

# South Newton Elementary School

## Parent Involvement Policy

**Our goal is for each child to have a successful learning experience. For this to happen, it is important that the school staff, the community and families work together.**

In order to build a strong partnership between home and school, we will provide the following:

- An annual Open House where parents will meet teachers, learn about the Title 1 program requirements, and be given opportunities to become involved in their child's education.
- Additional meetings throughout the year to provide assistance to parents in understanding the State's academic assessments. Meetings will also focus on how parents and teachers can work together to monitor the child's progress in order to improve student achievement. Particular topics and needs from parents will be addressed through timely meetings.
- Meetings scheduled at different times during the day to better accommodate parents' schedules.
- At least two scheduled parent conferences where the progress of the students will be discussed and explained, as well as the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, academic assessment, state's academic content and achievement standards, and any other concerns that the teacher or parent may have.
- Monthly newsletters and weekly notes informing the parents of activities and programs along with the school website and school phone messages providing advanced notice of upcoming events.
- A School-Parent Accountability Pledge to outline how parents, school staff and students share the responsibility for improvement in learning.
- A minimum of two meetings during the school year where parents will have an opportunity to help review, plan for and make suggestions to improve the Title 1 program, as well as the Parent Involvement Policy, and the School-Parent Accountability Pledge.
- Newsletters with tips on various school related topics for home integration.
- A survey for all parents to express opinions about the current Title 1 program as well as to list ideas and suggestions for improvement and topics for meetings to meet the needs of the parents in May.

Parents and community leaders are always welcome at South Newton Elementary School. Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in an understandable format and language. Please feel free to contact Tammy Brown, Title 1 director at 464-3191 if you have any questions about the program.