

## Veneta Elementary School: Parent Involvement Policy

There are many opportunities for families to become involved in their child's education at Veneta Elementary School. This policy is written to clearly delineate these opportunities, as well as describe the process by which they are communicated to parents, methods for communication, and strategies for program evaluation and improvement.

### Parent Involvement Opportunities

- Parent volunteers serve on our school's ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) team, and as such are an integral part of decision making within the school environment.
- Parenting classes are offered through Fern Ridge School District's partnership with both The Child Center and the Fern Ridge Family Resource Center.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are held twice a year, in November and April. Parents are encouraged to attend and are given the opportunity to learn about the educational progress of their children through report cards. If a parent does not attend conferences, report cards are sent home with students and/or mailed home. Reporting periods also occur in January and June, with report cards sent home with students and/or mailed home.
- Parents are encouraged to request conferences with teachers when needed throughout the year.
- Parents are invited to attend the annual FRSD Title meeting once a year.
- Parents are encouraged to join our parent organization, PALS (Parent Action League for Students) and become involved in our school community. PALS meetings are held monthly in the VES library. Times and dates vary based on elementary sports schedules.
- Parents have many opportunities to volunteer, both in individual classrooms and in the school as a whole. All volunteers must pass a background check yearly.
- Various family nights are held throughout the year, providing an opportunity for parents to learn and have fun alongside their children.

### Communication of Involvement Opportunities

Parents can learn about opportunities to be involved at Veneta Elementary in these ways:

- The VES website ([www.fernridge.k12.or.us/venetaele/](http://www.fernridge.k12.or.us/venetaele/))
- Parent Square communication from the FRSD, VES, and individual teachers. Parents are automatically enrolled in Parent Square messaging upon enrollment
- Attending PALS meetings every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm
- VES monthly newsletter and calendar
- Classroom newsletters and/or text message systems (dependent on teacher)
- Facebook (search for Veneta Cougars PALS)
- The FRSD auto dialer phone system
- The regularly updated readerboard in front of VES