Welcome!

The Centerton Gamble Elementary School (CGES) Parent and Family Engagement Plan is a living document that will be reviewed and updated annually. The CGES plan was developed with input from stakeholders with the intention of increasing family engagement for the success of each child at Centerton Gamble.

Our intent is to foster relationships with families and community members so that they may participate in the educational process of students. We hope to make connections in a variety of ways, as we believe the partnership between families and staff is critical to student achievement and growth.

If you are interested in supporting our goal of building strong relationships, please contact our building principal, Mr. Randal Hunt at rhunt@bentonvillek12.org

Parent Facilitator and Committee Members

Mrs. Camilla Lonetree is the CGES Parent Facilitator. She can be reached at: clonetree@bentonvillek12.org
479.696.3400

Committee Members: Randall Hunt, Principal; Kim Foerster, Assistant Principal; Cammie Lonetree and Michelle Eichler, CGES Counselors; Jessica Peach, Parent Volunteer Coordinator

If you are interested in joining our Parent and Community Engagement Committee, please contact Mrs. Lonetree.

Standard One: Communication

We are committed to providing reasonable access to School Staff in the following ways:

a. Communication strategies:
b. Methods of contacting school staff:

- Phone call to main office at 479.696.3400
- Note sent to school
- Email to teacher or other staff member

c. Scheduling appointments:

- Contact staff member using approved method of contact
- Appointments to be scheduled at a time that does not interrupt instruction

d. Response Time: Staff members will make every effort to respond to communication within 24 hours.

**Standard Two: Parenting**

**School Counselor:** Parents may call or email the school counselor to request appointments.

**Parent Center:** The CGES Parent Center will be established and expanded throughout the year as funds become available. The center, which is housed in the Counselors’ Suite, will contain books, magazines, and other materials regarding responsible parenting. The materials will be available for check-out by calling Mrs. Lonetree (479.696.3400) and requesting items to be sent home with your child.

**ESL Center for Parent Engagement**

We want to welcome all families to CGES. In addition to a welcome letter posted on our school’s website, Mr. Hunt sends a Back to School letter to parents in August.

We are committed to communicating effectively:

- Parent Emails
- Translated documents as needed
- Parent letter/info when applicable

**Support Student Success**

- Phone calls throughout the year
- Conferences (minimum of once per semester)
- Curriculum designed to support individual needs of ESL students

**Speaking up for Every Child**
Standard 3: Student Learning

We are committed to help parents assist their children. We host a virtual parent meeting in August which enables parents to learn about the teaching styles, academic expectations, and behavior expectations of the teachers and ways learning can be supported in the home.

Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences will be scheduled once per semester in the fall and spring; with the purpose of communicate the social and academic progress of each student and to provide parents the opportunity to clarify grade-level expectations in terms of skills and knowledge.

Family Engagement Opportunities

August:
20 Virtual Open House
TBD Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)

September:
TBD Virtual Colt Stampede
TBD PTO meeting
30-Oct. 4 Book Fair

October:
TBD Virtual Colt Stampede
TBD PTO meeting
26-Nov. 6 Virtual Colt Stampede
31 Fall Celebration/Party, Special Food Day ACT 1220

November:
TBD Virtual Colt Stampede
TBD PTO meeting
20 Thanksgiving Feast, Special Food Day ACT 1220

December:
TBD Virtual Colt Stampede
TBD PTO meeting
18 Polar Express Day, Special Food Day ACT 1220

January:
TBD PTO meeting
TBD Virtual Colt Stampede

February:
10-14 Book Fair
14 Valentine’s Day Party, Special Food Day ACT 1220
TBD PTO meeting
TBD Virtual Colt Stampede

March:
TBD PTO meeting
29-April 9 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences

April:
TBD Virtual Colt Stampede
TBD PTO meeting

May:
TBD Virtual Colt Stampede
**Standard 4: Volunteering**

Due to COVID-19, visitors to the building are currently restricted. Please watch for direct communication from your child's teacher for ways you can virtually volunteer to support instruction.

Once health restrictions have been lifted and Bentonville Schools allows visitors into buildings, the following will become applicable:

Volunteer Opportunities

a. Types of opportunities:

- Classroom Volunteer*
- Field Trip Chaperone
- Family Night
- Other activities as identified by the CGES Parent Teacher Organization, CGES Parent Coordinator, and/or CGES school administration

b. Notice of opportunities:

- Classroom weekly newsletters
- CGES monthly newsletter
- Social media and/or school website
- PTO social media outlets

c. *Volunteer training:

- Volunteers shall attend a volunteer orientation training prior to volunteering
- Volunteers shall sign a confidentiality agreement and BSD Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- Volunteers shall sign in to the office with state-issued identification

**Standard 5: School Decision Making and Advocacy**

a. Parent Compact: A copy of the compact is linked below in this document. Our compact was developed in collaboration with the PTO volunteer coordinator and the CGES parent coordinator. Input from stakeholders will be used to make revisions to the plan for the following school year.

b. School Improvement: The principal will publish via email a weekly informational video with the purpose of informing parents of upcoming events and changes in policy. The school will provide monthly newsletters which will provide stakeholders, including PTO, an opportunity to inform and update parents about current events. This publication will be emailed to staff, parents and community members, as well as will be available for print.

c. Parent Survey: A Bentonville Schools Parent Survey will allow for specific feedback for each school; this will be made available on the District website. Notification of the survey will be communicated to parents via social media, email, and newsletters. Surveys will be used to determine changes, additions,
deletions, and improvements to family engagement activities, and to better accommodate parent schedules and interests.

**Standard 6: Collaborating with the Community**

We are committed to partnering with parents and the community to ensure student success.

- Conferences with parents as per school schedule and on an as-needed basis
- Virtual or off-site PTO Meetings
- Bright Futures, Sharing and Caring, Snack Pack program, and mentoring opportunities
- Partnerships with Centerton Fire and Police Departments

[CGES 2020 Parent Compact (2).pdf](#)