

Family Activities

At St. Michaels Elementary School, we provide many ways for parents and families to be involved in their child(ren)'s education. In August, we offer individual face-to-face conferences at times convenient for parents and guardians. This annual meeting covers Title I programs and services, grade level expectations and Maryland College and Career Ready Standards. We also work to ensure that parents and teachers know how best to maintain two-way communication about student progress.

We also offer a range of parent and family activities throughout the school year, including:

- Fall Open House and Back to School Celebration
- Family Literacy and Math Nights
- Other events as requested by parents

As partners in your child's education, your input on the SMES School Improvement Plan, Home School Compact, Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Plan and spending of the PFE funds is welcomed and encouraged. Please share your ideas by attending School Improvement, PTO or Parent Advisory Council meetings.

We can provide transportation, child care, interpreters or other accommodations as needed. Contact Emily Moody at emoody@talbotschools.org or (410) 822-0550

Community Partners

St. Michaels Elementary partners with the following programs to increase parent and family engagement by coordinating and integrating outreach, training opportunities and resources for the school community:

- St. Michaels Community Center: after school interest-based programming for SMES students
- SMASH (St. Michaels After School Help): provides funding and structural support for academic intervention for students after school
- For All Seasons and Eastern Shore Psychological Services: school-based mental health and wellness services
- CarePacks of Talbot County: food for students on weekends, monthly pantry and summer camp

We are also grateful to our many donors who provide backpacks, school supplies, coats and other basic necessities:

Christ Church, St. Michaels Rotary, SMES Parent Teacher Organization, and many local businesses

St. Michaels Elementary School



2019-20

Title I Home/School Compact Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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SCHOOL

As a school we will:

- Welcome and involve all families by listening, showing respect and encouraging all parents and students
- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction that enables students to meet State academic standards
- Provide a safe, supportive and effective learning environment
- Provide routine communication about school and community events and student progress through School Messenger (text/e-mail), website and social media
- Be available for conferences to discuss student progress at times convenient to families. Scheduled dates for 2019-20: August 27/29, October 11 and other times as needed
- Provide opportunities for two-way communication with families, including translation and interpretation when needed
- Offer opportunities for parents to volunteer and serve on decision-making teams such as Parent Advisory Committee, School Improvement and PTO.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

As a family we will:

- Meet our child(ren)'s teacher(s) and maintain communication via school folders, e-mail, phone call or conference.
- Try to get our child(ren) 7 - 8 hours of sleep each night
- Ask our child(ren) meaningful questions about his or her day at school each and every school day such as "What made you happy at school today? What was challenging at school today? What did you learn at school today?"

STUDENT

As a student, I will:

- Be prepared, organized and ready to learn when I come to school
- Follow the STARS rules
- Finish my homework on time and as best I can, and ask for help when needed
- Try my best to sleep 7-8 hours each night
- Try my best to come to school every day on time
- Read for fun in my free time in school and at home
- Be mindful of the six pillars of character: respect, trustworthiness, caring, responsibility, citizenship and fairness

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FUNDS

By law, 1% of Talbot County's Title I allocation must be set-aside for Parent and Family Engagement activities.

At St. Michaels Elementary, the set-aside for 2019-20 is \$1,149

In 2018-19, these funds were used to pay for the Fall Parent Night.

Parent input on how these funds are spent is vital. To submit your ideas or comments, call TCPS Family Liaison Emily Moody at (410) 822-0550, or e-mail at emoody@talbotschools.org