

Family Engagement Focus			August					2011	
School Name:			Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Family Engagement Professional Dev/ Inservice/ Staff Meeting	Family Engagement Initiatives/Events	Family Engagement Team Meeting Topics	July 31	1	2	3	4	5	6
			7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			28	29	30	31	September 1	September 2	September 3
Notes:			<p>Something to think about ...</p> <p>If you are not on the top of your game as a teacher and you come into school less prepared or motivated than usual, how long does it take your students to recognize that something is different?</p> <p>If you tell parents that you value their involvement, but you really do not, how long do you think it will take them to figure that out?</p> <p>If we do not value all parents and families, our ability to foster meaningful relationships is nonexistent. As educators, we can see families in one of two ways. We can see them as assets, or we can see them as liabilities. There is no third option.</p> <p><small>Excerpt from <i>101 Ways To Create Real Family Engagement</i></small></p>						

Family Engagement Focus			September					2011	
[Insert School Name Here]			Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Family Engagement Professional Dev/ Inservice/ Staff Meeting	Family Engagement Initiatives/Events	Family Engagement Team Meeting Topics	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	1	2	3
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			25	26	27	28	29	30	October 1
Notes:			<p>Something to think about ...</p> <p>Preparing for conferences is ongoing for teachers and parents and involves three highly specialized skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the art of observation, • detailed documentation, • and listening. <p><i>Excerpt from Creating Welcoming Schools</i></p>						

Family Engagement Focus			October					2011	
[Insert School Name Here]			Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Family Engagement Professional Dev/ Inservice/ Staff Meeting	Family Engagement Initiatives/Events	Family Engagement Team Meeting Topics	September 25	September 26	September 27	September 28	September 29	September 30	1
			2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			30	31	November 1	November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5
Notes:			<p>Something to think about ...</p> <p>Communication is the foundation of a solid partnership. When parents and educators communicate effectively, positive relationships develop, problems are more easily solved and students make greater progress. Too often school or program communication is one-way without the chance to exchange ideas and share perceptions. Effective home-school communication is the two-way sharing of information vital to student success. Even parent-teacher conferences can be one-way if the goal is merely reporting student progress. Partnering requires give-and-take conversation, goal setting for the future and regular follow-up interactions.</p> <p><small>Excerpt from <i>National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs</i></small></p>						

Family Engagement Focus			November					2011	
[Insert School Name Here]			Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Family Engagement Professional Dev/ Inservice/ Staff Meeting	Family Engagement Initiatives/Events	Family Engagement Team Meeting Topics	October 30	October 31	1	2	3	4	5
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			27	28	29	30	December 1	December 2	December 3
Notes:			<p>Something to think about ...</p> <p>Parents may indicate it in different ways, but most parents want to know four things from the teacher:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how their children are doing, • how their children’s performance relates to how they “should” be doing, • how the teacher will help, • and how much the teacher appreciates their children. <p><i>Excerpt from Every Teacher’s Guide to Working with Parents</i></p>						

Family Engagement Focus			December					2011	
[Insert School Name Here]			Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Family Engagement Professional Dev/ Inservice/ Staff Meeting	Family Engagement Initiatives/Events	Family Engagement Team Meeting Topics	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30	1	2	3
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Notes:			<p>Something to think about ...</p> <p>Over 30 years' research has proven beyond dispute the positive connection between parent involvement and student success. Effectively engaging parents and families in the education of their children has the potential to be far more transformational than any other type of education reform.</p> <p><i>Excerpt from National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs</i></p>						

Family Engagement Focus			January					2012	
[Insert School Name Here]			Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Family Engagement Professional Dev/ Inservice/ Staff Meeting	Family Engagement Initiatives/Events	Family Engagement Team Meeting Topics	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			29	30	31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4
Notes:			<p>Something to think about ...</p> <p>We all have heard that children learn best when parents and teachers work together as a team. To create a team with parents, teachers really need to believe in this idea. Treating parents respectfully, asking for their opinions, and making use of the information they provide are crucial steps to building alliances-to developing "we-ness." When parents and teachers successfully become a "we," they can truly work as partners.</p> <p><small>Excerpt from <i>Every Teacher's Guide to Working With Parents</i></small></p>						

Family Engagement Focus			February					2012	
[Insert School Name Here]			Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Family Engagement Professional Dev/ Inservice/ Staff Meeting	Family Engagement Initiatives/Events	Family Engagement Team Meeting Topics	January 29	January 30	January 31	1	2	3	4
			5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			26	27	28	29	March 1	March 2	March 3
Notes:			<p>Something to think about ...</p> <p>Hope is an active condition, an expectation that through the dialogue the world will become better; hopelessness is silence that can indicate dehumanizing despair. If I go into a conference without believing that the teacher will understand, or that the parent will work with the child, or that the child really has the capacity to learn, then there will be no hope, no dialogue.</p> <p><i>Excerpt from Creating Welcoming Schools</i></p>						

Family Engagement Focus			March					2012	
[Insert School Name Here]			Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Family Engagement Professional Dev/ Inservice/ Staff Meeting	Family Engagement Initiatives/Events	Family Engagement Team Meeting Topics	February 26	February 27	February 28	February 29	1	2	3
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Notes:			<p>Something to think about ...</p> <p>The research is abundantly clear: nothing motivates a child more than when learning is valued by schools, families and the community working together in partnership</p> <p><i>Michael Fullan</i></p>						

Family Engagement Focus			April					2012	
[Insert School Name Here]			Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Family Engagement Professional Dev/ Inservice/ Staff Meeting	Family Engagement Initiatives/Events	Family Engagement Team Meeting Topics	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			29	30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
Notes:			<p>Something to think about ...</p> <p>There is no more crucial time to be able to think critically than when the two most important sets of people in a child's life, parents and teachers, are talking together about decisions that will have a profound implication for that child's life.</p> <p>Excerpt from <i>Creating Welcoming Schools</i></p>						

Family Engagement Focus			May					2012	
[Insert School Name Here]			Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Family Engagement Professional Dev/ Inservice/ Staff Meeting	Family Engagement Initiatives/Events	Family Engagement Team Meeting Topics	April 29	April 30	1	2	3	4	5
			6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			27	28	29	30	31	June 1	June 2
Notes:			<p>Something to think about ...</p> <p>True communication is not unidirectional; it goes from school to the home and from the home to the school. True communication respects the lives and the stories of the people involved. By understanding parents' stories, we will communicate more effectively.</p> <p><i>Excerpt from Every Teacher's Guide to Working with Parents</i></p>						