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

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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

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