

Barnardsville Elementary School Family Engagement Plan 2023-24

Barnardsville Elementary recognizes parents as full partners in decisions that affect our students, and we will foster and support this family engagement in the following ways:

August 25th	Meet the Teacher drop in 1-3pm
September 26th	Open House/Annual Title I Meeting/Fall Book Fair 5:30pm Parents will be informed of the benefits and responsibilities of a Title I school and the parents' role in the success of their students will be addressed
October 6th	Power School/Science of Reading for parents – 2 sessions 7:45am or 2pm
December 5th	STEM Night – 5:30-7pm drop in
March 19th	Spring Arts and Writing Show – 6pm
April 25th	Welcome to Kindergarten – for preschool families 4pm
May 21st	Soaring into Summer – End of the Year Celebration 2:45pm

*dates are subject to change as the year progresses, but this gives a basic timeline of what to expect for the year

Parents are encouraged to volunteer

As part of the Safe Schools Policy for Buncombe County all volunteers are required to complete an application and be approved prior to working with students. Interested persons should contact Mrs. Jones by calling the school (828-626-2290) or through email at lisa.jones@bcsemail.org. As part of our Safe Schools Program, all volunteers must show ID when signing-in at the front office.

In the spring the Faculty and Staff will host a Volunteer Brunch in appreciation of our volunteers. (Date TBA)

Parents are key to student success

At Barnardsville we recognize that parents are a child's first teacher and that parents want their child to succeed. Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's progress through:

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Homework and daily reading log
- Observation of graded papers
- Mid-term Progress Reports
- Report cards
- Power School

Barnardsville Elementary also uses these periodic forms of communication with parents:

- School website
- Barnardsville Elementary Facebook page
- Class Dojo

To honor our parents and grandparents, our cafeteria staff extends a warm welcome for parents and family members who join their child at lunch. In addition, the cafeteria schedules special lunches for families at various times of the year.

Your input is important to us. Barnardsville's status as a School-wide Title I program allows us to coordinate programs to meet the needs of all our families. A Parent Survey will be conducted each year. The results of this survey will be used to help plan additional parent meetings and workshops. Planned events and workshops often include child-care at no cost to the parents.

Opportunities for all parents

Barnardsville Elementary encourages the involvement of all parents. As stated above, we recognize parents as the child's first teacher, and we strive to increase communication and encourage family engagement.

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