Parents’ Right-To-Know

In accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), Section 1111 (h) (6) PARENTS’ RIGHT-TO-KNOW, this is a notification from the Broken Bow School District to every parent of a student in a Title I school that you have the right to request and receive information in a timely manner regarding the professional qualifications of your student’s classroom teachers. The information regarding the professional qualifications of your student’s classroom teachers shall include the following:

- If the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas taught;
- If the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status in which the state qualifications and licensing criteria are waived;
- The teacher’s baccalaureate degree major, graduate certification, and field of discipline; and
- Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

In addition to the above information, you will be notified if your student has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher that is not highly qualified.

Dierks Elementary’s Parent Involvement Plan

We at Dierks Elementary know that parents play a critical role in their child’s success. When parents work with teachers and take an active role in their student’s education the student becomes more successful and more responsible.

The following are ways that Dierks Elementary will involve parents:

1. Parents are invited to the annual Title I parent meeting where they can make suggestions for revisions to the Parental Involvement Plan and discuss how to improve instruction. This meeting will be held at the beginning of the school year and will provide parents with information about Title I and other federal programs and their rights as parents.
2. Meet Your Teacher Day: This is a day before school starts that parents can come to school and meet their student’s teacher, get their supplies for school, get the Student Handbook and get to know the surroundings of the school.
3. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation night: One evening before school starts Dierks has a special orientation for both parents and students. The parents and students meet in our activity center and the Principal introduces the teachers, the secretaries and talks about the procedures and school activities. Parents and students then get to go to their teachers room and talk to the teachers.
4. Parent/Teacher Conferences: Three times during the school year we have Parent/Teacher Conferences. We stress that every parent come and conference with
the teacher. If for some reason they cannot come on the date and time scheduled the teacher tries to schedule another day and time. If that is not successful then the teacher is to call the parents that did not attend and have a phone conference. This way every parent has a conference with the teacher.

5. Fliers and notes are sent home about coming events and activities. We also have activities and events posted on our outside sign and many times we advertise events in the local newspapers and the radio.

6. Teacher’s notes and schedules: All of our teachers send information home by having a special folder in the student’s book bag that has information for the entire week. Teachers include their phone number, the school’s number if they have questions and parents can send any information back to school by inserting into the special folder.

7. Student Handbook: Every year when students enroll or come to Meet Your Teacher Day parents are given a Dierks Elementary Student Handbook. Parents sign that they have received this book so we can make sure every parent receives one. This handbook has much information that parents need to know.

8. Open House: Every year Dierks Elementary hosts a special Open House that is open for the parents and the entire community. As an example this year the students are studying special topics that have to do with Ag In The Classroom. Parents are involved because they come and provide information, demonstrations, cooking and volunteering to do fun and educational activities.

9. Reading to Students: We have parents and people from the community, such as the Lions Club, The Methodist Church, the football players come to school on scheduled days to read to the students.

10. Lunch: Parents are invited and welcome to come to school and eat lunch with their student. We have many parents who come and eat lunch with their student and talk to the teacher.

11. Principal’s Corner: The Principal writes an article in the newspaper about school topics every week and it is in the local newspaper.

12. Track Meets: This is a special activity in May of every year that brings parents, relatives, teachers and coach all together for a fun time doing track events.

13. Tailgate Party: We have an OU Sooners and OSU Cowboy tailgate party every year. Parents send snacks and many parents attend this special event. This again allows parents to talk to teachers and participate with their student.

14. Red Ribbon March: Every year Parents and students make special signs together about staying drug free. We have a march around the community with students, teachers, parents and any community member.

All of these events are to bring parents and students to school and be involved with their education. The events vary from year to year and parents love to attend our activities.