



Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2023-2024

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**Little Rock School District
Fulbright Elementary School
2023-2024 Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

Our School's Mission: The mission of Fulbright Elementary School is to provide a quality, integrated educational program that motivates all children to reach their optimum intellectual, social, emotional and physical development. The students will develop positive attitudes and behaviors including an appreciation for ethnic and cultural diversity resulting in responsible citizenship.

Fulbright Elementary is charged with the responsibility of serving students in grades Pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. We are a needs improvement, Title I school working to meet the **NSES** standards as required by the Arkansas Department of Education. Our student population is comprised of 47.20% free and reduced lunch.

Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members

Sherkeyer Jackson, Principal
Aliyah Pickens and Lauren Foot Parent Facilitator
Amanda Crosby, Parent
Jennifer Horn, P.E. Teacher

Fulbright will communicate with parents to increase parent and family engagement to support classroom instruction by:

- Distributing weekly/monthly newsletters published by teachers, specialists, and the principal;
- Publishing the "Parent Page", which is a school-wide publication developed with the participation of the PTA, principal, nursing staff and counselor;
- Maintaining a school website that provides parents access to classroom information; such as schedules, homework, newsletters;
- Providing parents access to student's academic progress through HAC
- Providing parents with consistent behavior notifications school-wide using Class Dojo
- Encouraging parents to use email and communication folders to routinely communicate with members of the school staff (e.g. teachers, specialists, etc.) on an individual basis regarding their child's progress;
- Requiring each teacher to send home a folder containing student papers and work samples each week-;
- Providing weekly reports, interim reports and report cards- a parent-teacher conference will accompany the first 9 weeks' report card to discuss students' progress;
- Offering parents special opportunities each year to voice their opinions and suggestions in regards to the school's approach to school improvement through parent surveys;
- Offering parents numerous opportunities to stay connected and informed about parent workshops, meetings, upcoming events, and planned activities through brochures/flyers sent home with students, notices posted around the school facilities, advertisement through the school's morning broadcast, and the use of the social media sites.

The Fulbright Administration, Grade Level Classroom Teachers (Pre-K through 5th), Specialists (Music, Art, PE, GT, Counselor, Reading Teacher and Multi-Site Math Facilitator) and the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) plan/sponsor/host/facilitate numerous student-parent-family events throughout the year. All parties work together to ensure that the monthly meetings, activities and events promote a positive learning environment, encourage family participation, build teacher/staff and parent

relationships, and increase parent and family engagement. Each event is thoughtfully planned with the parent/child relationship in mind.

Our year at a glance:

- o Back to School Meet and Greet, August 10th - Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
- o Boy Scout Night, September 2023 - Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
- o Girl Scout Night, September 2023 Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
- o Fulbright Open House, September 2023 - Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
- o Title 1 Parent Meeting, September 2023 – Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
- o Falcon Fun Run Pep Rally, September 12th – PTA 447-4700
- o Donuts for Dudes (Pre-K) TBA –Susan Shelton/447-4795
- o Falcon Fun Run Event, September 22, 2023 – PTA 447-4700
- o Fall Carnival, October 13th 2023- PTA/447-4700
- o Fancy Fruit Feast (Pre-K), November 2023– Susan Shelton/447-4795
- o Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences, October 19th& 20th - Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
- o Math Night/Literacy Night November 18th – Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
- o PTA RIF Distribution #1, October 27th - PTA/447-4700
- o Red Ribbon Week, October 2023 - Rhonda Smith- Baker/447-4704
- o Spelling Bee Competition, November 2023 – Cynthia Khoury /447-4700
- o Thanksgiving Breakfast, (Pre-K) November 2023 – Susan Shelton/447-4795
- o Scholastic Book Fair, November 6th -10th -Celeste Molsbee / 447-4706
- o VIPS Reading Day, November 2023 - Celeste Molsbee /447-4706
- o Grandparent's Days, November 9th and 10th – PTA/447-4700
- o Musical Nights (4th Grade) December 2023 – Music Specialist/447-4742
- o Classroom Holiday Celebrations, December 21st, 2023 - Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
- o PTA RIF Distribution #2, March 29th – PTA/447-4700
- o Mother/Son Event, April 13th 2024 – PTA/447-4700
- Career/ GT Night, February 8th - Rhonda Smith-Baker/ Cynthia Khoury
- o Father-Daughter Dance, March 1 – PTA/447-4700
- o Classroom Valentine's Parties, February 14th – Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
- o Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences, February 15th &16th - Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
- o PTA Bright Night, March 9th – PTA/447-4700
- o Fine Arts Night, May 11th – Napoleon Dezaldivar - 447-4742
- o Field Day, May 10th or 17th - PTA/447-4742
- Pre-K Graduation, May 16th – Rhonda Izard 447-4731
- o 5th Grade Graduation Celebration, May 26th - Amanda Crosby/447-4780
- o Teacher Appreciation May 6-10th PTA/447-4700

How we accomplish our goals:

Fulbright provides opportunities for parents and community members to support the foundation of the Little Rock School District's instructional programming through Reading Buddies, tutoring and mentoring. We will also compose and maintain a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts during orientation of parents throughout the school year. Parental instruction of how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities and strategies at home are provided through our schools' Literacy and Math Nights as well as other parent-specific trainings (e.g. Homework Help, HAC access, Myon training, etc.). Teachers and Building administration will provide professional development designed to enhance their understanding of

effective parent and family engagement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation.

