

Pulaski Heights Elementary

2020-2021 Parent and Family Engagement Plan and Information Packet



Pulaski Heights Elementary

319 N. Pine Street

Little Rock, AR 72205

501-447-5900

Principal, Anna Lloyd

Fourth Grade Teacher/Parent Facilitator: Kelly Navin

School Mission:

Engage, Educate, Empower: Learners for Life!



2020-2021 Parent and Family Engagement Committee **Members**

Ms. Anna Lloyd, Principal

Kelly Navin, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator

Mrs. Courtney Gasper, fourth grade teacher and fifth and third grade parent

Ms. Katie Saddler, Resource teacher and first grade parent

Mr. Mac Huffman, community member of Hillcrest Residents Association

Communicating

Pulaski Heights Elementary will host an Annual Title I Meeting annually. The agenda and sign-in sheet for this meeting will be generated separately from any other events and kept on file in the school's office. The school will hold the Annual Title I Meeting separate from any other meetings or activities to ensure we have ample time to provide a description/explanation of school curriculum and academic assessments, and convey the six types of parent involvement. Parent may have the opportunity to sign off on the district parent and family engagement plan during this time.

Pulaski Heights Elementary will communicate with parents and families in the following ways to involve them and to support classroom instruction:

- Distribute monthly newsletters and calendars to families
- Parents can access their child's grades through HAC using a PIN they receive at the beginning of the school year and use email to communicate with staff members
- Teachers routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about a student's progress
- Classroom teachers provide parents with an interim report every 4 ½ weeks and report cards every 9 weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress and citizenship
- Offering one community wide event each semester to inform families of strategies that increase student achievement and aid in successful school transitions. PHE collaborates with the Little Rock School District's West Side Cluster of schools.
- Offering one Family Night a semester at the school to distribute information about parenting skills and ways to academically support children at home
- Newsletters and messages on Parent Links and Pulaski Heights Elementary Facebook page will inform parents of readily available information for school events.

Parent and Family Engagement Opportunities

Parents are encouraged to attend the following meetings/workshops at various times to increase engagement opportunities:

August 2020	Parent Meet and Greet
September 2020	Title I Parent Meeting
October 2020	Hillcrest Harvestfest

October 2020	Jog-a-thon for the Garden
October 2020	Fall Carnival
November 2020	Book Fair
November 2020	Family STEAM Night
December 2020	Holiday Program
January 2021	Science Fair
February 2021	PHE Family Dance
March 2021	Book Character Day
March 2021	Coin Drive
April 2021	PHE Spring Musical
May 2021	Field Day
May 2021	Garden Party
May 2021	Fifth Grade Promotion
May 2021	Kindergarten Promotion and Honor Roll Assemblies

If you want more information regarding the activities above, contact the front office, 447-5900 or email the Parent Facilitator, Kelly Navin at Kelly.navin@lrsd.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Pulaski Heights Elementary will provide information to parents and families about volunteer opportunities by providing a list of needs during student check in and Meet and Greet. Teachers and Staff will explain the requirements to parents/families and encourage them to become involved in the school. Sign-ups for one-time event volunteer opportunities will also be distributed as the need arises. Brief training sessions will provide parents, families, and community members with the information they need to participate as a school volunteers in order to put them at ease and make the experience pleasant and successful. For more information, contact Kelly Navin 447-5934.

Learning at Home

Staff, parents, and students will sign a School-Parent Compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and how the school and parents will build a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards.

Implementation and Evaluation of School-wide Improvement Plan

Pulaski Heights Elementary will provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the implementation and evaluation of the school-wide improvement plan. This will be through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment and a school climate survey. The principal will designate one certified staff member to serve as a parent facilitator.

Kelly Navin 501-447-5934

Collaborating with the Community

Pulaski Heights Elementary will provide resources for parents by distributing the Parent and Family Engagement Information Packets each year that include a copy of the school's Parent and Family Engagement Plan. The Parent Center is located by the school entrance adjacent to the PE room. It includes updated materials using Parent and Family Engagement funds such as a computer for parents to check student grades, parenting magazines, and educational pamphlets. Families may utilize the services of the Little Rock School District's Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator, Kaye Rainey 501-447-3357.

National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS)

Pulaski Heights Elementary is a member of the Johns Hopkins University National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS). The NNPS School, Family and Community Partnership Model is designed to enhance parent participation and family engagement in the school and community. The family model is research based and references engagement, activities, and resources for the six types of involvement: Parenting, Communicating, Volunteering, Student Learning, Decision Making, and Collaborating with the Community. To support the six types of involvement, Pulaski Heights Elementary participates in the LRSD NNPS West School Cluster Team.

