

# PARENT-FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

At Evening Star Elementary, we believe family engagement is a critical component to the success and growth of all students. The six standards below outline our school goals to promote a healthy and effective partnership between ESE and our families.

## STANDARD 1: COMMUNICATION

**Goal: Communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful.**

To conduct effective communication from school to home and from home to school about school programs and children's progress ESE will:

### 1. Prepare informative emails to parents including:

- A parent input survey on core beliefs, mission, and vision for ESE.
- A parent input survey on student needs and personality of each child.
- Parent involvement opportunities including PTO membership, volunteer opportunities, and visiting students during lunch.
- Events planned throughout the year such as classroom parties, after-school family events, Spirit Nights, and P/T Conferences
- A system to encourage two-way communication between ESE and parents which includes phone, email, and Tuesday Folder update.

**2. To encourage communication with parents, ESE will schedule no less than 2 parent-teacher conferences per school year.**

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We offer a wide variety of volunteer opportunities to fit any schedule:

## WEEKLY

- Tuesday Folder Helper
- Resource Volunteer
- Library Assistance

## OCCASIONAL

- Guest Speaker
- Owlet Dads
- Book Fair Volunteer
- Field Trip Chaperones


## ONCE A YEAR

- School event volunteers (Field Day, Talent Show, etc.)
- Incoming Kinder Welcome Committee
- Flu Shot Clinic Support

## PLUS MANY MORE!

To find out more, or to sign up, please call our office at (479)360-7400.

### 3. Plan and engage in other activities determined to be beneficial to encourage communication with parents such as:

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- Provide clear information about skills assessments, report cards, and how grades are earned
  - Send home school newsletters and class newsletters
  - Send home Tuesday Folders
  - Notify families regarding student academic or behavior concerns, as well as positive feedback regarding these areas
  - Develop, foster, and promote a responsive open-door policy
  - Promote informal activities at which parents, staff, and community may interact
  - Provide clear and specific information by using language that is understandable to all parents in a multi-method approach (newsletter, web, and report cards)
  - Translate communications to assist non-English speaking parents as much as is feasible
  - Provide parenting information and tips via Facebook, school and district's web page





## STANDARD 2: PARENTING

**Goal: Parents will play an integral role in assisting student achievement.**

To help parents in assisting and participating in their child's education, ESE shall:

**1. Create a Family Center located in the front entrance.**

**2. Plan and engage in other activities determined by the school to be beneficial to promoting and supporting parent educational involvement and assist in his or her child's learning, such as:**

- Newsletters sent home per classroom and/or school
- School website links to resources (educational and parenting)
- Provide families with information on child and adolescent development (Home and School Connections Newsletter on Peachjar)
- Communicate with parents in an ongoing manner, using diverse methods all of which reflect a respect for parental and cultural differences
- Provide parenting workshops to enhance parenting skills when requested by parents

## STANDARD 3: STUDENT LEARNING

**Goal: Parents will play an integral role in assisting student learning.**

To help parents in assisting and participating in their child's education, ESE shall:

**1. Host an Open House Night and a Walk In My Shoes event where parents can learn about curriculum, expectations, and strategies to support students in their learning at home.**

**2. Provide high quality instruction linked to Arkansas State Standards.**





**3. Provide alternative methods for diverse students (differentiated instruction).**

**4. Provided intervention or enrichment based on classroom instruction to promote growth for all students.**

## **STANDARD 4: VOLUNTEERING**

**Goal: Parents are welcome in the school and their support and assistance is sought.**

To organize volunteers to support and assist, ESE shall:

**1. Have policies and procedures that encourage parents to visit school, specifically including:**

- Written procedures allowing parents to visit their child's classroom during school events found in our student handbook
- Ensure that office staff greetings, signs near the entrances, and any other interaction with the parents creates a climate in which parents feel valued and welcome

**2. Encourage staff to use the volunteer surveys to compile a volunteer resource book listing the interests and availability of volunteers so that school staff may:**

- Determine how frequently a volunteer would like to participate, including the option of just one time per year
- Include options for those who are available to help at home
- Match school needs with volunteer interests

