FAMILY & ENGAGEMENT POLICY

UP Elementary School recognizes that parents are their children’s first teachers and that parents function as educators throughout their children’s lives. UP Parent Institute provides tools and resources for families to create home environments that value education and nurture children’s curiosity for learning.

The administration, faculty, and staff of UP Elementary is committed to establishing programs and practices that create a climate of mutual trust and respect that support substantive parent involvement. At UP Elementary we believe that the education of our children is a shared responsibility. Involvement by the school, the family, and the community creates a stronger educational system and improves the quality of life for the students, their families, and the entire UP community.

In order to build an effective home-school partnership, UP Elementary will provide the following:

Communication: Establish various forms of communication (school to home and vise versa) that encourage regular discussion about school programs and children’s academic progress and behavioral management.

Parenting: Provide information that support families in creating home environments that value education and improve quality of life.

Student Learning at Home: Share information with parents about how to provide learning activities at home, help students with homework assignments, and plan for success in school.

Volunteering: Encourage and recruit parent participation in school activities both in and outside of the classroom, developing program ideas which respect the diverse needs of families.

School Decision & Making and Advocacy: Recruit and develop parents as leaders in school-based decision making and advocating for the welfare of students.

Collaborating with the Community: Identify, enlist and welcome community resources of all types to strengthen schools, families, as well as student learning.

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In order to build an effective home-school partnership, UP Elementary has taken the following actions to involve parents in the implementation of its Family & Engagement Policy:

**Communication:**
- Daily Conduct/ Behavior Report with comments from teachers.
- Monthly School Newsletter
- School Website
- Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter)
- Exploring phone applications that parents, administration, and students can communicate.

**Parenting:**
- Providing Reading and Studying Tips
- Providing Healthy School Behavior Tips

**Student Learning at Home:**
- Providing Access to Free Educational Websites
- Designing student work to involve parent/guardian to sign and review.

**Volunteering:**
- Asking parents to become volunteers for field trips and other school-wide events.

**School Decision & Making and Advocacy:**
- Hosting parent conferences with teachers and/or administration.
- Developing Family Involvement Needs Assessment

**Collaborating with the Community:**
- Partnering with Pat’s Coats for Kids annually to provide coats in winter.
- Partnering with ExxonMobil YMCA for events and camps.

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