

Colorado's Promising Partnership Practices

Truscott Elementary School: Annual Community Pozole Dinner

Description/Summary

Truscott Elementary, a Dual-Language Immersion elementary school, hosts an annual Community Pozole Dinner to build a strong community of support for student and school success.

Key Element: A Welcoming and Inclusive School Community

Through strong community partnerships with local and regional business owners, the PTO, neighborhood churches, the district, and school personnel have a common goals for the annual Pozole Dinner.

Our goals are:

- To bring the community together in a comfortable and welcoming setting where relationships are formed, strengthened and community is built.
- Fostering community participation and open the door to success for students, academically and socially.
- Recognizing the school as the center of a community, and building culturally responsive partnerships in Loveland.
- Creating a welcoming school environment, strong communication and follow through, empowered and engaged families, and reliable community collaboration.



Visit us online at the Truscott Elementary Website:

<https://www.thompsonschoools.org/truscott>

Community Event

The planning process begins approximately two months prior to the dinner and includes brainstorming, planning, and organizing led by the Café con Leche parent group, with assistance from school staff, the family outreach liaison, the PTO and the community. The school receives donations from Truscott families, local and regional restaurants and businesses for food, as well as, items for a silent auction. Other activities at this event include arts and crafts, positive behavior support, a photo booth, healthy lifestyle promotion, and fundraising opportunities.

Community/School Partners

Community Partners:

First United Methodist Church
Taste Catering
Johnnie's Kitchen
LULAC: League of United Latin American Citizens (Loveland)

Parent Groups:

Café con Leche – Bilingual Parent Group
Truscott Parent-Teacher Organization
Current/Former Truscott Families

School and District Partners:

Truscott Staff and Students
Thompson School District Staff
Thompson R2-J Board of Education