

# FERGUSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

2023-2024



*School of D.R.E.A.M.S.*

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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 We will revisit this **The Plan. The Promise** throughout the year by posting the information to our website, MyPaymentsPlus, eClass page, including the information in our community/parent meetings, and emails throughout the school year.

### LET'S TALK

We plan to stay in touch throughout the year as we work together.

We promote two-way communication through telephone contact (678.245.5450), emailing your child's teacher directly (firstname.lastname@gcpsk12.org), teacher eCLASS pages, and monthly parent support meetings with our PIC and POL. Some teachers also use resources such as ClassDojo. Be sure to sign up if your child's teacher uses ClassDojo.

*If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact: [Maria S. Fernandez](mailto:Maria.S.Fernandez@gcpsk12.org), 678.245.5485*

### ACTIVITIES TO BUILD OUR PARTNERSHIP

- Curriculum Night (Fall)
- Academic Parent Teacher Teams (Fall & Spring)
- Digital Learning Days (September 15, November 3, February 2, March 15)
- Early Release Day Parent Conferences (October 18-19, March 6-7)
- Parent Meetings through our Parent Center (Monthly/Ongoing)
  - Coffee & Conversation
  - Social & Emotional Learning
  - Assessment Meeting (Spring)
- ESOL, Gifted, and Special Education Parent Meetings (Fall & Spring)
- Annual Title-I Meeting (Fall)
- Meet the Principal (Fall)
- Title-I Planning Meeting (Spring)
- Draft Docs Review (Spring)
- Kindergarten Transition Meeting



## 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/fergusones> 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

Be on the look for our school newsletter from the principal, school-wide email reminders, teacher emails, and more. Be sure to check our school website and Twitter pages frequently for updated information.

When concerns arise, please be sure to start your communication with your child's teacher. You can email him/her or call Ferguson's main line and leave a request for a return call. We will always do our best to respond within 24 hours. To set up a time to meet with your child's teacher, be sure to contact the teacher to determine a meeting time. If the scheduled meeting is virtual, the teacher will email you a meeting link. If the meeting will be by phone, the teacher will

explain the process for reaching her by telephone. Ferguson ES: 678.245.5450

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## 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, 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 with you in a language and format you understand. We will provide interpreters during parent workshops and academic events whenever possible. The 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.

## MISSION

The mission of Ferguson Elementary is to achieve excellence in academic knowledge and skills that promote the well-being of the whole child resulting in measured improvement against local, national, and world-class standards.

## OUR DISTRICT GOALS

**Empathy:** Cultural competence, staff, and student wellbeing, educator diversity.

**Equity:** Multi-tiered system of support, opportunity and access, equitable resource allocation.

**Effectiveness:** Results-Based evaluation system, talent management, educational return on investment.

**Excellence:** Preferred education destination, post-secondary and workforce readiness, world-class communication, and engagement.

## OUR SCHOOL GOALS

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

During the 2023-2024, school year, the students at Ferguson Elementary School will increase their performance in language arts and mathematics on both local and state assessments.

Skills to Support School Goals

- Reading-Ask and answer questions to increase comprehension
- Math-Problem solving & computation
- Social & Emotional Wellbeing

## WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE SUCCESS



**Ferguson Elementary School will...**

- Offer workshop opportunities for families to learn more about reading strategies they can use at home and in the classroom to support students.
- Offer workshop opportunities for families to learn more about the math strategies they can use at home and in the classroom to improve students' problem-solving skills.

- Host a transition meeting for the families of incoming Kindergarten students in May.
- Share tips with families on how to support reading and math skills at home through different strategies.

Mrs. Altonise Royal                      June 28, 2023  
Principal's Signature                      Date



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

- Read nightly to build fluency and comprehension skills.
- Practice math facts and problem-solving skills.
- Engage in learning activities to improve reading and math knowledge.

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

- Support the language arts goal by reading together nightly and asking questions about the reading.
- Support the math goal by practicing basic math facts together
- Attend workshops related to reading and math strategies for families.



## Visit our FAMILY ENGAGEMENT Center

Our Parent Center has learning games, books, and many other resources available for families to check out and use at home. Our Parent Outreach Liaison is *Maria S. Fernandez*. Our Parent Instructional Coordinator is *Ana Price*. They are 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 in Room 1.194.

Hours of Operation  
Monday-Thursday 9-11 AM  
Friday 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Please contact *Ana Price (PIC)* or *Maria Fernandez (POL)* for additional information about our Parent Center and resources available for check-out.

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## Volunteer opportunities



Ferguson ES volunteer opportunities:

- Media Center Help
- Cafeteria Help
- Counting Materials
- Organizing Materials
- Curriculum Nights
- Coffee & Conversation

Volunteer opportunities will be coordinated through our Parent Center. We would love to have you here helping students and teachers.