

Family Learning Night

Thomson Elementary School

Description/Summary

Since 2011 Thomson Elementary held its first Family Learning Night in 2011. This year, the event focused on encouraging students to adopt a growth mindset versus a fixed mindset, and it is with this goal in mind that the theme of the 6th Annual Family Learning Night was "Learning is an Adventure – Take Risks!"

Students and their families were given a *passport* directing them to a variety of adventure-seeking workshops, such as *Adventure Family Bucket List*, *Treasure Maps*, *Google Expedition*, and *Adventures in Parenting*.

The school received donations from Arvada Community Food Bank, Denver Aquarium, Extras Building Supplies, and Elvis Cinema, to name a few. This year attendance improved by 28% due to increased and earlier promotional activity.

Key Elements

- **Welcoming all families by providing a welcoming environment, dual language translation, and a warm meal, at no cost to families**
- **Providing adventure seeking workshops, do at home activities, and independent learning**
- **Collaborating with Community organizations to provide families support and resources**
- **Promoting the 6 National Standards**



We are ONE – We are Title I

Family School Partnership Representatives:
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Principal: Natalie Berges-Tucker
Family Engagement Liaison:
Kristi Seward-Hoekstra



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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

- **Supporting Student Success by including families in learning and decision making**
 - **Promoting a growth mindset by risk taking**
- “Learning is an adventure-Take risks”**
- **Communicating Effectively, when families feel connected and valued, they are more likely to communicate with staff and teachers in matters that impact their child success**