



November Staying Connected

Dr. Steve Constantino suggests-Setting a welcoming and encouraging tone in your communication home will automatically help parents feel more engaged. Get into a resourceful mindset before you draft your communication.

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Families are recognized as essential members of the learning team for each student-their participation is welcomed, valued, and encouraged by the school.

Dr. Steve Constantino book Engage Every Family

November 11 – Veteran’s Day

Ask your students/parents who are currently serving in the Military and who is a veteran. Send student made and signed thank you notes to these parents who have and are currently in the military.

November is for giving Thanks

How about if we took our homeroom class and started the first day of November and called one family/student per day and said how Thankful we were to have them in our school/classroom. Or tell the family how thankful you are for their part in their child’s education.

Parent Coffee Chat

Invite families to take part in a monthly Parent Coffee Chat! Provide interpretation for non-English speaking families. During these monthly one-hour chats, listen to your families concerns, opinions, thoughts, and ideas on how to further improve your school. Keep families updated on the progress of initiatives that are being implemented in their child’s school. If possible, provide a virtual meeting for parents who are not able to attend. Another thought would be to have a meeting in the morning and then again in the evening to accommodate the needs of all families.

Shout Outs

Principals invite individual students to their office for positive interaction. Place a call to the student’s parent with the child present to hear the positive remarks the principal is sharing about them.

Student News Reporters

Have a classroom newspaper/letter. Appoint 2-3 students to interview 2 students weekly and then feature them in their newspaper/letter. Have them complete an interview form with questions and take a family picture. This could also be fun to put on the classroom site. You would need to ask families for their permission of course. This could also become part of the weekly routine for ELA. Set up a small area within your classroom, have students make videos of the news featuring the families of the week. Speech, listening skills, reading skills, LIGHTS-ACTION-CAMERA