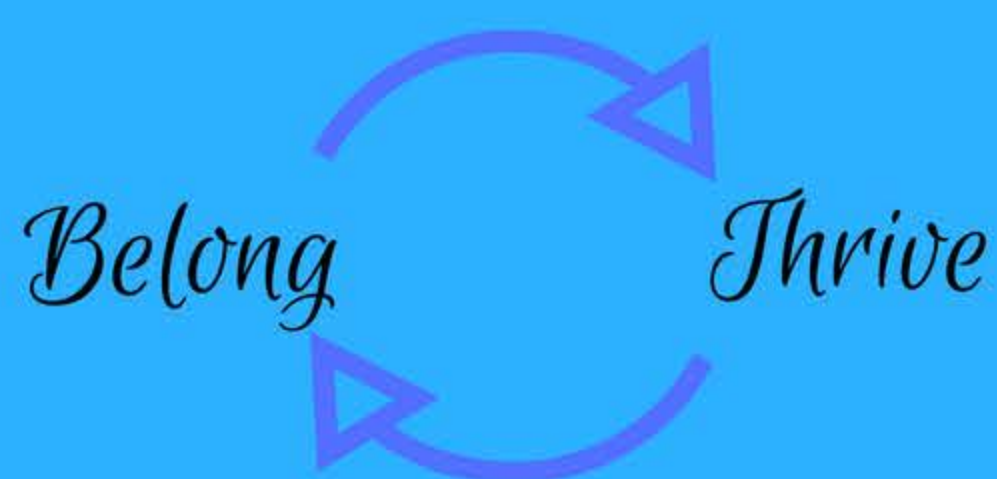




FSCP Biweekly Tips

Description:

The Biweekly Family, School, Community Partnership (FSCP) tips are little snippets of information on best practices around family engagement, and community involvement in our schools. These quick, easy to read emailed tips are meant to keep FSCP and the importance of family involvement in the forefront of busy building leaders and central administrators when thinking about how families can support student achievement. We use the tips as little reminders on easy ways to follow and implement the National Parent Teacher Association Standards with the overall goal of supporting student success.



Example

Tip #1

Welcoming All Families: With so many events at our schools coming up do not forget to be visible. This is a great time to say hello, and welcome our families to our schools. A little greeting goes along way. If you do not have any events, drop off and pick up time is another great time to connect!

Tip #5

Communicating Effectively: With conferences in a few weeks, right now is a perfect time to be making (positive) phone calls home. As we know, some of the content in these conferences may not be what the families are wanting to hear so this should not be the first contact that they are getting from teachers/administrators. Reminders about conferences are also a must. Please let me know how I can support you with this.



Implementation and Planning:

The district family, school, community liaison plans and sends out these bi-weekly emails to the district and building leaders. Many of the tips come from direct feedback at school accountability committee (SAC) meetings. This is a time where families and community partners have a voice in school improvement planning and supports for student success. The tips follow the National PTA FSCP standards and are sent to district-wide principals from early childhood to high school. Other tips are related to specific, timely happenings within the district. (i.e. parent teacher conferences) Finally, some of the tips, ideas, and questions come from the monthly FSCP coffee chats held by CDE.



Example

Tip # 8

New buildings=Space for families?

All of you will be in new buildings by the end of 2020, do you have a space dedicated for families? Is there an area where they can find out what is happening in your buildings or where resources are provided? This could be a simple bulletin board that has current events, parent nights, calendars, and important resources/literature. A place holder with flyers by the front of the door does not work unless parents know what it is and it contains updated information.

Do you have computers set up for families? Think registration time, paying fees, FASFA, etc.

Keep in mind a family center/area has to be visible, kept updated and most importantly... families have to know it is there!