

Seward Montessori: 2018-19 Family Involvement Plan

We need the help of our families to reach our school goals for student success and achievement. Below is our plan for how we'll meaningfully engage families in equitable and accessible ways during the 2018-19 school year. There are specific goals we'll work to achieve and ways we plan to achieve each goal listed below.

This plan was developed in partnership with families and approved on .

Please reach out to Kerry Cashman, at kerry.cashman@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-4952 if you have questions about the opportunities below or want to provide feedback on this plan.

All families feel welcome in our school and have equal access to opportunities to be involved in their students' education

- Host the following community-building and cultural events:
 - * Family Picnic on 9/14/2018
 - * Spring Event on 5/10/2019
 - * Book Fair on 2/1/2019
 - * Round Table on 9/13/2018
 - * Round Table on 10/18/2018
 - * Round Table on 11/8/2018
 - * Rollar Skating on 2/28/2019
 - * Pits and Alleys on 12/1/2018
 - * Art Show on 12/1/2019
 - * Round Table on 12/13/2018
 - * Round Table on 1/10/2019
 - * Round Table on 2/14/2019
 - * Round Table on 3/14/2019
 - * Round Table on 4/11/2019
 - * Round Table on 5/9/2019
 - * Bikes & Coffee on 9/28/2018
 - * Bikes & Coffee on 10/26/2018
 - * Bikes & Coffee on 4/27/2019
 - * Bikes & Coffee on 5/31/2019
 - * Open House on 8/23/2018
 - * Native American Family Involvement Day on 11/15/2018
 - * African American Family Involvement Day on 1/14/2019
 - * Tears & Tissues for Kindergarten Parents on 8/29/2018
 - * Bikes & Waffles on 9/7/2018
 - * Bikes & Waffles on 10/5/2018
 - * Bikes & Coffee on 9/14/2018
 - * Bikes & Coffee on 9/21/2018
 - * Bikes & Coffee on 10/12/2018
 - * Kindergarten Round Up on 5/2/2019
- Notify all families of how to get involved in the events listed on this plan, how to access school staff, and how they can volunteer, through:
 - * Updates to school calendar on our website
 - * School newsletter
 - * Phone calls

- * Flyers sent home with students
- * Updates to social media
- * Emails
- * Classroom Newsletter
- Accommodate all families by providing the following:
 - * Interpreters at meetings
 - * Childcare at meetings
 - * Transportation where needed
 - * Multiple meeting dates and times
 - * Interpreter headphones at meetings

All families are informed of the steps our school is taking to improve student outcomes and achieve equity.

- Host our annual State of the Schools (Title I Night) on 10/11/2018 at 5:30-7:00pm, which will:
 - * Inform families of the requirements and benefits of being a Title I School
 - * Inform families of their right to be involved in Title I programming
 - * Inform families about state standards, our school's curriculum, and the assessments their students will take this year
 - * Give families an overview of the goals and strategies in our School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Post a family friendly version of our School Improvement Plan (SIP) on our website
- Send a letter home letting families know if we are designated by the state for support and improvement

Families will play an important role in developing our School Improvement and Family Improvement plans, and will provide valued input on how we spend our resources.

- Get family input on our school improvement plan in May
- Get family input on our family involvement plan in May
- Get family input on how we use our resources to support student achievement in March
- Host regular Site Council meetings on Second Wednesday of each month at 7:45am
- Round Table Meetings (combination of PTA and Site Council) meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month from 5:30 to 7:00pm

All school staff members, families, and students understand the important role they each play in making sure students achieve success at our school.

- Create a School-Parent-Student Compact, which is an agreement on the role each person will play to make sure the student is successful
- Get family input on our School-Parent-Student Compact in October
- Share our School-Parent-Student Compact with families by:
 - * Sharing it with families in our handbook
 - * Using it at Parent-Teacher conferences (required for elementary grade levels)

All families understand how to support their students' academic achievement.

- Help families understand our school curriculum, state standards, assessments their students take, and how we measure student achievement and success at:
 - * Children's House Curriculum Night on Children's House Curriculum Night
 - * E1 Curriculum Night on E1 Curriculum Night
 - * E2 Curriculum Night on E2 Curriculum Night
 - * Middle School Information Night on Middle School Information Night
 - * Welcome to Middle School on Welcome to Middle School
- Also, help families understand our school curriculum, state standards, assessments their students take, and how we measure student achievement and success by:

- Host the following academically-focused family events:
 - * Middle School Informational Night on 2019-01-30
 - * E1 Classroom Night on 2019-05-30
 - * History Day on 2019-02-12

All staff will be trained on how to effectively partner with families.

- Provide professional development to our staff on the following topics:
 - * Book Study: "A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota". Staff will participate in a book study around equity and race monthly at staff meetings all year.