WHAT IS A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN?

It is a plan that describes how our school will provide opportunities to improve family engagement that will support student learning at school and at home. All students and their families are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. The school will provide information and as many opportunities as possible for the participation of all family members.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL–FAMILY PROMISE?

It is a written agreement that outlines how the school, the students, and the family will work together to ensure your child’s academic success. An effective School-Family Promise contains the following elements:

- Clear learning goals that are linked to the school’s improvement plan
- Specific skills students will learn during the year
- Strategies that staff, families, and students will use to improve student learning
- Ways to extend learning at home
- Methods teachers and family members will use to communicate about student progress
- Opportunities for family members to observe and participate in the classroom
- Jointly-developed by families, school staff, students, community business partners, and other stakeholders during our Planning Meeting
- Reviewed and revised throughout the year. At Beaver Ridge, the School-Family Promise is revisited during Parent Teacher Conferences, at Parent Workshops, and periodically throughout the year.

LET’S TALK

Beaver Ridge is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student learning. Some of the ways we can foster effective communication include:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday Folders
- Parent Portal
- Email and Phone Conferences
- School Events and Parent Workshops
- Teacher eClass Page

If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact Ms. Gina Alonso at 770-447-2680.

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD OUR PARTNERSHIP

- Title One Planning Meeting
- Curriculum Night
- Parent Workshops
- Title One Annual Meeting
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (October 19-20 & March 1-2)
- Literacy Night
- STEM Night
- Kindergarten Transition Meeting
- Celebration of Learning
- 5th Grade Bridging Ceremony
- English Classes
- Technology Classes
- Candlelight Luncheon
WHERE IS THE PLAN AVAILABLE?

The Family and Community Engagement Plan and all other Title I information are available on our school's website at https://www.gcpsk12.org/BeaverRidgeES under the Title I Section. Families can also find paper copies of this Family and Community Engagement Plan in our Parent Center.

HOW IS THE PLAN DEVELOPED AND REVISED?

It is reviewed and revised at least annually during the Planning Meeting in the spring. All feedback forms from the Planning Meeting are submitted to the Office of Federal Programs for review. Families who are not able to attend the Planning Meeting have the opportunity to review draft documents and provide input during the draft document review period.

COMMUNICATION

We, at Beaver Ridge, communicate with families in a family-friendly format by providing communication in a language that parents can understand. School documents are sent home and interpreters are provided at family events when applicable. Monthly newsletters, flyers, social media posts, our eCLASS Landing Page, and the school website is also used as a communication tool to reach our families.

If you would like to discuss the progress of your child, in-person or virtual meetings should be scheduled in advance and at a time when class is not in session. Staff hours are 7:30-3:15. Calls/Emails to teachers will be returned within 24 hours. If you have an immediate concern, please ask to speak with an administrator. The school phone number is 770-447-6307. Staff email addresses can be found on our school website. https://www.gcpsk12.org/BeaverRidgeES

ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING FAMILIES WITH...

- **Title I Program Information**: Program information is available during the Title I Planning Meeting in the spring and Annual Parent Meetings in the fall, on the school website, and in the Parent Center.
- **Curriculum Information**: Knowing what your child is learning at school is important. We will keep you informed throughout the year about what your child is learning during parent meetings, conferences, eCLASS, and on our school website.
- **Student Progress Monitoring**: The Parent Portal is an online resource that allows families to view grades, attendance, schedules, assessment, and your child’s results, course history, and much more. Monitoring your child’s progress in school is an important way to be engaged.
- **Parent Resources**: We have many resources available for checkout to use at home with your child. We also host several parent workshops to empower you as you work with your child at home.
- **Staff Training**: We will train our staff to effectively communicate with you. Your input on how we train our staff is valuable.
- **Communication**: We will communicate, to the extent feasible, all information in a language and format you understand. Whenever possible, we will provide interpreters during parent workshops, and academic events. Translation is available for most documents.
- **Transition Support**: Entering a new school can be scary for both students and families. We will host events to make sure both you and your child are aware of what is expected and how you can prepare as your child transitions to a new school level, college, and career.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Title I is a federal program designed to support school reform efforts to improve teaching and learning for all students.
- Title I programs are based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement.
- The Title I Office reserves at least one percent of the district’s allocation to fund family and community engagement programs. The use of these funds is based on suggestions gathered at our spring Planning Meetings from families and community members. Funds are distributed equally to all our Title I schools.
- Childcare and/or transportation may be provided for meetings and school events.

The mission of Beaver Ridge Elementary School is to develop lifelong learners achieving academic and personal excellence.
OUR DISTRICT GOALS

Language Arts: All students will graduate as analytical readers, writers, and communicators of language.

Math: Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency through a deep understanding of numeracy with the ability to compute with fluency, think critically, and communicate their mathematical reasoning effectively.

Science: Students will develop a strong content understanding in the Earth, life, and physical sciences as well as develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

Social Studies: Students will develop a strong understanding of themselves and their role and responsibility in society by discovering the heritage of their nation within a global context.

OUR SCHOOL GOALS

We will provide all students with high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to meet high academic standards.

Beaver Ridge students will demonstrate growth in their reading levels and their reading comprehension as measured by state, district and local assessments.

Beaver Ridge students will demonstrate growth in their understanding of mathematical skills as measured by state and district assessments.

- Literacy: Reading comprehension and fluency across content areas
- Mathematics: Number sense and fact fluency

WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE SUCCESS

Beaver Ridge will...

- Provide parent workshops to teach parents math number sense, fact fluency, reading comprehension and fluency strategies to use at home.
- Provide parents with resources available to check out in the Parent Center to support student learning at home.
- Teach parents how they can use the school’s website to locate links to help build student understanding of math computational skills and fact fluency and reading comprehension and fluency
- Offer school wide events where families can learn by participating in games and activities to practice targeted skills at home

Martina Luna-Liranzo 3/24/2022
Principal’s Signature Date

As Students, we will...

- Practice the math number sense/fact fluency and reading comprehension/fluency strategies my parents learned at workshops
- Use the games and activities from the Parent Center to strengthen my learning
- Play the games shared at school events to extend my learning

As Families, we will...

- Attend Parent Workshops to learn about ways to help my child in math and reading at home

VISIT OUR PARENT CENTER

Our Parent Center has learning games, books, and many other resources available for families to checkout and use at home. Our Parent Instructional Coordinator is Giselle Gomez. She is available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your children at home.

Our Parent Center is located at 1.199 and is open from 8:30am -2:30pm.

Please contact Giselle Gomez for additional information about our Parent Center and resources available for check-out.

770-326-8093
Giselle.Gomez@gcpsk12.org

We appreciate volunteers! Volunteers are needed in our Media Center and our Parent Center. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Giselle Gomez.

Parents wishing to observe in a classroom must make an appointment with an administrator at least 1 day in advance. Observations are limited in time in order to reduce disruptions to normal classroom routines.