# **Smith Center Elementary Parent Involvement Policy**



The Kansas State School Board of Education endorses the six National Standards for Family -School Partnerships (NSFSP) to promote parent involvement in all Kansas schools. We are incorporating these standards into our parent involvement at Smith Center Elementary. The standards are listed below:

#### WELCOMING ALL FAMILIES IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

- 1. Office staff will be friendly and willing to help parents and community members in a positive way.
- 2. Signs are posted to help parents, students and community members navigate through the school.
- 3. Student work is shown in halls and exhibited in a user friendly way.
- 4. Parents are encourage to attend an annual back to school meeting to discuss parental involvement and requirements through Title I. Parents will be encouraged to come through letters.
- 5. Parents are encouraged to volunteer at holiday parties.
- 6. Parents are invited to come meet their student's teacher at our annual Back-to-School Open House.

#### **COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY**

- 1. Updates and information are shared through the USD 237 Facebook page.
- 2. Thursday packets are sent home each week.
- 3. The school principal will call with WOW slips.
- 4. Teachers are to contact parents by phone, text, or email with positive news regarding their child(ren).
- 5. Assessment results are offered and shared with parents and community.
- 6. Text Alerts are sent to parents for reminders of special events and school information.

#### SUPPORTING STUDENTS SUCCESS

- 1. Parent Teacher Conferences are held twice a year and some teachers choose to have student lead conferences.
- 2. Thursday Packets are sent home every Thursday so parents know when all office notes will come home (routine). Parents are to check the packets every Thursday and sign off that they got the information.

#### SPEAKING UP FOR EVERY CHILD

1. Site Council meetings are held twice a year and all parents are encouraged to attend.

### **SHARING POWER**

- 1. Site Council is offered two times a year and all parents are encouraged to attend.
- 2. USD 237 offers 3-5 year old services such as speech, preschool and help with cognitive delays.

## **COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNITY**

- 1. Local businesses donate rewards to our students for TRIBE cards.
- 2. Local Agencies donate a dictionary to each third grader.
- 3. A local bank donates Royal Redmen prizes.
- 4. Local community members provide prizes for our character education program.