

CMSD | Family and Community Engagement – September 2019

Let's FACE It – Monthly News

And we're off! We have started a new and hopeful school year. Families and scholars are excited. This is the ideal time to get them engaged. Scholars are solidifying routines, and learning new things. Families are learning about new protocols, processes and opportunities while looking to support their children in making progress towards college and career readiness. Here are some highlights for September 2019:

- Open House is September 11th and 12th. This is the time to get to know your families and have your families get to know you. Ensure the Title 1 Power Point has good information for families to know. Have some tables that display the resources and partnerships your school has to offer.
- Since families typically are more open to being involved at the beginning of the school year, this is the time to develop your Family Engagement Committee. The FEC is the platform to create and review family engagement activities for the school year. Invite caregivers to be a part of it!
- Teachers, let your families know what are the 3 most important things that the scholar should be able to do and/or know by the end of the school year. Let them know how they can support at home. Make sure they have access to the method of 2 way communication established for your classroom.
- Look forward to the new Family Partnership Institute! This replaces the Parent Leadership Institute. It is an opportunity for educators, families and community to come together and learn about how to collaborate to support the scholar in their academic success. Look for more information to come!

Best Practice Tips for Family Engagement:

- Engage families at the door. Establish a routine of saying "Good Morning" and "Have a nice day!"
- Offer family workshops based on "real time" learning experiences and provide support for the activity like offering to show them how to access the schools' website.
- Employ a number of outreach strategies when attempting to meet with the families (txt, email, phone, flyers, IVR, etc...)
- Showcase scholar achievement, not just sports and musical performances.
- PLEASE be open to feedback from families. Use surveys and other measures to get their suggestions and input, then use it!





Title 1 Compliance

The first quarter of the school year is in full swing and we want to make sure that your FACE grades reflect all of your hard work each quarter. Please make sure that you send all the items below to your FACE Coordinator by Friday, October 11, for the 1st marking period (August 12th – October 11th). This is what we are looking for:

- Meet & Greet Sign In Sheets
- Open House Sign In Sheets and PPT
- Action Plans
- Flyers
- Newsletters/Calendars
- FEC Roster

FACE Ratings For Quarter 1

Budget usage:

Accomplished = 25% of Title I funds spent

Skilled = 15-24% of Title I funds spent

Developing = 5-14% of Title I funds spent

Needs Improvement = <5% of Title I funds spent

Family Engagement:

- Monthly newsletter or communication strategy
- Back to School Meet & Greet
- Family Engagement Committee established
- Open House Title 1 Meeting
- AAP shared and posted on website
- Family School Compact shared
- Parent Policy shared and on website
- Volunteers registered

Accomplished = All 8

Skilled = 7

Developing = 6

Needs Improvement = 5 or less



Research Brief

Oftentimes when student's transition from the elementary to middle school years, family engagement falls by the wayside. Family engagement that "creates an understanding of academic performance; communicates expectations... and provides strategies that students can effectively use" begins to take the place of checking homework. Just as we are building autonomy and good habits in our students, we have to also build the capacity of our families to reinforce the habits and grow into their ever-changing role in their child's life. [*Parental Involvement in Middle School: A Meta-Analytic Assessment of the Strategies That Promote Achievement* by Nancy E. Hill and Diana F. Tyson](#)

Vendor Introduction

Family Connections

A Cleveland-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our vision is to improve tomorrow's quality of life in the community by ensuring today's children are raised to be happy, healthy, and self-sufficient.

"Punishment vs Discipline Toolkit" A 2 hour course. Parents will learn age appropriate strategies for setting boundaries and using effective discipline techniques.



Strong Families Build Strong Communities

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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

"Hero/Shero" – This activity provides scholars with an opportunity to share a special moment with the support person of their choice. They are given a writing assignment that thanks the person for being a part of their life and given the opportunity to read their creative writing while sharing refreshments.

High School Activity Highlight

"Hero/Shero" High School Version – This activity provides scholars with an opportunity to share a special moment with the support person of their choice. Invite different speakers that focus on topics like Social Emotional Learning, Creative Writing, History, etc.. Choose what supports the whole child and/or theme/culture of the school. Have a roundtable discussion on the topic.

Volunteering with CMSD

***Thank you for
supporting CMSD
with your time
and talent!***

1. Ask to speak with the Volunteer Lead who coordinates volunteers at the school.
2. Agree to a specific function (job) you will be assisting with. Do not check off all the options on registration due to differences in security clearances.
3. Complete the online registration form at: <https://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/Page/537>
4. Email approval notification will be sent to you.
5. Remember to bring your ID (license/state ID), temporary volunteer badges will be issued at the school office until permanent badges are delivered.

