

Greenland Elementary School Parent Involvement Plan 2013-2014 from P.I.E. Parents Involved in Education

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School Parent Involvement Committee: Pat Kienzle- teacher/ facilitator, Misty Wilson - parent, Lori Gaither – parent, Rachel Howard- teacher/parent, Kara Hill- teacher/ parent

Specific Interest: The specific purpose of the P.I.E. program is to improve involvement, cooperation, and communication between parents and school in order to improve each child academically, emotionally, and physically through an ongoing effective parent school partnership.

Goal

- To enhance students' abilities to succeed by forming partnerships between school, home, and the community.

Mission

- To provide district families with information, resources, and support as they successfully guide their children through early learning, continued academic achievement, well being, graduation, and transition into adult life.

Objectives

- **Communicating-** Communicating between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful. This helps parents stay informed about their child's progress and school events.
 - **Activities**
 - Improvements to Parent Teacher Conferences and communication
 - Provide a computer in the parent room for parents to check their child's ed-line account and work on educational websites with their child.
 - Collection of parent's contact information along with e-mail addresses to send out event notices, program announcements, upcoming events, etc.
 - Weekly classroom newsletters sent home, monthly newsletters sent home, announcements added to ed-line weekly.
 - Open House, Math Night, Literacy Night, Concerts, Morning show, Field trips, Family Movie Night, and Field day all events families are encouraged to attend.

- **Parenting** – Parenting skills are promoted and supported. Resources are available to improve parenting skills and assist parents in helping their children with their physical, academic, and emotional needs.

- **Activities:**

- In room 16, parents have a private place to work with children, volunteer, and do projects to help teachers. In the parent center we also have books, DVD's, and CDs on parenting, helping your child cope, and many other subjects.
- We also sponsor bi-monthly activities on parenting issues. During this time we provide snacks and child care and host lessons for parents. Parents also vote on the next lesson they would feel are the most helpful to them.
- Parents come to a variety of hosted events to help them become more aware of events in school, curriculum, Title 1 school funding, literacy activities, math activities, and websites that can be helpful.
- Parent Surveys are sent out to see how we can better assist parents in areas of need and how they feel about our program. Surveys also ask of materials and lessons they would like in order to better assist them as parents.

- **Volunteering-** Parents are welcome into the school their support and assistance is encouraged.

- **Activities:**

- Volunteer's sign into the office, then proceed to the Parent room 16 where trays and projects are lined up with information for volunteers to do.
- Volunteers are encouraged to spend time with students, helping them read or work on math facts.
- Watch Dog Dad Program
- Volunteer Luncheon

- **Student Learning-** Parents play a crucial role in assisting in their child's learning. At Greenland we want parents to know what their child is learning and the curriculum being used. We demonstrate highlights of the curriculum during Literacy and Math night. Curriculum and test scores are also mentioned in the monthly board meetings that are open to the public.

- **School Decision Making and Advocacy**- Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families. Parents attend Title 1 meetings that inform them and encourage them to be vocal on where state funding should be spent. Parents are also part of the Arkansas Consolidated School Improvement Plan (ACSIP) plan committees.
- **Collaborating with Community**- Community resources are used to strengthen schools, families, and student learning. List of community resources along with applications for food stamps, AR kids, and Housing Assistance are available in the parent room. We offer assistance to anyone who may need help filling out forms. We also provide small household items and assistance in clothing and food through our parent volunteer clock in program. Parents volunteer at home or school and clock in their hours are tallied up and they may use this time earned for their own products they need at home such as shampoo, detergent, toilet paper, etc. or parents can donate the time to their teachers.

The following schedule is of activities that will be going on throughout the school year. Please look for notes coming home from the P.I.E. committee, notes from teachers, and our monthly parent letter for the dates and times of upcoming events.

