

Parent and Community Involvement

The Etowah PTO serves as a liaison between parents and teachers of Etowah Elementary. The common goal is to provide our children with the best educational and social experience possible. We endeavor to work together to effectively give our students the highest advantages in the school setting. The PTO desires to be a hands-on organization involved in presenting Etowah with volunteerism, cultural events and special “community” programs.

Although fundraising is a large part of a PTO, we also seek to provide volunteers for our school for various enriching activities. Etowah PTO wishes to make our organization open to as many parents and community members as possible to volunteer at our school.

We thank all of the teachers and staff for the genuine concern, time and love they show for Etowah and our children. The PTO could not achieve what it does without your support. We also thank the parent and community volunteers for all they do to make our PTO a success. With such a strong foundation our PTO can continue to thrive.

Volunteers are an essential part of any successful school. Etowah Elementary welcomes parent/community involvement. We need volunteers to share their time and talents to enhance our school programs and curriculum. Check out the HCPS volunteer website at <http://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/human-resources/volunteers/> or contact the front office for more information about volunteering at our school.

Etowah Parent Engagement Policy

Convene an Annual Meeting:

Etowah Elementary hosts an open house and annual meeting during the first quarter of the school year. During this meeting, Etowah presents information about Title I funding and programs. This meeting will be held on August 14, 2023, parents and families were sent a notification letter about Etowah’s Title I program which is also available on our school’s website.

Offer Flexible Parent and Family Engagement Educational and Informational Activities:

Etowah Elementary will provide educational and informational activities and opportunities for families throughout the school year. These include, but are not limited to, academic engagement activities, information about student assessments (which will detail proficiency levels and expected student growth) and strategies families can use to help students succeed. Feedback from families will assist Etowah in different engagement activities to offer. Virtual events and/or recordings will be held and available at varying times to accommodate the needs of working families.

Involve Parents and Families in an Organized, Ongoing, and Timely Way:

Etowah Elementary will provide parent representation on the School Improvement Team, Parent Involvement Committee, and Superintendent’s Parent Advisory Council. Parents and families will be included in decisions involving the School Improvement Plan, this Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and will be asked to serve on various school committees.

Provide Timely Information:

Individual teacher conferences will be scheduled at times convenient for families, as well as MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) meetings, 504 meetings, and IEP (Individualized Education Program) meetings. Teacher newsletters, websites, social media, educational apps, report cards, progress reports, and standardized test results will all be used to keep families informed about school events and their child's educational needs and progress.

Provide for Family Comments:

Etowah Elementary will provide opportunities for family comments on the schoolwide plan through conferences, committees, the School Improvement Team, and surveys.

Etowah Elementary recognizes the importance of home and school communication, involvement, and collaboration for the success and well being of our students and encourages parents to communicate regularly with faculty and staff. A parent and family survey is available at: <https://forms.gle/vGCRxwAKW8rTKhdL7>.

Parent and Family Engagement Activities 2023-2024

Traditionally, Etowah hosts a variety of parent and family engagement activities and events including the following:

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| ● Meet the Teacher Event | August 10, 2023 from 4 - 6pm |
| ● Annual Title I Informational Meeting & Open House | August 29, 2023 from 4:30 - 6:30p |
| ● Elementary Night at WHHS Football Game | September 8, 2023 |
| ● Boosterthon Fun Run, followed by Family Picnic | September 19, 2023 at 10:00am |
| ● Literacy Bingo Afternoon | September 19, 2023 1:00 -2:00pm |
| ● Etowah PTO Fall Festival | October 20, 2023 |
| ● Fall Conferences Week | most during Oct. 23 - 27 |
| ● Veteran's Day Program | November 9, 2023 at 9:00am |
| ● 1st Semester Growth Parades - K-2nd | January 19, 2024 12:45 - 1:15pm |
| ● 1st Semester Growth Parades - 3rd - 5th | January 19, 2024 1:20 - 1:55pm |
| ● STEM Carnival | February 2, 2024 4:30 - 6:00pm |