

# B.B. HARRIS ELEMENTARY

## THE PLAN... THE PROMISE...

2020-2021



### Harris Elementary School

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### 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 Harris Elementary, we will review our School-Family Promise throughout the year at our Curriculum Nights, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and at Family Engagement Workshops.

### LET'S TALK

Harris Elementary 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, Utilization of Agendas/Friday Folders, Parent Portal, Email, eCLASS, Phone Conferences, School Messenger System, School Marquee, and Flyers, among others.

*If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact: Ms. Lourdes Hernandez, Parent Liaison*

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### ACTIVITIES TO BUILD OUR PARTNERSHIP

#### Semester 1

- Title I Annual Parent Meeting
- Literacy Night
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (10/21 & 10/22)
- Literacy Workshop

#### Semester 2

- Milestones Workshop
- STEAM Night
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (2/17 & 2/18)
- Math & STEAM Workshop
- Title I Planning Meeting for SY 2021-22 & Document Review Period
- Kindergarten Transition Workshop
- Step-Up Night



## 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 [bbharris.org](http://bbharris.org) under the Title I Section. Families can also find paper copies of this Family and Community Engagement Plan in our Parent Center, the AP-TI Office, and the Harris Front Office. Documents will be disseminated using MyPaymentsPlus during the fall semester registration process and curriculum nights. As new students enroll, they will receive the documents during the registration process, also through MyPaymentsPlus.

## 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

Harris Elementary will communicate with families in an easy to understand way by providing school related communication in a language that parents can understand and translated to the extent necessary and reasonable. These communication methods include: School Messenger (email only), flyers, personal phone calls, school website, periodic newsletters, e-mail, marquee, Friday folders, progress reports, report cards, and PTA meetings.

Parents may schedule meetings at any time by calling the main office number: 770-476-2241.

## 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 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 with you 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.

## 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.
- ✓ All Title I schools jointly develop a Family and Community Engagement Plan with families.
- ✓ 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.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of Harris Elementary is to utilize research-based strategies and innovative tools to develop critical thinkers and effective decision makers.

## 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.

**Language Arts:** By the end of the 2020-21 school year, students in Grades K-5 at Harris Elementary will demonstrate growth in literacy as measured by an increase in the percentage of students scoring in the proficient and distinguished categories of the District Assessments Post-tests in language arts and students in Grades 3-5 scoring in the proficient and distinguished categories of the Georgia Milestones in language arts.

**Math:** By the end of the 2020-21 school year, students in Grades K-5 at Harris Elementary will demonstrate growth in mathematics as measured by an increase in the percentage of students scoring in the proficient and distinguished categories of the District Assessments Post-tests in mathematics and students in Grades 3-5 scoring in the proficient and distinguished categories of the Georgia Milestones in mathematics.

**Science & Social Studies:** By the end of the 2020-21 school year, students in grades 3-5 at Harris Elementary will demonstrate growth in science and social studies as measured by an increase in the percentage of students scoring in the proficient and distinguished categories of the District Assessments Post-tests in science and social studies and an increase in the percentage of students in Grade 5 scoring in the proficient and distinguished categories of the Georgia Milestones in science and social studies.

Skills to Support School Goals:

- Literacy – Read fluently in order to comprehend texts
- Math – Understand and solve word problems

## WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE SUCCESS

**Harris Elementary will...**



- Offer literacy workshops for parents to provide tools & strategies to support reading comprehension and fluency at home.
- Offer math workshops for parents to provide tools & strategies for understanding and solving word problems.
- Offer technology components at each family workshop to support reading fluency and comprehension and mathematical problem solving.

*Erin Hahn*

June 3, 2020

Principal's Signature

Date

**As Students, we will...**



- Practice reading skills and comprehension strategies, practice high frequency/sight words, and read daily to improve fluency and comprehension.
- Practice word problem solving strategies at home using resources learned by our parents in workshops and taught by our teachers in class.
- Practice reading comprehension and word problem solving strategies using online resources, including eCLASS, and other tools at home

**As Families, we will...**



- Support literacy goals by reading nightly and attending parent workshops to learn reading comprehension and fluency strategies and high frequency/sight words and practice these with my child at home.
- Support math goals by attending parent workshops to learn math word problem solving strategies and games to use with my child at home.
- Utilize the Parent Portal and other online resources, including eCLASS, to support my child in reading and math at home.

## VISIT OUR PARENT CENTER

We have learning games, books, and many other resources available for families to use at home.

Ms. Lenora Smith is available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your student at home.

Our Parent Center is located in Rm. 1.368 across from the Media Center.

Hours of Operation: 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Please contact Ms. Lenora Smith for additional information about our Parent Center and resources available for check-out.

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Parents may contact the Harris Parent Center to schedule volunteer hours in the Parent Center, Media Center, and their child's classroom.

Parents may also volunteer and participate in the Harris Book Fair, Field, Day, Carnival, Campus Beautification Days, Relay for Life, School Dances, and other PTA events.

Parents may call the school and make an appointment to come and observe instructional practices in core curriculum.