P.I.E. Schedule 2012-2013

| Month | Description of Activity | Date Achieved | |
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| June/July | Buy Watch Dog Dad Renewal Kit | | |
| | Decorate/ Restock parent room | | |
| August | Review of Parent Survey's | | |
| | Parent Volunteer Forms to parents | | |
| | Create Watch Dog Dad schedule | | |
| | Appoint new Parent Involvement Committee | | |
| | Parent Survey sent home in Family Packets | | |
| | Volunteer Sign in Notebook in office and Parent Room | | |
| | Student packets sent home to parents | | |
| | Monthly Newsletters/ Weekly classroom letters | | |
| | Watch Dog Dad registration forms in Family Packet | | |
| | Open House | | |
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| | September | Thank you Notes sent home to parents who volunteer | |
| | | Thank you Notes sent home to parents who sign Watch Dog Dads | |
| Parent Volunteer notebook in Parent Room with activities from teachers and center | | | |
| Provide computer for parent use to access Ed-line in parent room | | | |
| Thank you Notes sent home to parents who volunteer | | | |
| Parent Involvement Committee meeting | | | |
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| October | Literacy Night | |
| | Fall Festival (Fundraiser) | |
| | Trunk or Treat | |
| | Second Grade Show Off Music and Art show during lunch | |
| | P.I.E. Volunteer night Pumpkin carving | |
| | Parent Involvement Committee Meeting | |
| November | First Grade Show off Music and Art show during lunch | |
| | Parent Involvement Committee meeting | |
| | Community Volunteer Read Day | |
| | Watch Dog Dad Donuts Round Up | |
| December | Holiday Presentation and Art show/ sell 1:45 cafeteria | |
| | Parent Volunteer with children craft night | |
| | Parent Involvement Committee Meeting | |
| January | Parent Survey | |
| | AR reading week with parents | |
| | Parent Involvement Committee Meeting | |
| February | Faculty surveys for Teachers | |
| | We love reading!!! Week, Volunteers from community | |
| | Parent Involvement Committee Meeting | |
| March | Family Math Night | |
| | Review of faculty and parent surveys | |
| | March Madness about Math Competition | |
| | Parent Involvement Committee Meeting | |
| | Parent Teacher Conferences | |
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| April | Earth Day Carnival/ Trash Fashion Show/ Earth day costume Show | |
| | Talent Show | |
| | Third Grade Show Off Music and Art Show at lunch | |
| | P-I-C-K-L-E Party for volunteers | |
| | Parent Involvement Committee Meeting | |
| | Family Movie Night | |
| | National Volunteer Week recognition (last wk of April) | |
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| May/June | Trash Fashion Show/ Talent Show | |
| | Summer Activity FUN (ask volunteers from community to talk about summer programs) | |
| | Review this year's Parent Involvement Plan and begin to develop & adopt next year's plan | |
| | Fourth Grade Concert: American Pop Forever 2 pm performance | |
| | Field Day / Volunteer Lunch | |
| | End of year Award Ceremony | |

Parent Room

Please visit our parent center. The parent room is a place for volunteers to come and work on projects for teachers, other projects, get resources to help your child, and resources for parenting. Parent Volunteer's will clock in while volunteering. During this time parents will earn credit that can be spent on items needed at home or you may donate your credits to your child's teacher. The parent center also contains books and materials covering a number of topics that you can check out for two weeks. We will be adding to our book resources every year. There are many pamphlets also, which you can take home. These pamphlets and brochures cover topics such as homework, parenting, motivating your child, etc. We also have a computer in the parent room for you to use to check out grades online at Edline, take AR tests with your child, or even just play on-line games with your child. It is our hope that these resources will be helpful to you and your children.

Parent Center Books and Materials

Increase Your Child's Motivation to Learn

Improving your Child's Learning and Grades

Parents Guide to Helping Your Child Excel

Resolving Family Conflict

Creating a Home Environment for Learning

How to Help Your Child Study

Improving Your Child's Organizational Skills

Your Child and Homework

Many Parenting Magazines

And many more!