

**GRANITE FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

(Policy will become effective once traditional school days resume).

Parental involvement is the foundation for successful students. Studies have shown that parents and/or other significant adults share in their formal education tend to do better in school. Parents have the privilege and responsibility to share the world with their children. Talking with your child(ren) about life's everyday experiences will help each of us understand others viewpoints, values, dreams and interests. Parents need to not only talk to their children but listen to their children as well. Answering questions or helping children find the answers will help your child develop a sense of value and self-respect.

Parents are encouraged to be active participants in their child's education. This includes parent conferences with teachers, **grade level parent nights, Title I math and reading nights, having lunch with your child, keeping up to date with your child's progress and assignments, attending PTO and school events, and volunteering in the classroom to name a few. Parents who wish to volunteer should go to our website and fill out the application on Volunteer Tracker. Parents who wish to chaperon field trips must select a Level 3 in order to interact with a group of students.**

Visitors are welcome at our school but are required to report to the office to sign in to receive an ID badge upon arrival. This measure is for the safety of all students and staff. Visitors should always sign out when they leave as well. This again is a measure for the safety of all students and staff. Visitors coming to speak with teachers must have permission from the teacher before entering the classroom. Please coordinate volunteer activities with the teacher in advance as well.

Visitors coming to eat lunch with a student should be on the list of people allowed to pick up/sign out a student. This expectation is in place to ensure that no person is allowed access to your child without your permission. Parents/Visitors should also be able to provide identification to gain access to a student.

We welcome you to Granite Falls Elementary School. We look forward to seeing you this year!