



Parent/Family Engagement
St. Cloud Math and Science Academy 2018-2019 Schedule

Committee meeting to discuss events for parent involvement this school year. Committee members are invited by a phone call or text message	8/13/2018
Board Meeting 4:30 – 6:00 PM Board Meetings are posted on the school website. A letter is sent home in the mail with Open House materials listing all the board meeting dates for the year and notifying parents that they are invited to attend all board meetings.	8/22/2019
Open House – All parents will be invited by a letter in the mail and by a voice message and text message in English and Somali. At the open house a presentation to help parents understand the state academic standards and assessments will be provided as well as how to engage in their child’s education. Each classroom teacher has a PowerPoint presentation ready to share in the preferred language of each parent. The presentation is about the classroom rules and routines, homework expectations, volunteer opportunities in the classroom or on field trips and all important classroom details that will help to make children successful in school. Parents can sign up for our Six week parent involvement program during open house. All parents receive a flyer with the information on the six week program. A follow up voice message is left in the preferred language explaining to call the school office if interested in signing up for the program.	8/29/2019
#1) Parent involvement/Education class 4:30-7:00 All parents that sign up will receive a voice mail and text message in their preferred language Transportation via taxi will be provided for families that are not able to provide their own transportation. A light meal will be available for all families that attended and Child care will be provided. Objectives: 1) understanding the importance of the close relationship between school and home in order to support the academic success of their children will be presented and 2) Recognizing the home as the foundation of education. 3) Recognize the value of homework within education 4) Know what programs and services are available at school and in the	10/3/2018

<p>community to help students.</p> <p>5) Identify the 5 elements necessary to assist your children in being able to get to a college or university after high school.</p> <p>The Director and Bilingual Assistant Director will both be present during all parent involvement classes.</p>	
<p>Board Meeting 4:30-6:00 PM</p> <p>Board Meetings are posted on the school website. A Voice message in the families preferred language will be sent reminding families that the first board meeting of the school year will held in the school on September 26th.</p>	9/26/2018
<p>#2) Parent involvement/Education class 4:30-7:00</p> <p>All parents that sign up will receive a voice mail and text message in their preferred language.</p> <p>Transportation via taxi will be provided for families that are not able to provide their own transportation. A light meal will be available for all families that attended and Child care will be provided.</p> <p>Class objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Understand the influence of parents and teachers on the self-esteem of children. 2) Identify strategies to develop positive self-esteem in their children. 3) Know the correlation between self-esteem of students and their academic performance. 4) Identify GPA as an important element in increasing children's opportunities to go to the university 	10/10/2018
<p>#3) Parent involvement/Education class 4:30-7:00</p> <p>All parents that sign up will receive a voice mail and text message in their preferred language. Transportation via taxi will be provided for families that are not able to provide their own transportation. A light meal will be available for all families that attended and Child care will be provided.</p> <p>Class Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Understand the concept of "discipline" as a synonym of "guide" and not as "punishment" 2) Understand the importance of setting reasonable limits and rules at home. 3) Recognize the need to teach their children the concept of "deferred gratification" and how it can help them in the future. 4) Understand the close relationship that exists between positive discipline and academic achievement. 5) Identify the first point in the STAR: Decision to go to the University. 	10/17/2018
<p>#4) Parent involvement/Education class 4:30-7:00</p> <p>All parents that sign up will receive a voice mail and text message in their preferred language. Transportation via taxi will be provided for families that are not able to provide their own transportation. A light meal will be available for all families that attended and Child care will be</p>	10/24/2018

