

Arenac Eastern Schools

Eagle News and Information for Parents

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Qualified Teachers and Paraprofessionals: *Did you know that you have the right to request the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers? Yes, you do and the certificates are on file in the offices of the school district. Please call and schedule a time if you would like to review the certificates or qualifications of our teachers and paraprofessionals.*

Adequate Yearly Progress: *Did you know that schools are graded annually on their progress for improvement? Yes, public school districts and academies are graded based on test scores and other criteria. If a district fails to meet this criteria it is notified and must respond with corrective action to improve its status during the following year. You as a parent are required to be notified if the school does not meet the standards for improvement and progress. I am happy to report to you that all three schools, elementary, middle and high school, met the criteria for adequate yearly progress for the 2008-09 school year.*

Parental Involvement Policy: *Did you know that Arenac Eastern has a policy for encouraging parental involvement with the school and its operations? Yes, the Board of Education has established a policy, outlined in section 2112, for establishing parent relationships for the encouragement of parental involvement. The policy is available for parents to review at their request. According to the policy the Board established the following fundamental principles whereas parents should be meaningfully involved in:*

- A. developing and implementing appropriate strategies for helping their child achieve the learning objectives that lead to accomplishing the learning outcomes;*
- B. providing a school and home environment which encourages learning and augments, at home, the learning experiences provided by the school;*
- C. establishing the learning outcomes for their child with the goal of developing a responsible, adult member of society.*
- D. Establishing and supporting a consistent and shared approach to child guidance and discipline;*
- E. Providing for the proper health, safety, and well-being for their child.*

Throughout the school year parents will receive notice of various opportunities to become involved in school activities. (Parent Library, IEP's, Book Fair, Book Club, Tutoring, Summer School, Summer Reading Program, School Improvement Team, DIBEL Assessments, etc.) Means of communication include, but not limited to the following: newsletters, flyers, the school's website calendar, (www.arenaceastern.org),

parent teacher conferences, Title I Reading activities (guest speakers, book fairs, program evaluation and planning meeting), etc.

Title I Program Parent Meeting and Program Planning and Evaluation:

Did you know that you may be involved in the planning and evaluation of our Title I reading program and activities? Yes, you are asked to mark your calendars for March 8, 2010. This date has been set with the purpose of having parents come into the school and learn about Title I programs and activities, and participate in the evaluation and planning for the following year.

School-Parent Compact

The Arenac Eastern School District offers a compact with parents. The compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.

Good Nutrition

The Arenac Eastern School District offers a breakfast and lunch program for its students. Healthy alternatives to processed foods are available through fruit and salad bar offerings. Having healthy students is important. Good nutrition and exercise improve academic performance.

Health

The spread of viruses and infectious diseases is a concern for any organization or building that hosts large groups of students. Schools are no exception to that principle. If your child is sick it is in the best interest of your student, and the health of others that you keep him/her home. If your student has influenza-like symptoms (a combination of fever, sore throat, headache, cough, diarrhea, and or vomiting) the child should stay home at least 24 hours after the fever has broken. A typical student with influenza would probably be at home four to six days. Professional nurses have taught our students how to properly wash their hands and have given other tips on how to prevent the spread infectious diseases.

I hope that your student has a successful year attending our school. Your commitment and involvement are instrumental to success. Stay involved in your student's academic and social behavior. It is a worthy investment of your time.

Patrick Bootz