

Families

Ideas

Challenges

How do we move beyond social media posts and honor diversity, language barriers, and the families' lived experiences to recognize all families?

Work with media teams to package information about FSCP strategies and work in the district

getting this info to families in the language they speak

Time & Capacity

Partner with district level communications team to ensure we are utilizing the comms toolkit on social media

Work with Communications team to highlight the amazing work done by the Family Liaisons on district newsletter, website, etc.

Show us your family traditions surrounding education.

Co-created Strategic Plan, goal 3 is about Family Engagement at Alamosa. Local newspaper has covered several stories. Superintendent has done home visits.

End of week notes go home with students for the following week.

stories and voices from other families
Culturally relevant / culture night

Visit school events in November and speak with staff and parents about FSCP practices and values

spotlight parents who are volunteering/ are involved in a parent group at the school. list ways to participate that are NOT volunteering

engage youth voice in deciding how to involve families.

Recognize families district-wide - family postcards to highlight families (reading at night, family traditions, families support education)

put research out for parents around the impact of family community partnerships with schools

Newsletter talking about the event / upcoming events / ways for parents to get involved. sharing out that info on the platforms. Engagement > partnerships

Center for parents: gather feedback from the community as to what would be most impactful programming in this center to offer resources parents need

posting about different strategies for academic support at home (learning labs, ESL classes)

Cultural Events

the school board elections are on 11/7/23. use this opportunity to get families to vote

Communicating to parents at home instead of relying upon them coming to school for communication.

a blurb on WHY FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MATTERS - family engagement belongs in education too, & what family engagement should look like

Staff

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make sure family liaisons are aware of this month and have ways to promote it

dedicate staff PD/ meeting time to discussing FSCP opps

wear school pride clothes for a week and offer photos with mascot

Work with CEI to identify strategic purpose and action steps for FSCP work. Review action steps every 30 days. Short time frame of work makes action steps more effective!

set up a note of gratitude station in a common area at schools so thank you notes from teachers can go home to families

Celebrating families and recognizing the power that family engagement brings to the table - connect to research and the high-impact strategies

honor staff in what they do to partner with families: gift card, gift of time partnered with a FSCP challenge (go call and celebrate 5 students with positive phone calls)

staff provides families some sort of reward or "red carpet" experience to acknowledge and honor their partnership. "we so appreciate our families"

school utilize this month to gather info from surveys from families regarding how they want to participate in their child's education/ what questions they have

give time at principal meetings for them to discuss strategies for this month

Wear a color to promote family and community engagement

be a para for a day / volunteer

Intentional planning time with school staff every day at the end of the school day to focus on an FSCP practice (e.g., practices for positive phone calls home)

Posters in the staff break areas followed by emails

Visit school events in November and speak with staff and parents about FSCP practices and values

Visit with parent committees on what they want to see/what they want to learn

Time and capacity

Bring information to the schools (CDE info and best practices) this month and offer opportunities for conversation and engagement.

PROTECTING TIME to have staff conversations in this space so its not one more task that comes from an email with little supporting info

Share district and building goals with the entire staff (emails or newsletters that arm everyone with the same information and bring them onto the same team).

Buy-in is hard to get from staff

students work with staff at the building level to make a video that spotlights strategies used at school to learn math and reading

Have students who are involved in a program/class facilitated by a community partner during or after the school day recognize the organization they are working with.

Students could interview their families about their favorite memories of their education.

Students come up with questions to interview families, community members, and staff surrounding their educational experiences.

piggy-backing on existing events

Getting kids excited about showcasing their learning

Use student voice to highlight how their family supported them in their journey.

dress up in school mascot with a QR code survey/info related to FSCP partnership month

Have students across age levels share a video on questions they want their parents to ask / get involved in school / stay in the game & why that matters

Have monthly meetings at lunch that students can attend to voice their thoughts

Community

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make sure this info is getting to remote community hubs related to school districts

churches, community businesses, etc. invite teachers, school staff, and families to come to their business on the same day at the same time for a discounted product/ special experience?

A visible symbol or icon (student-created) that could be made into a sticker to make partners more visible in the community.

schools and districts post on social media, naming their community partners

Parent Academy (Parent Leadership group) organizing community events

Highlight family and community partnerships that go both ways. Focus on the positives that our families can provide to the community.

Giveaway - if you share out this infographic on parent engagement, enter to win!

Meet with community partners in large, collaborative group to learn about their work, inform them of what the school district is doing, and identify ways to work together toward goals

It is challenging to get buy-in from older community members