

Parent Involvement Program

Welcome!





What it is and what it isn't...

Who can join? All individuals who are dedicated and responsible for the success of our students (Everyone!)

- **What is it? It is NOT a fundraising group. It is a positive, effective organization with its focus to establish and improve school-community relationships**
- **Why form this group? Parent Involvement in a student's education has proved to be a difference maker in academic achievement! Read the research! Imagine The Academy being able to achieve recognized or exemplary status by increasing parent involvement!**
 - <http://www.nea.org/parents/index.html>
- **Where & When will we meet? At The Academy. We will determine our meeting frequency as a group. The focus is to achieve our goals within the given deadlines.**
- **How do we accomplish this: YOU! Being at this meeting is the beginning! We need your helps, ideas, and action!**



PIP Goals

Immediate Action:

- **A Vision:**
 - **Who are we? What do we want to achieve?**
- **A Parent Survey**
 - **What do parents need and want from their child's school?**
 - **How can we be partner's in achieving student success?**
 - **Remember parents and the school staff are in this together!**

○ **Short Term:**

- **Spring Conference**
 - **How can we incorporate parents into being a part of our school and not alienated because of various obstacles?**

○ **Long Term:**

- **Parent Center**
 - **What can we do that will strengthen relationships and build trust between The Academy and the community?**



Agenda for tonight!

Where do we start?

- **Getting Organized**
 - **Chairperson: overall coordinator**
 - **Secretary-Stephanie-take notes during the meeting! These will be posted on the website**
 - **Communications/Translations: Nominated: Juan Calderon**
 - **Website Updates: Nominated: Darren Wilson**
 - **Other: Subcommittee Chairs (Parent Center, Spring Parent Event)**

- **Immediate Concerns:**
 - **Create a Vision! Brainstorm together!**
 - **Create a Parent Survey (samples on each table)**
 - **Think about:**
 - **Resources: Transportation, Childcare, etc..**
 - **Communication, Childcare, Translations**
 - **Academics/Specialties: Activities**
 - **Culture: School environment**
 - **Will be given as a soft copy on each student's laptop during PACE 1/28/09: Report Card Day**
 - **English and Spanish Translation (via the Parent Involvement link on the [Academy Website](#))**
 - **Incentive: It is required! Expect 100% participation, but less, a 1/3 or more, is still**



Spring Parent Event

- **Damion brown**
 - **Hospitality caters a parent evening (next year with the full kitchen!)**
- **Amy Moore**
 - **Parent-student date night (movie and dinner)**
 - **PACE scavenger hunt (take home/interactive)**
- **Lisa Raney**
 - **A booth at Irving Mall during the week: Teachers meet and greet in shifts**
 - **"Bring your parent to school" day**
- **Debby Gunn**
 - **PTSA with Booster Club subcommittees for each specialty (HOSA, Skills USA, National Honor Society, Student Council, etc.) Sign up tables at the beginning of school...fundraisers like bumpers tickers, t-shirts, etc...use the Teleparent database to communicate**



Parent Center

Damion Brown

- **Parent/Adult Culinary and Culinary Nutrition classes! (Student led)**

Deanna Mcgee

- **Free English and Reading Classes**

○ **Lamar University Interns**

- **In the Career Center/Use old laptops/desktops**
- **School handout at the beginning of school: Parent Involvement, Class schedules, parent center hours, etc...**
- **ESL/Technology classes for parents**
- **Apply for an Irving Schools Grant**
- **Student interns for Translation and Classes (scholarships)**
- **Spanish teachers/students participate in translating documents and at events (A MUST!)**



Next meeting...

- **Time and date? Frequency?**
- **Agenda:**
 - **Parent survey**
 - **Follow up results**
 - **Short Term:**
 - **Spring Conference Event**
 - **Planning and coordinating**
 - **Long Term:**
 - **Parent Center**
 - **Planning and coordinating**
 - **Resources**
- **Thank you for coming!!**



VISION for Committee for Involvement at The Academy (CIA) – Cool factor???

- Increase student achievement through engaging partnerships between the school, parents, and the community.
- How:
 - Improve communications through the parents, students, and teachers
 - Connect with the community
 - Increase the diversity of stakeholders
 - Gathering resources
 - Student buy-in
 - Specialty nights – art show, culinary night, science night, math night, talent night, game night
 - Food with small agenda
 - Awards at night
 - Child care for night activities



End Goals

- Have 2 parents per grade level on the PIC
- Get all stakeholders involved from diverse backgrounds.
 - Students
 - Parents
 - Teachers
 - Administrator
 - Staff



Next meeting – January 13th (Tue)
5:00 PM

- Parent Survey – assess parent needs
- Put the survey on the student's laptops – Have Michael push it to the laptops
- Bring-a-parent