Fulbright school staff, parents, and students incorporate the use of a school-parent-student compact, which is distributed during our annual check-in/registration. This compact agreement outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. A copy of the compact agreement is kept in each student's permanent record and re-visited annually.

Fulbright provides its parents with an opportunity to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide improvement plan by sharing the school's academic plan and highlighting how we can do more to become a better place for learning during our annual parent workshop. Our PTA fosters parental and community involvement within the school through varying efforts such as the quarterly "Reading is Fundamental (RIF)" and "Accelerated Reading (AR)" award ceremonies.

Fulbright provides resources for parents and students and affords them an opportunity to work with and/or communicate their concerns through the school's Parent Facilitator. A suggestion/comment box for parents is conveniently located in the school's Parent Center, which is located on the lower level of the building across from the Kindergarten pods. In the Parent Center, parents and care takers, as well as community visitors may check out materials (e.g. Parenting books and magazines); select from a large variety of free parent related brochures, pamphlets and resources; and use the computer to check grades or visit educational websites during school hours (7:00am-3:30pm). Informational family packets are created annually and distributed to parents. The packet includes a copy of the school's parent and family engagement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/ teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parent and family engagement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, e-mail). The school's handbook outlines the process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions. The LRSD handbook is also a valuable resource that is reviewed with students throughout the year and made available to parents.

Fulbright kindly asks that parents and guardians consider completing a parent interest survey prior to the end of the school year. The survey will enable parents to evaluate the activities and events that their child/family participated in throughout the year and give them an opportunity to submit honest feedback about the ones that were most beneficial in supporting their child(s) academic and social growth. The results of the parent interest survey will be used to plan the parent and family engagement activities for the upcoming school year.

Fulbright engages teachers, parents and school staff in the annual evaluation of its parent and family engagement efforts using a comprehensive needs assessment questionnaire. The parent and family engagement committee, made up of teachers, parents and school staff determine the effectiveness of the parent and family engagement plan and make changes if warranted. While collecting evidence about the satisfaction of previous decisions made by the parent and family engagement committee, the school's efforts to increase parent and family engagement will be a part of the evaluation, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in the number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic and personal growth.

Fulbright will host their annual Title 1 Meeting Annually. Fulbright will provide ample time to discuss a description/explanation of school curriculum, information on forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress and information on proficiency level students are expected to meet. The agenda, the sign-in sheet and the minutes for this meeting must be generated separately from any other events and kept on file in the school's office. Contact person: Sherkeyer Jackson, Principal, 447-4700.

As the Fulbright administration, faculty and staff strive to make this the best school year ever, we challenge all parents to plug in and be a part of our Fabulous Fulbright Family! Together we can ignite a spark in our students that will help them burn bright! We thank you in advance for your continued support and participation.

Fulbright Elementary is a proud member of **John Hopkins University National Network of Partnership Schools** (NNPS). The NNPS School, Family and Community Partnership model is designed to enhance parent and community participation and involvement in the school. The model is researched based and incorporates six types of involvement: Parenting, Communicating, Volunteering, Student Learning, Decision-Making and Collaborating with the Community. To support the six types of parent and family engagement Fulbright Elementary School collaborates with the LRSD Westside NNPS School Cluster Team to make parent and family engagement a priority.

For more information, contact Aliyah Pickens aliyah.pickens@lrzd.org or Lauren Foot at Lauren.foot@lrzd.org Sherkeyer Jackson, Principal, at [\(501\) 447-4702](tel:(501)447-4702).

About Our Parent Resource Center

Location and Hours of Operation

The Fulbright Parent Center is conveniently located on the 1st floor across from the Kindergarten pods. The daily hours of operation are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Friday

The mission of our Parental focus

The purpose of the Parent Center is to actively engage parents and caregivers of our Fulbright students as full partners in their child's education. The Parent Center provides parents and guardians a place to access a computer with free internet service as well as resources and materials that support and encourage the home-school connection.

Why we believe parents are important

They are **P**atient
They are **A**wesome
They are **R**espectful
They are **E**ncouraging
They are **N**oble
They are **T**rustworthy

Join us

It takes a village. None of us can do this very important job alone!!! Please plan to stop by the Fulbright PARENT CENTER often. We have a wealth of information and knowledge to share.