<p>provided;</p> <p>Class Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Understand the concept of academic standards and their importance in preventing children from falling behind or identifying if they have. 2) Identify age-appropriate strategies to create a home environment that supports children's academic development. 3) Recognize the benefits of a parent – teacher conference and the way parents can prepare to make it an effective conference. 4) Understand that a solid academic foundation prepares students to take high school classes required for college admission. 	
<p>Board Meeting 4:30-6:00 PM</p> <p>Board Meetings are posted on the school website</p>	10/24/2018
<p>First STEM night for Parents and Children to be involved in hands on STEM activities with their children and to have a chance to talk with school staff and teachers. Two sessions of parent meetings will be held 4:45-5:30 and 5:45-6:30 A PowerPoint will be prepared for the parent meeting. The presentation will be written in English and orally presented by the Director and Assistant director in English and Somali. Child care is provided during the parent meeting</p> <p>All students will be given a flyer promoting the evening to give to their parents. A text message will be sent to all parents in English and Somali telling them to save the date and look at the flyer in their child's backpack. Two days before the event, another voice message and text in their preferred language will be sent reminding them of the event. The day of the event, students will wear a label on their jacket stating "STEM night tonight".</p> <p>Transportation was available at three bus stops where most of our families live. A Bilingual staff member will ride each bus to assist in communication regarding the event on the bus ride.</p>	10/25/2018
<p>#5) Parent involvement/Education class 4:30-7:00</p> <p>All parents that sign up will receive a voice mail and text message in their preferred language. Transportation via taxi will be provided for families that are not able to provide their own transportation. A light meal will be available for all families that attended and Child care will be provided.</p> <p>Class Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Have a general understanding of how the school system functions at the elementary level 2) Understand the main school system concepts. 3) 3) Identify, based on the information they have received the different options available to help them increase their children's academic level. 	11/7/2018

<p>4) Identify a law that protects the rights of students</p> <p>5) Recognize the importance of standardized tests in preparing for the college admission exams. (SAT, ACT)</p>	
<p>#6) Parent involvement/Education class 4:30-7:00</p> <p>All parents that sign up will receive a voice mail and text message in their preferred language. Transportation via taxi will be provided for families that are not able to provide their own transportation. A light meal will be available for all families that attended and Child care will be provided. The last parent class is a celebration for the completion of the program. Participants are given a certificate certifying their completion of the SCMSA parent engagement program.</p> <p>Class Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Understand the benefits of going to college or the university 2) Identify the main university admission requirements and what children can do in elementary to start preparing for them. 3) Recognize the importance of taking classes that are academically rigorous (honors-level and AP classes) during high school 4) Understand the benefits children can obtain from participating in extracurricular activities, especially for increasing the possibility of being admitted to the university. 5) Know that there are different types of financial aid available for college and that good grades can help children become eligible for them. 	11/14/2018
<p>Parent Teacher Conferences 11/20 (4:00-7:00 pm)</p> <p>Parent Teacher Conferences 11/21 (8:00 am- 4:00 pm)</p> <p>All parents will be given a time slot to come to meet with their child's teacher to hear about their progress in school.</p> <p>All parents will receive a letter in the mail telling them their conference time. The day the letter is sent, they receive a voice message in their preferred language telling them their conference time slot is in the mail.</p> <p>One day prior to the conferences a text and voice message in their preferred language is sent to remind them of the conference time.</p> <p>ELL teachers are available in an assessable area for all parents to meet and discuss their student's progress in the ELL program.</p> <p>During our parent conferences, we will have many interpreters on hand so parents are able to meet with teachers and get information regarding their child's progress in their home language. We also have many interpreters and office staff available to explain the school climate survey and have parents take the survey with assistance if needed.</p>	<p>11/20/2018</p> <p>11/21/2018</p>
<p>Annual World's Best Work Force Meeting and Board Meeting 4:30-6:30 PM</p> <p>This is a public meeting to communicate plans for the upcoming school year</p>	11/28/2018

