



MAPCS Parental Engagement

Overview: At Maya Angelou PCS Middle School, parental engagement is key to the success of our school. Recognizing that many of our students have not been traditionally successful, our school welcomes parents to engage in their child(ren)'s school life in non-traditional ways. Utilizing a positive and supportive approach, our school initiates and sustains contact with parents through the following methods:

Parent Teacher Organization:

Established in 2009, Maya Angelou PCS Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has involved a number of parents in our school life through regular monthly meetings, organization of school social events such as the Halloween Dance(2011), winter concerts, and parent potlucks/socials. The PTO developed their own organizational by-laws and operates independently of the National Parent Teacher Association to allow more flexibility in governance. The PTO is led by Ms. Madeline Collington, parent of Charleah Collington 7th grader and she represents our school regularly through attending school sponsored parent engagement events. Under her leadership, the Parent Teacher Organization has grown from a five member executive board into a full-fledge organization with members including homeroom parents who adopt a classroom for the school year.

Student-Led Parent Teacher Conferences

By sharing data with students, parents are able to gather more information about their child through quarterly Student-Led Parent Teacher Conferences, which occur quarterly. Students are prepared and encouraged to share with their parents their successes in the classroom, on assessments(SRI/ANet) and their social emotional growth through the academy approach to conferences. This allows parents to meet with each teacher within a child's given grade level academy along with the grade level counselor. Student-Led Parent Teacher Conferences have successfully engaged 25% of families at the most recent Student Led Conferences in December





Muffins for Moms/Donuts for Dads

These school sponsored events engage more than 50% of parents during the 2011 school year. Parents attended these events organized to welcome them to the MAPCS-MS, introduce them to teachers and staff, and engage them in supporting their children's academic lives.



School Newsletter

Released quarterly, the School News Letter, The Mayan, provides critical information for parents and families during the 2011 school year. The first publication included photos and information regarding the staff for the current school year. The 1st Quarter publication reviewed important announcements and dates for the grading period. The 2nd Quarter publication will be released in January. Copies included in binder(s) as needed/focus on specific articles as needed.

Parents Listserv

In conjunction with the Parent Teacher Organization, our school communicates with the school's Parent Teacher Organization **via email**. Over 40 parents are subscribed to this listserv and receive information regularly regarding school closings, student-led parent teacher conferences and other special events.

Alert Now

Using the Alert Now system, our school regularly informs parents of upcoming events utilizing the auto-call system. Parents receive information regarding emergency situations as well as upcoming special events. Graphs will be needed to illustrate the strength of our Alert Now system.

