

Rush Strong School
2008-2009 Parent Involvement Plan

Rush Strong School faculty and staff expect that families and community members are an integral part of our school. Parents, family members, and community members are welcome in our school and are encouraged to volunteer in school activities and participate in the education of our students.

Parents are informed of student progress with four report cards and four progress reports throughout the year. They are also given opportunities to meet with teachers at Parent/Teacher Conferences in the fall and spring. In addition, parents are welcome to call the school to arrange a meeting with a faculty member at any time. Parents are invited to Open House in August and a schoolwide Parent Involvement Meeting. In addition, PTO meetings are held throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to ask questions and present ideas or suggestions at these meetings. Parents and community members will be invited to participate in school and PTO sponsored activities throughout the year. Annual activities may include school and PTO fundraisers, Fall Festival, Christmas in Jefferson County, Box Tops for Education, Open House, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Food City receipts, field trips, parties, as well as many others.

Parents will be kept informed of school activities through schoolwide newsletters, teacher newsletters, and the school website. Proficiency levels and benchmarks at each grade level will be explained by teachers during conferences. The Blueprint for Learning objectives are available online. In addition, parents will have access to the Blueprint for Learning in the school office. Parents are welcome to come to school to view the curriculum standards at any time.

Parents of pre-kindergarten students are invited to attend a parent meeting each month. These meetings have a developmental education focus and give parents suggestions for activities

that can be done at home. In addition, parents who have their child screened at the Family Resource Center prior to entering kindergarten will receive quarterly newsletters with helpful parenting tips. The Rush Strong pre-school teachers and assistants make a home visit to each of their students.

Rush Strong students will have access to after-school tutoring through the REACH grant. Students can receive one hour of tutoring two days a week beginning in mid-September. Parents will be invited to Family Literacy Nights throughout the school year.

This year our School Improvement Plan goals will focus on math and science. Parents and students will be invited to a Family Math Night and a Family Science Night in 2008-09. We will collaborate with the REACH grant to provide these experiences in conjunction with the Family Literacy Nights.

Each year the School-Parent Compact and our Parent Involvement Plan will be reviewed and revised as necessary. Both documents will be sent home with every Rush Strong School student. The School-Parent Compact will be signed by the school, the student, and the parent and kept on file at the school.