheal Stone

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts?

A Parent Volunteer Survey is included in our student handbook that the parents use to indicate how they wish to be involved at school. The teachers retain copies of the survey and a notebook is maintained in the library as well. Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Ballard are the contacts. You may contact them at 501-340-5160.

8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year?

The Parent Involvement Committee selects the 3 most requested activities on the interest surveys and incorporates them into our 2nd Cup of Coffee parent meetings. This year, the three most requested activities were how parents can help their child at home, how to help a child who has fallen behind and child safety. Each topic has been included in our planning of our parent meetings. Mrs. Ballard is the contact, you may contact her at 501-340-5160.

9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately?

The school will conduct a Title I annual meeting separately from all other meetings at the beginning of the school year. The principal will present all necessary information at that time. This year's meeting was held on September 26, 2017 at 5:30 pm. Mr. Orobona is the contact person and you may call him at 501-340-5160.