

Milam Elementary 2008-09
Campus Parent Involvement Policy

The primary goal of family involvement at Milam is to promote education as a family affair. Parents and family members are considered each child's first and most important teachers. The main goals of Milam Elementary are:

- Strong communication between the school and the home
 - Help by giving information to families and community members often through TV, radio, newspaper, notes, flyers, and phone calls on how parents and family members can be involved in a child's education and success.
 - There will be a strong communication with the parents of the students who do not participate.
- The school will welcome all families and community members.
 - Involve families by going to them in their neighborhoods and work place, as well as welcoming them into the schools
- Parents will get support to help their children with learning at home.
 - Encourage and educate families to become a part of their child's success by creating a climate at Milam where families can be a willing part in the education of their children.
 - Provide opportunities for families to come to Milam to participate in family educational activities and provide educational materials to family to take home.
- Build a strong relationship between the school and the home.
 - Encourage parents to meet and interact often with teachers through parent conferences, evening activities, and daytime parental involvement activities.
 - Provide home visits by teachers and other school staff to support parental involvement in their child's educational success.
- Work with parents and family members as partners in each child's school success.
 - Through parent/student-led conferences, and our many opportunities for families to visit the school to discover ways to help their child be successful at school.

**These goals will be accomplished by: June 3, 2009

Communications from school to home will be written in the language and form (literacy level) of the home.

Family activities are offered at a variety of times and locations. Food is offered as a snack and parents are given the opportunity to win door prizes as ways to encourage attendance.

Parents are notified of family involvement activities and events by Flyers and Teacher newsletters. Flyers and Teacher newsletters are on file.

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Event	Audience	Date	Time
Meet the Teacher Night	Parents/Families	8-21-08	5:00-6:00 PM
Grandparent's Day Luncheon	Grandparents/Parents	9-05-08	10:30 AM - 1:15 PM
Grandparent's Day Luncheon	Grandparents/Parents	9-08-08	10:30 AM - 1:15 PM
Bilingual Parent Night	Parents	9-18-08	6:00-7:00 PM
Family Reading Night	Parents/Families	9-25-08	5:30 - 7:00 PM
Parent/Student-Led Conferences	Parents/Students/Teachers	9-29-08 - 10-24-08	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Open House	Parents/Families	10-14-08	5:30 - 7:00 PM
Family Math Night	Parents/Families	11-11-08	5:30 - 7:00 PM
Awards Assemblies	Parents/Students/Teachers	11-14-08	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Thanksgiving Day Luncheon	PK/K Parents/Families	11-21-08	During Student lunches
Thanksgiving Day Luncheon	1 st /2 nd Parents/Families	11-24-08	During Student lunches
Thanksgiving Day Luncheon	3 rd /4 th Parents/Families	11-25-08	During Student lunches
Family Science Night	Parents/Families	1-08-09	5:30 - 7:00 PM
Parent/Student-Led Conferences	Parents/Students/Teachers	2-02-09 - 2-20-09	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
PK to K Milam/Carver Transitions	Parents/Students	4-02-09	9-9:45 AM & 1-1:45 PM
VIPS Appreciation	Parent volunteers	4-15-09	12:00 PM & 5:30 PM
Kinder Round-Up	Parents	4-20-09	4:00-6:00 PM

Annually, meetings involving families, faculty and staff will be held to discuss and review the campus family involvement plan, programs, budget, and changes. To accommodate all families, meetings are held during the day and in the evening.

Milam will provide yearly staff development to faculty and staff on the value and contributions of parents/families; how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners.

Milam Elementary will work to increase the number of families involved in their child's education each year, particularly families:

- Of migrant children
- Of student identified as homeless
- Who are English-language learners
- Of students enrolled in Special Education
- Who are economically disadvantaged
- Who are disabled

Through: Coordination, technical assistance, and support for family involvement is provided by a The School Counselor, the Parental Involvement Committee, and Campus Administration

Meet the Teacher Night – August 21, 2008 – Parents, families, and students have the opportunity to meet school personnel and have time to see the campus and visit with other Milam families.

Grandparent's Day Luncheon – September 5, 2008 – Grandparents have the opportunity to have a lunch with their grandchild and meet the classroom teachers.

Bilingual Parent Night – September 18, 2008 – Bilingual parents are invited to the campus to learn more about the Bilingual program.

Family Reading Night – September 25, 2008 – Families have the opportunity to participate in a night of shared Reading activities that they can learn and then take home to use again and again with their children.

Parent/Student-Led Conferences – September/October 2008, February 2009 – Parents/Guardians will have the opportunity to meet with the classroom teacher and discuss progress of the child, ways the parents can help the child at home, learn valuable ways parents can become more involved in their child’s education.

Open House – Families will have the opportunity to see what work their children are completing in school and discover ways they can help their child be successful at school.

Awards Assemblies – Families will have the opportunity to celebrate with their child by attending Awards Assemblies.

Thanksgiving Lunch – November 21, 24, 25, 2008 – Families have the opportunity to have a lunch with their children.

Math Night – November 11, 2008 - Families will be encouraged to participate in a night of fun and exciting math games.

Science Night – January 8, 2009 – Families will have the opportunity to interact with FELLOWS students (Texas A&M Science Students) and classroom teachers in discovering the wonders of science and learn about science activities they can do in their own home..

PK, K Transitions – April 2, 2009 -We promote and coordinate family involvement with Head Start, Even Start, Carver, and Milam Pre-K through Kinder Roundup and Carver Tour of Milam.

The school-parent compact describes how parents, family members, faculty, staff, and students will share responsibility and share success for the academic achievement of each child (see attached compact).

The school-parent compact is evaluated annually. The compact is then reviewed and revised as needed to reflect input from families, faculty, and staff. The compact is distributed by the teacher during the parent conference.

Milam family involvement will be evaluated each year by parent surveys and parent meetings.

The 2008-2009 Milam Elementary School Family Involvement Policy was evaluated by a group of parents and staff on the following dates: 10-13-08, 10-20-08, 2-04-09, 2-16-09, and 2-19-09. The Family Involvement Policy was evaluated for the 2009-2010 school year through a parent survey distributed on March 31, 2009 to all Milam Parents.

