

NEW CANEY ISD



DOGWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT 2018-2019



A LEADER IN ME CAMPUS



600 Dogwood Lane
New Caney, TX 77357

EVERY CHILD IS A LEADER

DOGWOOD ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT:

Dedicated to Learning,
Empowering Leaders,
&
Success for All.

VISION STATEMENT:

The vision of Dogwood Elementary is to prepare every student to be academically ready for the next grade level, the next school or university, and the challenges of life.

Each child will understand and accept personal leadership of himself/herself and accept responsibility for his/her thoughts, words, and actions, as well as a vision for his or her future.

VALUES & BELIEFS:

Dogwood Elementary is a "Leader in Me" campus, which means that we not only utilize the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, as outlined by Stephen Covey in his book of the same name, but we also directly teach these habits to our students and incorporate the language of the Habits into our Academic instruction. This process builds personal leadership from within and then, develops the habits and skills to be successful publicly. It is amazing to see our students not only learn these Habits but put them to use in their personal lives and become leaders on the campus.

We use a 'growth mindset' with students to break old habits and the 'fixed' mindsets many have that limit their belief in themselves and their capabilities. Every child can and will learn in their own time.

DOGWOOD LEADERSHIP PLEDGE - TODAY I AM A LEADER:

Today I am a Leader.
Every day in every way
I am getting better and better.

Today I am a Leader.
I have the power to create, shape, and
mold my reality.

Today I am a Leader.
I will accept responsibility and be accountable for
my thoughts, words, and actions.

Today I am a Leader.
I will be kind, serve, and be a good steward
to my friends, family, school, and community.

Today and Every day I am a Leader.

As part of the New Caney Independent School District, Dogwood Elementary will follow and adhere to all procedures and guidelines of the district Parental Involvement Policy found on the district's website. In addition to the district's policy, Dogwood will also implement the following policy on the Dogwood campus.

It is the goal of Dogwood to increase parental involvement every year. We believe parents and family are an integral component of a healthy student and campus. In support of this goal, an annual Parent & Family Engagement Meeting will be held no later than the end of May each school year to review, gather input, and update the Parent & Family Engagement Policy and the Parent – School Compact. A second meeting will be held no later than the last day of September to review and gather input, as well as update parents on school ratings and plans for improvement.

Parents are provided with many opportunities to volunteer, participate, and observe their child's learning. The school will also, provide a positive environment for communication between the parent, the school and the students. Regular parent meetings, held at a variety of times of the day will occur to support and facilitate parent/teacher conferences, share campus vision and mission, educate parents on the academic needs of children based upon the TEKS and assist in the ongoing revision, editing, and development of Parent and Family Engagement Plan and to provide ongoing input on the Campus Improvement Plan.

Family Nights, held monthly, and other events before, during or after school are held to support parental efforts to enhance learning for their students and enrich the school environment with programs and celebrations. See the dynamic and growing list of events and times for parent involvement and learning at the end of this document. These events include an 8-week Parenting Partners program during the fall semester that teaches leadership and parenting skills to our parents.

The Parent Lighthouse Team, a component of the campus Leader in Me initiative, meets monthly to provide input, information, and feedback to campus leadership on decision-making, vision and mission, and Parent & Family Engagement, as well as participate in the Campus Lighthouse Team with staff members. The Parent Lighthouse Team will select representatives to be part of the Campus Shared Decision Making Committee in reviewing and assessing campus needs, as well as writing the Campus Improvement Plan each year.

Dogwood provides parents with a variety of forms of communication and learning regarding student academics and assessment. This information is shared through the school website, Facebook page, teacher websites, teacher-parent emails, phone calls, parent-teacher conferences, Title I meetings, Family Night Meetings, parent handbook, district parent handbook, school newsletter, classroom newsletters, Thursday folders, IEP meetings, progress reports, report cards, Rtl meetings, ARD meetings, individual teacher-parent student notes, school marquee, Parent Lighthouse Team meetings, etc.... The basics of the academic and assessment information is also shared at the end of this document.

Parent feedback will be gathered through parent meetings, school-wide surveys, district surveys, classroom surveys, individual parent conferences, and Parent Lighthouse Team meetings. This information will be used to guide and direct campus communication, parent engagement and campus decision-making.

All written communication will be provided in both English and Spanish (or other languages) and be posted on the school website and social media pages.

ACADEMIC AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The curriculum for Dogwood Elementary is the state standards/TEKS. Instruction at Dogwood targets student mastery of these TEKS and utilizes a variety of resources, including district provided scope and sequence in Reading, Math, Writing, and Science. The district further provides a variety of resources to support this instruction, including Origo Math, Balanced Literacy Materials, Balanced Numeracy Materials, Units of Study and other resources. Dogwood also provides resources and training for all staff, in all areas of instruction.

Dogwood students in third, fourth, and fifth grade will take the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) each year. Throughout the year, Dogwood will use district-provided formative assessments, as well as campus and teacher-developed assessments to monitor and inform student growth and progress. These assessments will drive student instruction.

Pre-Kinder through second-grade assessments used to monitor and assess students include but are not limited to the following: DRA, CLI Engage, Happy Numbers, iStation, CBA's, campus assessments, teacher assessments, and running records.

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

<p>DOGWOOD FAMILY NIGHTS:</p> <p>October 11, 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Parent Education-How do I help my child at home?· 5:30 – 6:30 <p>November 8, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Student Lead Program – Habits 3, 4, & 5· 5:30 – 6:30 <p>December 14, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Christmas/Winter Festival· 5:00 – 8:00 <p>February 21, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Second Grade Musical· 5:30 – 6:30 <p>March 21, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Fine Arts Night @ Dogwood / Gallery Walk· 5:30 – 7:00 <p>April 18, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Fourth Grade Musical· 5:30 – 6:30 <p>OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:</p> <p>September 13, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Open House· 5:30 – 7:30 <p>September 21, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Leader in Me Tours of the Campus· 9:00 – 11:00 <p>October 4 – November 29, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Parenting Partners (8 Weeks)· Thursdays, 8:00 – 9:30	<p>OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:</p> <p>October 11, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Title 1 Presentation to Parents· 6:30 – 7:00 <p>October 22, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Parent – Teacher Conferences· 1:00 – 4:00 <p>November 9, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Title 1 Presentation to Parents (Second)· 8:00 – 8:30 <p>January - March 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 10 Week Adult ESL Class● 10 Week Adult Technology Class● 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. <p>January 31, 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dual Language Showcase <p>March 7, 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Leadership Day at Dogwood· 12:00 – 2:30 <p>May 20 – 22, 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Grade Level Awards Programs· 8:30 – 9:40 / 1:30 – 2:30 <p>May 23, 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Field Day· All Day
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