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**LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
FULBRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HOME/SCHOOL LEARNING COMPACT**

School Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

(Any parent who is interested in helping with this student may sign in lieu of the parent.) I want my child to achieve. Therefore, I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

- ✓ Ensure that my child is on time each day and attends school regularly
- ✓ Support the school discipline policy
- ✓ Establish a time for homework and review it regularly
- ✓ Provide a quiet well lighted place for study
- ✓ Encourage my child's efforts and be available for questions
- ✓ Stay aware of what my child is learning
- ✓ Provide a library card for my child
- ✓ Read with my child and let my child see me read

Signature: _____

STUDENT AGREEMENT

It is important that I work to the best of my ability. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- ✓ Attend School regular;
- ✓ Come to school each day with pens, pencil, paper, and other necessary tools for learning
- ✓ Complete and return homework assignments
- ✓ Observe regular study hours
- ✓ Conform to rules of student conduct

Signature: _____

TEACHER AGREEMENT

It is important that student achieve. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- ✓ Provide appropriate and meaningful homework assignments for students
- ✓ Provide necessary assistance to parents so that they can help assist with the assignments
- ✓ Encourage students and parents by providing information about student progress;
- ✓ Use special activities in the classroom to make learning enjoyable

Signature: _____

PRINCIPAL AGREEMENT

I support this form of parent and family engagement. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- ✓ Provide an environment that allows for positive communication between the teachers, parents and student
- ✓ Ensure teachers homework assignments that will reinforce classroom instruction regularly.
- ✓ Ensure high-quality curriculum and instruction that meets the State's student academic achievement standards
- ✓ Engage parents in parent-teacher conferences in which this compact will be discussed
- ✓ Ensure that parents receive frequent reports on their child's progress
- ✓ Ensure parental access to staff to support partnerships
- ✓ Provides parents opportunities to volunteer and observe classroom activities

Signature: _____

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Mission

The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Values

Collaboration: We work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to accomplish our agreed-upon goals.

Commitment: We are dedicated to promoting children's overall well-being and educational success through strong parent, family, and community involvement.

Accountability: We acknowledge our obligations. We deliver on our promises.

Respect: We value our students, faculty/staff, parents, volunteers, community service members, our colleagues and ourselves. We expect the same high quality of effort and thought from ourselves as we do from others.

Inclusivity: We gladly welcome the newcomer. We value and seek input from as wide a spectrum of viewpoints and experiences as possible.

Integrity: We act consistently with our beliefs. When we err, we acknowledge the mistake and seek to make amends.

Highlights

- 100% school membership annually
- Sensitive to the unique needs of a diverse population
- Plan, fund and sponsor approximately 6 student-centered activities and events each month
- Facilitate "Falcon Fix Up" as a way of keeping our school looking its best
- Proud winner of several prestigious awards which include:
 - 2007-2008 LR PTA Council "Unit of the Year"
 - 2008-2009 State PTA "Unit of the Year"
 - 2014-2015 Two LRSD VIPS Volunteer Service Awards

Making parent and family engagement a priority:

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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.

2023 – 2024 Fulbright Parent and Family Engagement Survey

1. In what grades do you have children at Fulbright: Please circle all that apply:

Pre-K / Kindergarten /First /Second /Third /Fourth /Fifth

2. I feel welcomed and appreciated when I visit Fulbright and attend school sponsored events:

Strongly Agree/ Agree/ Neutral/ Disagree/ Strongly Disagree

3. I feel comfortable visiting with my child's teacher(s) about the ways I can get involved at Fulbright to help my child:

Strongly Agree/ Agree/ Neutral/ Disagree/ Strongly Disagree

4. I believe there are additional things I can do to help my child's teacher or school; I would like to learn about ways to get more connected this year:

Agree or Disagree

5. The list below contains some of the school related meetings, event and activities that occur annually at Fulbright. Please circle all that you or a family member attended last year:

Meet and Greet or Open House

Mother-Son Event/ Father-Daughter Dance

Pre-K or Kindergarten Round Up

Book Fair/ Special Relative Day

Parent Teacher Conferences

Bright Night Fundraiser

Student Performances/Musicals/Plays

Field Trips

Fulbright Literacy Night

Hall of Fame Assemblies

Family Math Night

Field Day

Fall Carnival

GT/Art Open House

Falcon FUN RUN

Graduation Celebrations

Family Parent and Family Engagement Nights

Other: _____

None, we are new to Fulbright

6. Which of the following times are BEST for you or your family to attend a school event or meeting? Please circle all that apply:

7 - 9 am/ 9 am to 12 noon/ 12 noon to 1 pm/ 1- 3 pm/ 3 - 5 pm/ 5 - 7 pm

7. What do you think about the amount of homework your child has each night:

Too little/ Too much/ An adequate amount

Feel free to elaborate: _____

8. How often do you read with your child at home:

Nightly/ 3 - 5 days a week/ 1 -2 days a week/ Never

9. Please circle all of programs that you are interested in seeing offered to you or your family:

Computer training

Math workshops

Homework help

Literacy workshops

Writing workshops

Bully prevention training

Health and nutrition

Other:

Child development and parenting skills

10. Suggestions to help Fulbright Elementary better connect with families:

We thank you for your very valuable input and feedback! Please return completed survey to school with your child.