

Family Activities

At White Marsh Elementary School, we provide many ways for parents and families to be involved in their child(ren)'s education. In August, we offer individual face-to-face conferences at times convenient for parents and guardians. This annual meeting covers Title I programs and services, grade level expectations and Maryland College and Career Ready Standards. We also work to ensure that parents and teachers know how best to maintain two-way communication about student progress.

We also offer a range of parent and family activities throughout the school year, including:

- Fall Family Fun Fair
- Fall Literacy and Math Night
- Other events as requested by parents

As partners in your child's education, your input on the WMES School Improvement Plan, Home School Compact, Parent and Family

Engagement (PFE) Plan and spending of the PFE funds is welcomed and encouraged. Please share your ideas by attending School Improvement, PTO or Parent Advisory Council meetings.

Community Partners

White Marsh Elementary partners with the following programs to increase parent and family engagement by coordinating and integrating outreach, training opportunities and resources for the school community:

- Critchlow Adkins Center: wrap-around daycare program for ages 3 and up
- For All Seasons: school-based mental health and wellness services
- CarePacks of Talbot County: food for students on weekends, monthly pantry and summer camp
- Choptank Community Health: wellness center, vision and hearing screening, dental services.

We are also grateful to our many donors who

provide backpacks, school supplies, coats and other basic necessities:

White Marsh PTO, Grandparents' Club and many others!

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2023-24

Title I Home/School Compact Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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SCHOOL

As a school we will:

- Welcome and involve all families by listening, showing respect and encouraging all parents and students
- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction that enables students to meet State academic standards
- Provide a safe, supportive and effective learning environment
- Provide routine communication about school and community events and student progress through School Messenger (text/e-mail), website and social media
- Be available for conferences to discuss student progress at times convenient to families. Scheduled dates for 2022-23: August 25-26, Sept 30th, Mar 3rd, and other times as needed
- Provide opportunities for two-way communication with families, including translation and interpretation when needed
- Offer opportunities for parents to volunteer and serve on decision-making teams such as Parent Advisory Committee, School Improvement and PTO.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

As a family we will:

- Meet our child(ren)'s teacher(s) and maintain communication via school folders, e-mail, phone call or conference.
- Try to get our child(ren) 7 - 8 hours of sleep each night
- Ask our child(ren) meaningful questions about his or her day at school each and every school day such as "What made you happy at school today? What was challenging at school today? What did you learn at school today?"

STUDENT

As a student, I will:

- Be prepared, organized and ready to learn when I come to school
- Follow the Dolphin Expectations
- Finish my homework on time and as best I can, and ask for help when needed
- Try my best to sleep 7-8 hours each night
- Try my best to come to school every day on time
- Read for fun in my free time in school and at home
- Be mindful of the six pillars of character: respect, trustworthiness, caring, responsibility, citizenship and fairness

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FUNDS

By law, 1% of Talbot County's Title I allocation must be set-aside for Parent and Family Engagement activities.

At White Marsh Elementary, the set-aside for 2023-24 is estimated to be \$5,500.

In previous years, these funds were used to pay for the Math and Literacy Nights.

Parent input on how these funds are spent is vital. To submit your ideas or comments, call Principal Kim Seidel at (410) 476-3144, or e-mail at kseidel@talbotschools.org.