Pulaski Heights Elementary Staff Phone Directory

	Name	Phone Number
Principal	Anna Lloyd	447-5902
Secretary	Tracy Richardson	447-5903
Counselor	Mildred Calvin	447-5904
Nurse	Amy Stuff	447-5905
Head Custodian	Mr. Porter	447-5933
Custodian	Shanica Crutchfield	

Custodian	Kenneth Ware	
ETC Specialist	Sandra Fountain	447-5918
Media Specialist	Kelly Calkins	447-5916
Parent Facilitator, Fourth Grade Teacher	Kelly Navin	447-5934
Music Teacher	Elizabeth Haskett	447-5936
Art Teacher	Mimi Parrish	447-5944
Academic Interventionist	Whitney Ragan	447-5917
Occupational Therapist	Sherry Nehus	447-5910
Paraprofessional	Carol Bealer	
Paraprofessional	Lydia Jones	
Paraprofessional	Charlotte Kendrick	
Physical Education Teacher	Christopher Griffith	447-5927
Reading Interventionist	Arbradella Smith	447-5931
Resource Teacher	Katie Saddler	447-5914
Speech Therapist	Kassidy Cramblett	447-5919
Cafeteria Manager	Ranita Tapin	447-3207
K	Tracy DeClue	447-5916
K	Kathleen VanLierop	447-5929
1	Yvette Peterson	447-5926
1	Katie LaBerge	447-5920
2	Peggy Clay	447-5921
2	Joanna Miller	447-5913
3	Regina Young	447-5933
3	Barbara Hall	447-5930
4	Kelly Navin	447-5931
4	Courtney Gasper	447-5932
5	Julie Farrar	447-5924
5	Jacy Hargis	447-5925

Pulaski Heights elementary PTA Executive Board

Angela Alexander, President	angelaalexander15@yahoo.com
President-Elect, Jessica Bartnik Saunders	bartnikjm@hotmail.com
Secretary, Carolyn McCune	w.mccune@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer, Ross Noland	rossnoland@yahoo.com

Volunteers...We need you!

PHE welcomes and encourages parents to visit the building. Parents play an integral part of the educational system, and we feel that any time you are able to spend with us at the school is of great value. All visitors must report to the office or security desk upon entering the building. Parents and volunteers are reminded to sign the VIPS book in the office to see that you get credit for your service. If you would like to serve on the Family Engagement Committee, please contact Kelly Navin, 501-447-5934.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The LRSD has two scheduled parent conferences throughout the year. We also encourage parents to meet with teachers, as needed, to discuss your child's progress. Our conference times will be offered in the morning and evening to help accommodate families' schedules.



PHE Climate Survey

2020-2021

In what grade(s) do you have a child at PHE?

K 1 2 3 4 5

I feel welcomed coming to PHE.

strongly agree somewhat agree

agree disagree

neither agree or disagree strongly disagree

I am clear about ways I can be involved at PHE that would help my child.

strongly agree somewhat agree

agree disagree

neither agree or disagree strongly disagree

I believe there are things I can do at school to help my child's teacher.

strongly agree somewhat agree

agree disagree

neither agree or disagree strongly disagree

What kinds of programs would you like to school to offer you and your family?



2020-2021 PHE Calendar of Events

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Six Types of Involvement: Keys to Successful Partnerships

Type 1

Parenting

Assist families with parenting skills and setting home conditions to support children as students. Also, assist schools to better understand families.

Type 2

Communicating

Conduct effective communications from school-to-home and from home-to-school about school programs and student progress.

Type 3

Volunteering

Organize volunteers and audiences to support the school and students. Provide volunteer opportunities in various locations and at various times.

Type 4

Learning at Home

Involve families with their children on homework and other curriculum-related activities and decisions.

Type 5

Decision Making

Include families as participants in school decisions, and develop parent leaders and representatives.

Type 6

Collaborating with the Community

Coordinate resources and services from the community for families, students, and the school, and provide services to the community.

Epstein, et. Al. 2002. School, Family, and Community Partnerships: Your Handbook for Action, Second Edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press, Inc.

PHE Home/School Learning Compact



Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Teacher Signature _____

Principal Signature _____

Parent and Family Responsibilities	Teacher Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure my child attends school every day on time and comes prepared for the school day. • Attend at least 2 parent/teacher conferences • Check my child’s homework/school communication each day • Provide a study space and learning opportunities for my child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a safe, welcoming environment for students and families. • Expect all students to learn and provide challenging opportunities for learning based on the needs of my students. • Help parents identify ways to help their children in all subject areas • Communicate with parents on a regular basis to keep them up to date about their child’s progress
Student Responsibilities	Principal Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come to school prepared to learn • Complete class assignments • Read 20 to 30 minutes a day • Follow all school and class rules • Show respect to others • Pay attention and participate in class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set high expectations and implement effective programs in all content areas • Ensure that teachers create well-planned lessons that provide all students the instruction needed to succeed • Provide a variety of opportunities for parents and families to volunteer at school • Allocate resources to ensure that high standards are met for all students.