**3. Engage in other activities, determined by the school, to welcome parents in the school.**

## **STANDARD 5: SCHOOL DECISION MAKING AND ADVOCACY**

**Goal: Recognize that a parent is a full partner in the decisions that affect his/her child and family.**

To encourage parents to participate as full partners in the decisions that affect their children, ESE shall:

- 1. Include in the school's policy handbook the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions.**
- 2. Engage in other activities that the school determine will encourage parents to participate as full partners in the decisions that affect their children and family.**
- 3. Formation of PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) to identify and respond to issues of interests to parents.**
- 4. Provide parents with current information regarding school policies, practices, and both student and school performance data (newsletter).**

## **STANDARD 6: COLLABORATING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

**Goal: To recognize that community resources strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.**

To take advantage of community resources, ESE shall:

- 1. Utilize business and community resources for school supplies and clothing for needy students.**
- 2. Enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school.**
- 3. Engage in activities that the school determines will use community resources to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.**



# EVENING STAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVENTS

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST

- Open House- Aug. 8
- Spirit Night-Aug. 26
- PTO Meeting-Aug. 26

### SEPTEMBER

- Walk in My Shoes Night- Sept. 12
- Start with Hello Week-Sept. 23-25
- Fall Picture Day- Sept. 23
- Volunteer Training- Sept. 25 & 30
- Homecoming Parade- Sept. 28
- PTO Meeting- Sept. 30

### OCTOBER

- Mobile Recycling Exhibit- Oct. 7-Nov. 5
- PBIS Backyard Bash- Oct. 11
- Fall Break- Oct. 14-16
- Flu Clinic- Oct. 17
- Book Fair- Oct. 21-25
- Parent-Teacher Conferences- Oct. 22 & 24
- Spirit Day, Mix & Match- Oct. 25
- Good Choices Week- Oct. 28-Nov. 1
- PTO Meeting- Oct. 28
- Fall Party- Oct. 31

### NOVEMBER

- 3rd Grade Performance- Nov. 11
- Pie Supper-TBD
- PTO Meeting- Nov. 18
- 1st, 2nd Grade Thanksgiving Lunch-Nov. 21
- K, 3rd, 4th Grade Thanksgiving Lunch- Nov. 22
- Thanksgiving Break- Nov. 25-Nov. 29

### DECEMBER

- Spelling Bee- Dec. 18
- Winter Party- Dec. 19
- Winter Break- Dec. 23-Jan. 6

### JANUARY

- Spirit Night- Jan. 13
- MLK Day, No School- Jan. 20
- PTO Meeting- Jan. 27

### FEBRUARY

- Spring Picture Day- Feb. 10
  - Valentine's Day Party- Feb. 14
  - President's Day, No School-Feb. 17
  - Teacher Appreciation Week- Feb. 24-28
  - PTO Meeting- Feb. 24
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS, CONTINUED

### MARCH

PTO Meeting- March 30

### APRIL

Spring Book Fair- April 6-17

Parent-Teacher Conferences- April 7 & 9

PTO Meeting- April 27

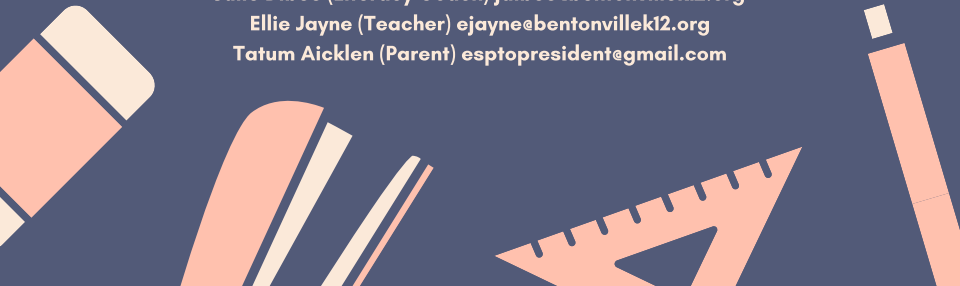
### MAY

PTO Meeting-May 18

Field Day- May 22

For updated information, including additional events, please visit Evening Star Elementary on Facebook, or call the front office at (479)360-7400.

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