

Royal Oaks Elementary School

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Dear Royal Oaks Caregivers,

Below are the details that outline the Royal Oaks Family Engagement Plan.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the district's and school's vision, mission, and goals for student academic achievement.

Sun Prairie School District Vision: To be a high performing district of choice that reflects the cultures of our diverse community.

Sun Prairie School District Mission: Futures depend on us to inspire and prepare every child, every day by providing relevant, engaging, and innovative learning experiences in and out of the classroom.

At Royal Oaks Elementary, we believe:

• School culture is built on the Rocket Way of:

Cooperation,

Assertiveness,

Responsibility,

Empathy, and

Self-Control.

- We are a team. Caregivers play an integral role in their child's learning. We value and accept families as they are and believe they are their child's best advocate.
- Communication between caregivers, students, and staff is a shared two-way
 responsibility and should be regular, meaningful and relational. To effectively
 communicate, both parties must be aware of issues such as race, gender and sexual
 identity, ability, culture and language.
- We believe in the importance of developing trusting, lasting relationships between our school, our caregivers and the community. Our "doors" are always open!
- Caregivers will be treated as full partners in the educational process and in decisions that affect the whole child--socially, emotionally and academically.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who should I go to if I have a question about my child's education? Please start with your child's classroom teacher. The teacher may advise you to reach out to the more appropriate person if necessary. You can also access contact information of all staff on our Royal Oaks website linked here.

How will the school share monthly news?

Royal Oaks sends out a newsletter at the beginning of each month through Blackboard Connect. The monthly newsletter will then be archived on the Royal Oaks web page under "Newsletters".

Our School Community Organization (SCO) meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in our Science Room. All Royal Oaks caregivers are members of our SCO and all caregivers are welcome at meetings.

Our SCO posts information throughout the year on the Royal Oaks web page under ROSCO linked <u>here</u>. They also have Facebook linked on the same page.

Teacher communication will vary; however, most teachers use Seesaw as a way to share what's going on in the classroom.

Occasionally, information will be sent via Blackboard Connect and "Red Talks" (Royal Oaks' version of TED Talks).

What are some events that allow parents and families to engage with the Royal Oaks Community?

We will be sending invites through Blackboard Connect, our website, and Facebook to make sure that you know about upcoming events. Some examples during a normal school year would be:

- Ready, Set, Go!
- New Family Dinner
- Rocket Run
- Family Learning Night
- Parent and Teacher Conferences

What should you do if you have a concern, question, or great idea? If it is a classroom concern, we ask that you go directly through the teacher first. If you are not sure where to start, call our main office for assistance at (608) 834-7203.

Attendance: Please call the attendance line (608) 834-7200 and press #1 as well as call the classroom teacher.

We look forward to a great year with you at Royal Oaks Elementary School!

Sincerely,

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