March PAC Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday 3/1/23 @ 10:30 AM

➢ How to monitor your child’s progress to improve achievement
  • Check your child’s planner daily.
  • Be sure your child completes homework each day.
  • Log in to Skyward at least weekly to check your student’s grades, as well as report cards each quarter.
    ▪ Accessing Skyward

➢ PSSAs (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment)
  • Pennsylvania’s Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics provide real world knowledge and skills that students need to succeed. These standards are used by teachers to guide instruction.
    ▪ State Standards
  • Grades 3-8 will take both the English Language Arts and Mathematics assessments. Grades 4 & 8 will take Science as well.
    ▪ April 24-28, 2023 English Language Arts
    ▪ May 1-5, 2023 Mathematics & Science
  • Helpful PSSA Websites
    ▪ Links are found on the HEMS website.
      o Click on PTA, then Title I.

➢ Parent Engagement Activities
  • Corey the Dribbler- to be held on May 24th for grades 3-6
    ▪ Program emphasizes respect and responsibility, as well as the importance of doing well in school.
  • Suggestions for future activities
➢ Parents as Equal Partners
  • Parent Resource Center
    ▪ Parents will be able to sign-out various Reading or Math hands-on packets to practice skills with their children.
    ▪ Parents may sign the sheet in the office and take brochures, which provide information on various topics that will assist parents in helping their child.

➢ Discuss Title I Parent Survey Results
  • Evaluate the effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy

➢ Discuss School Wide Comp Plan
  • Comprehensive reform strategy designed to upgrade the entire educational program in a Title 1 school.
  • The primary goal is to ensure that all students attain proficiency on state academic standards.
  • Used data from Study Island, Imagine Learning, and STAR Assessments.
  • HEMS is designated as a TSI (Targeted Support and Improvement) school by the state for the 2022-23 school year.
    ▪ Data is used to help develop the 2023-24 Comprehensive Plan, which is a building level improvement plan.

➢ Distribute applications for the Hazleton Area Public Library as another means to motivate their children to read.

➢ Explore practical ways in which parents can practice reading with their child at home.

➢ Review ways for parents to help improve their children’s literacy skills.

➢ Explain the importance of reading with their child in English, as well as in their native language.
➢ Parent Training Materials
  • Families that Read Together Succeed Together
    ▪ Review information
  • Parent’s Homework Dictionary (English and Spanish)
  • Useful Information for Parents
    ▪ Articles in English and Spanish on state testing, as well as reading and math skills
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