Polar Express Night
Little Elementary School

Description/Summary
Building authentic relationships with our families is a strong focus at Little Elementary this year. In addition we are always looking for ways to find resources for families that may need a little extra help. Polar Express Night was an opportunity to work with our community partners to create a magical evening of fun and games, as well as an opportunity for families to receive a holiday food basket. Families were invited to enjoy dinner and hot cocoa and everyone participated in an evening of crafts and games. The atmosphere was festive and the decorations and lights added to the feeling of joy and cheer. Valuable connections were made with our community partners as they linked arms with us to create a very special evening that will long be remembered!

Key Elements
• Building strong partnerships in the community
• Providing resources for families
• Welcoming all families into our school community
• Developing parent leadership

We are ONE – We are Title I
Family School Partnership Representatives:
Donna Garcia and Monika Herrera
Principal: Robert Lopez
Family Engagement Liaison: Cathy Paxton

Family School Partnerships
Jefferson County Title I Family-School Partnership group is made up of family representatives from each Title I school, Title I Family Engagement Liaisons, and Title I department staff. We meet six times throughout the school year at the District Education Center in the Boardroom. To remove barriers for families, Title I provides food and child enrichment programs at each meeting.

This year, FSP families gained knowledge of the 6 National Standards for Family School Partnerships and then looked within their own school communities to identify and highlight a promising practice and worked link it to student success.

Link to Student Outcomes
• Building a thriving school community with local partnerships
• Removing economic obstacles by providing adequate resources to all families
• Partnering with families as we team up to ensure student success