Let’s **FACE** It – Monthly News

In the words of the inimitable Barbara Walters, “This is 2020!”

Welcome to second semester, where a plethora of important and exciting programs and milestones lie ahead of us. While your individual school is planning parent activities, here are a few district-wide reminders:

- **January 7, 2020** (January 13, 2020 for Year-Round Schools) – Classes resume. Welcome your families to the New Year by laying out a map for them to navigate second semester supporting their scholars as full partners with you.
- **February 6, 2020 12:30-7:00pm** – Year-Round Schools Parent-Teacher Conferences. Be intentional about your invitations to families. Use the Parent-Teacher Conference Dashboard on Insite to identify where the gaps are, and target those grades. Flyers may get lost on the way home; robocalls are helpful, reminder texts (either through School Messenger or other means) are more often looked at, and a personal phone call invite is the most effective.
  - Traditional schools, your conferences are coming up in March. It’s never too early to start strategizing and planning.

Welcome back, let’s jump in with both feet to partner with our families. When we work together, the possibilities for our scholars are endless!

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**Best Practice Tips for Family Engagement:**

**Trust:** Ditch the stereotypical beliefs about Parents and Poverty. Make sure parents have a voice and feel as if they are being heard.

**Ask Parents:** Create a survey to ask parents about their goals for their scholars. Ask what special skills they have that can be shared with schools. Ask what workshops and activities they would like to see in the schools.
Title 1 Compliance

‘Programs, activities and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.’
Title 1 – Sec. 1118.

Schools can meet these standards by:
- Holding SPO/PAC/FEC meetings in conjunction with Parent Teacher Conferences
- Updating schools’ website or social media bi-wkly (enlist students as part of a grade)
- Having SPO president to extend an invitation to parent meetings via the IVR and
- Holding network meetings with community partners and parents (community partners could also serve as sites for community service requirements) to name a few.

Your FACE Coordinator is available to help with other ideas!

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Make sure your family is counted!

Every 10 years, the United States Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task: counting all the people residing in the United States. This count affects the allocation of funding for our community’s public resources (e.g., roads, hospitals, schools), how we plan for the future, and our voice in government.

An accurate snapshot means that communities across the nation receive the funding, services, and business support they deserve and need. And your responses are confidential.

Learn more about the importance of the 2020Census and how to participate: 2020census.gov.

Research Brief

Dr. Joyce Epstein has developed six subcomponents within the family-school connection: parenting and basic obligations, communication between home and school, in-school activities such as volunteering, helping the child learn at home, decision-making (i.e. serving on the parent-teacher association) and community collaboration. To read more click here: https://www.ncsl.org/research/education/family-engagement.aspx

Vendor Introduction

Responsibility – The Parent Institute


Harness the power of family engagement for school Success! On our website you will find publications containing thousands of research-based ideas to help parents to understand their vital role as well as specific, easy-to-use tips and techniques they, and students, can use at home. It’s never too late to help families!
Two-Faced - FACE activities worth duplicating.
Remember, it’s all right to be a copycat, you just need the right cat to copy!

PreK – 8 Activity Highlight
8th grade scholars could benefit from support in transitioning to High School. An intensive activity could be inviting families into a workshop to discuss the many changes that will occur when they go to high school. The workshop should also include a review of the many high school choices that CMSD provides along with a Say Yes informational. They can also start the process of career planning. It is never too early or too late!

High School Activity Highlight
11th grade scholars could benefit from support in transitioning to their senior year. An intensive activity could be inviting families of 11th graders to a workshop to discuss what to expect as a senior. The workshop should also include graduation expectations, community service hours, college and career planning and discussing the many senior activities that they will have the opportunity to be involved in.

The second annual 1,000 Ties event will be returning to East Professional Center on February 15, 2020. Doors will open at 10:30am and event ends at 2:30pm. Getting Our Babies to College 101 & CMSD Family & Community Engagement Department would like to invite young men ages 6-21 and their families to this afternoon of community. We are connecting our youth and the business community one tie at a time. They will learn skills they can use for a lifetime like handshaking, eye contact, and how to put on a tie to name a few. Each young man will leave with ties that have been donated by people from our own community. Young men will enjoy workshops and have the opportunity to be connected with a mentor. Come out and meet East Tech Basketball Coach Brett Moore and CMSD Alumni and Christopher Scott. For our mothers you can participate in the Mom’s Chat with a licensed psychologist and a personal trainer. This event is free and there will be many resources including the Cleveland Food Bank and their truck with free food. Register today on the Getting Our Babies to College 101 website www.gobtc101.com

Come out and find out information about the great 1,000 Ties mentorship program on Cuyahoga Community College campus that is focused on STEM for young men ages 12-16.

We are still looking for male volunteers for the 1,000 Ties event and all volunteers must register online as well.