based on a review of goals, outcomes and strategies from the previous year. All parents received a letter and verbal explanation with their report card that was given out on 11/20/2018 during parent conferences. Parents that did not attend conferences, received a letter in the mail. A voice mail and text message reminder was given to remind parents that they are invited to the meeting.	
STEM night #2 for Parents and Children to be involved in hands on STEM activities with their children and to have a chance to talk with school staff and teachers. Two sessions of parent meetings will be held 4:45-5:30 and 5:45-6:30 A PowerPoint will be prepared for the parent meeting. The presentation will be written in English and orally presented by the Director and Assistant director in English and Somali. Child care is provided during the parent meeting All students will be given a flyer promoting the evening to give to their parents. A text message will be sent to all parents in English and Somali telling them to save the date and look at the flyer in their child's backpack. Two days before the event, another voice message and text in their preferred language will be sent reminding them of the event. The day of the event, students will wear a label on their jacket stating "STEM night tonight". Transportation was available at three bus stops where most of our families live. A Bilingual staff member will ride each bus to assist in communication regarding the event on the bus ride.	1/23/2019
Board Meeting 4:30-6:00 PM Board Meetings are posted on the school website	1/30/2019
Open Registration for K-5 and Kindergarten Registration Head start attends our Kindergarten Registration to educate families about programs that are offered for their children ages 3-5 years old.	2/6/2019 2/7/2019
Board Meeting 4:30-6:00 PM Board Meetings are posted on the school website	2/27/2019
STEM night #3 for Parents and Children to be involved in hands on STEM activities with their children and to have a chance to talk with school staff and teachers. Two sessions of parent meetings will be held 4:45-5:30 and 5:45-6:30 A PowerPoint will be prepared for the parent meeting. The presentation will be written in English and orally presented by the Director and Assistant director in English and Somali. Child care is provided during the parent meeting. All students will be given a flyer promoting the evening to give to their parents. A text message will be sent to all parents in English and Somali telling them to save the date and look at the flyer in their child's backpack. Two days before the event, another voice message and text in their preferred language will be sent	3/28/2019

<p>reminding them of the event. The day of the event, students will wear a label on their jacket stating “STEM night tonight”.</p> <p>Transportation was available at three bus stops where most of our families live. A Bilingual staff member will ride each bus to assist in communication regarding the event on the bus ride.</p>	
<p>Board Meeting 4:30-6:00 PM</p> <p>Board Meetings are posted on the school website</p>	3/27/2019
<p>Parent Teacher Conferences 4/8 (4:00-7:00 pm)</p> <p>Parent Teacher Conferences 4/19 (8:00 am- 4:00 pm)</p> <p>All parents will be given a time slot to come to meet with their child’s teacher to hear about their progress in school. We also have many interpreters and office staff available to explain the school climate survey and have parents take the survey with assistance if needed.</p> <p>All parents will receive a letter in the mail telling them their conference time. The day the letter is sent, they receive a voice message in their preferred language telling them their conference time slot is in the mail.</p> <p>One day prior to the conferences a text and voice message in their preferred language is sent to remind them of the conference time.</p> <p>ELL teachers are available in an assessable area for all parents to meet and discuss their student’s progress in the ELL program.</p> <p>Administrators and office staff will conduct a survey to address the following topics: 1) identify barriers and the needs of parents and family members that prevent or hinder them from participating in their child’s education. This is especially important for the parents that are economically disadvantaged, disabled, limited English proficiency or any racial or ethnic minority. 2) The survey will also identify what training and information the parents and family members need in order to adequately assist the learning of their children in the home environment. 3) The last component is to identify barriers that exist hindering the parents in communicating with teachers and school staff. 4) Identify strategies to support school and family interactions.</p> <p>Parents of our 5th grade students are given assistance in completing enrollment forms for their children who are transferring out of our school into one of the area middle schools with 6th grade.</p>	<p>4/8/2019</p> <p>4/19/2019</p>
<p>Board Meeting 4:30-6:00 PM</p> <p>Board Meetings are posted on the school website</p>	4/24/2019
<p>School Picnic 5:00-7:00 PM Families are invited to bring their families to school</p>	5/15/2019

and socialize with other families. Food and beverages are provided as well as games and activities for the students. This has traditionally been a night where the art teacher displays many of the art projects that have been done over the school year.	
Annual Public Meeting with Elections and Annual Title 1 info for parents The results of both parent satisfaction surveys and the survey addressing barriers will be presented at the yearend annual meeting of all parents and will be incorporated in suggested changes and improvements to the Parent/Family Engagement Policy for the next fiscal year. The parent/Family Engagement Committee, consisting of parents and staff will be directed to revise the policy prior to the opening of school in the fall. There will be snacks provided at the annual meeting as well as child care on site. Summary of the meeting will be provided on the school website. Throughout the year, school staff make many home visits, and have bilingual staff call parents about important topics shared during the meetings.	5/22/2019
5 th Grade Graduation – Families are invited to the school to hear our 5 th grade students share memories of our school and speak about their future goals once they leave our school. Students receive their diplomas from the school for graduating from 5 th grade.	5/31/2019