

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT PLAN 2016-2017

Our School creates a **School Improvement Plan** with goals each year focused on math and literacy development, and school climate. The **Family Involvement Plan** details how we will meet our goals through the engagement of our Andersen families to keep you informed, provide you with opportunities to be involved in your child's education, and to equip you with the important tools that you need as your child's first teacher.

Planned Family Involvement Activities

Andersen Site Council

The Andersen Site Council allows parents to have a voice in decision making at our school. Site Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month.

Parent Education Workshops

Andersen will offer Parent Education Workshops and training, including, but not limited to:

- CPEO – Connecting Parents to Educational Opportunities (which due to Construction will be held off-site)
- New Comer Somali Parent Workshops
- Parent Book Club about child development
- Reading
- Math
- Social Emotional Development

Coffee with the Community

We will host monthly meetings with parents and the staff as an educational platform for discussion between parents and different school teams; ie. Admin Team, Middle School Team, ELL team, Family Engagement Team.

Talk to Your Teacher Week

Each Andersen teacher will host at least two parent events. These events are intended to welcome parents into the classroom and as an opportunity for teachers to share teaching strategies with parents.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Andersen will host parent teacher conferences twice a year.

Parent Volunteers

Andersen will emphasize and prioritize parent volunteers in the classroom and other school activities.

Diversity in Family Involvement

Andersen will continue to develop opportunities to encourage the involvement of parents that represent the diversity of the student body. This will include, but is not limited to:

- Hi 5 Night for Somali Families

- Latino Heritage Day
- Native American Family Involvement Day
- African American Family Involvement Day
- East African Involvement Day
- Parent Cultural Committees
- A focus on increasing diverse parent participation in the classroom
- Family Events For English as a Second Language
- NABAD End of the Year Celebration
- 8th Grade High School Registration Night

Middle School Parent Involvement

Andersen will support the involvement of middle school parents through middle school family events. Always inviting families for all school events.

Parent – School Communication

Comprehensive Interpreting Services

Andersen will provide interpreting services in Spanish and Somali daily for parents during the school at all family events. Interpreters for other languages will be provided as needed and upon request.

Comprehensive Translation Services

Andersen will ensure that all important written communications are shared with families in English, Spanish and Somali. When deemed appropriate, written communication will be provided orally in Somali.

Written and Oral Communication

Andersen will communicate with parents regularly through our automated voicemail system (school messenger), email, the monthly Phoenix Newsletter, all school flyers, and letters home from classroom teachers.

Information Accessibility

Andersen will regularly update the school website, Facebook, and Twitter about upcoming school events and other important information to be communicated with parents.