

Tappahannock Elementary School

Parent Engagement/Involvement Plan 2018-2019

We believe our parents want the best educational experience possible for their children. We, the faculty and staff of Tappahannock Elementary School, must reach out to parents by encouraging them and teaching them how to become educational partners. Our goal is to create open lines of communication and to actively seek parent involvement.

Annual School Events:

Tappahannock Elementary School holds regular events for parents.

Back to School Night- August 29, 2018 (4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) Students and parents attend Back to School Night in order to meet teachers and visit classrooms. The goal of the event is to ensure parents and students feel comfortable in preparation for the upcoming school year.

Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Parent Night- October 3, 2018 (5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.) Literacy and Math Enchanted Forest. Students and their parents will engage in stations in Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten classrooms. Students will be able to visit the Scholastic Book Fair with their parents. A musical selection will be included.

Scholastic Book Fair #1 - The first Scholastic Book Fair will be held from October 1 through October 5. The Fair will be open the night of October 3 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The book fair theme will be the Enchanted Forest.

2nd Grade Parent Night and Veteran's Day Performance- November 13, 2018 6:30 p.m. All 2nd graders will participate in a Musical Performance to honor veterans. Students will create poetry, write letters and create crafts which will be displayed in a gallery walk.

Parent Teacher Conferences- October 16, 2018 (2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) and February 5, 2018. Parents have one on one conferences with teachers. Parents can call to set up an appointment.

1st Grade Parent Night- January 11, 2018 (5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
Academic Scavenger Hunt. A musical selection will be included.

3rd Grade Parent Night- March 13, 2018 (5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.) SOL Pizza Dinner. Students and their parents will participate in a pizza dinner. A portion of the event will focus on strategies parents can use to support the educational process. SOL testing information will be emphasized. Students and parents will practice SOL questions together. A musical selection will be included.

Scholastic Book Fair #2- A second Scholastic Book Fair will be held from February 25 through March 1. The Fair will be open the night of February 27 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Book Fair Theme will include Dinosaurs.

Music and Art in Our Schools- March 2018- Students perform for Music in Our Schools Month. There will be an art show to celebrate Youth Art Month.

Food Lion Math Night- November 29, 2018 Parents and students are invited to meet TES teachers at Math Night which is hosted by Food Lion. Students work collaboratively with their parents to complete interactive math problems while visiting the store. Food Lion offers free items and raffles to participants.

One District One Book- Daily during February 2018- All students and families in K-4 participate in One District One Book. Every family reads the same book according to a predetermined schedule. The book is used during the instructional day and the radio station asks questions based on the content.

School Communication:

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram Update- The school Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages are being updated on a regular basis. School Calendar information and events are included on the Facebook page.

Classroom Newsletters- Parents receive weekly grade level newsletters.

School Messenger- School Messenger is an alert system used to send phone, email and text messages to parents. The system is also used to send messages to the families of students who are absent.

Communication Folders- Each student in the school is issued a communication folder. Grade levels have established procedures for using the communication folder. The communication folder goes home with students on a regular basis and is signed by a parent.

School Agendas- School agendas are issued to 2nd and 3rd grade students. Students are responsible for keeping important items, such as homework, in their agenda. Agendas are signed by parents.

Rewards Assemblies- An assembly is held after each grading period in order to recognize students for academic, attendance and behavioral achievement. Parents are invited to attend. These assemblies occur during the school day.

PBIS Rewards Events- Monthly lunch receptions are held for students who achieve special recognition for PBIS. Students who receive the monthly awards get to eat lunch on the stage with their parents. This allows parents to visit the school and celebrate their child's behavioral success.

Parent Volunteers- Parents who are interested in volunteering in their child's classroom can do so by filling out a volunteer form. Parents are welcome to assist under the direction of the teacher. Outside volunteers are utilized in classrooms after completing the volunteer application process. Essex High School students are also allowed to volunteer in classrooms.

Student Handbook- A detailed student handbook is issued each year. The handbook contains specific information about all aspects of the school.

Public Relations Chair- We have an appointed teacher who handles public relations. This person will submit articles to the newspaper and send information to be shared on the school web-site.

Remind/ ClassDojo- Teachers will use secure apps to communicate with parents.

Parent Teacher Organization:

Tappahannock Elementary School has an active parent teacher organization which is open to all parents and teachers. General PTO meetings occur monthly at 6:00 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

PTO Meeting Dates: September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 7, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, and June 10.

PTO Sponsored School Events:

Holiday Shop- Date to Be Determined- Students and their parents can visit the Holiday Shop to purchase items.

Cocoa with Santa- Date to be determined

Field Day- June 10, 2018 Students, with the help of numerous family volunteers, attend a day of outdoor fun.

PBIS-AR Celebration- June 12, 2018 Students receive awards for high achievement in the Positive Behavior Intervention Program and Accelerated Reader Program.

The PTO supplies volunteers and financial support for special events throughout the school year. At this time, some of their events are still to be determined.