

A Family & Community Outreach Initiative

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Parent Resource Center Parent Involvement Summary Report School Year 2012/2013

Activity Description

Community Assistant	Agency/ Community Partners	# of Parents/ Contacts					
The Parent Liaison's office	AtlantiCare- Charity Care Office	(1)					
job is to assist parents to	Community Food Pantries	(40)					
make linkage to technical	Liberty Mutual Insurance Company of Voorhees, NJ	(8)					
and social support services so	NJ Family Care	(16)					
they can help their children	One Stop Career Center Job Development Office	(66)					
become successful learners.		$\underline{\text{Total} = 263}$					
Juvenile Court	The PRC provides facility space to the Juvenile Justice System Agency to attempt to involve parents and youth in the						
Representative	process to achieve positive results while in the program.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
•	Professional Family Court Staff member who oversees the process from start to finish. The parent, the juvenile and						
	the complainant/victim are invited to voluntarily discuss with the court staff the offense and other related factors. A						
	youth entering the program has the opportunity to receive intervention assistance from the agency, including						
	counseling, and educational opportunities. A representative meets parents and the juvenile to conduct the In-take						
In District Deformals	every Thursday at the parent Resource Center. <u>Total = 149</u>						
In-District Referrals The Parent Resource Center	Schools/ District Offices	# of Referrals/Contacts					
	- Forly Childhood Social Worker Office	(1)					
is a support system to all schools across the school	Early Childhood Social Worker Office LAS Main Office	(1)					
district. The PRC links	LAS Main Office NMCS Principal's Office	(1)					
parents with the various	NMSS Principal's Office NMSS Principal's Office NMSS Principal's Office	(2)					
district offices.	PHS Drop Out Prevention Office PMS G in the Office PMS G in the Office PMS G in the Office of the Office o	(3)					
district offices.	PHS Guidance Office	(3)					

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	PHS PL Office	(2)			
	 Tracey Pedano, Lunch Applications' Office 	(5)			
	 Truancy/Homeless Liaison Office 	(16)			
	WAS Main Office	(7)			
		Total = 40			
Parent Activities	Parents' Workshops/	Presenter # of Parents/Contacts			
Throughout the school year	Back to School Workshop for Parents	District Parent Liaisons	(50)		
parents are invited to be part	Voting Rights and Registrations	District Parent Liaisons	(40)		
of various educational	Holiday Safety	PFD Officer Smith	(25)		
workshops, students' celebrations and other school	Health and Nutrition	Business Owner Debbie Massie & LAS Nurse Harting			
related activities. The goal is	Job Readiness- Sponsor by One Stop Career Center	9	(60)		
to provide all parents the	How to Prepare your Child for Testing	SMSS Lead Teachers Kubaska and Brook	` /		
opportunity to be active	NJ Family Care	NJ Field Health Benefits Coordinator	(45)		
participants in their child's	Special Education and Referral Services for Parents		(25)		
educational process.	• Failure is not an Option	Community Leaders	(25)		
	 Professional Learning for Parents 	EPIC Parent Leadership Institute	(52)		
	ESL Online Classes	Web Base ESL Program- usalearns.org	(77)		
	LSE Offfice Classes	Total = 424			
	School Related Activities & Award Celebrat		of Parents		
	School Related Activities & Award Celebrat	ions / School #	of Farents		
	District Deals to School Wights	TAS	(200)		
	District Back to School Nights				
		MSP(344) NMSS(175)			
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		SMSS	` /		
		WAS	` ′		
			l = 1471		
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Star Parent Awards Program

Appreciation certificates are awarded monthly to parents who participate and excel in the various programs offered throughout the year.

Star Parent Monthly Awards

- September: Ms. Damaris Alvarenga, parent of Elvis Vasquez (WAS third grade student).
- October: Ms. Maybelline Garcia, parent of Fred Zorrilla (WAS Fifth grade student).
- November: Ms. Danielle Hicks, parent of Yazminia Kerzman-Hicks (LAS kindergarten grade student)
- **December:** Mr. Anthony Farrow, parent of Iyana and Tatyanna Farrow (**LAS** kindergarten and First grade students).
- **January**: Mrs. Carmen Morillo, ESL student, assisted in translating for other parents during the January PRC Workshop held on January 10th.
- **February:** Mrs. Vivian Torres, parent of Angel Luis Ruiz (**MSP** 6th grade student).
- March: Mrs. Bessy Zuniga, parent of Stefany Mencias (WAS 2nd grade student).
- April: Mr. Cristino Vasquez, 70, grandparent of Elvis Vasquez (WAS 3rd grade student).
- May: Mrs. Erica Hernandez, parent of Fares Vasquez (WAS 5th grade student).
- June: Mrs. Parker, grandparent of Jaymyia Parker, (NMSS kindergarten student).

Total = 10

Parent Liaison Professional Learning

Throughout the school year Parent Liaisons participate in various professional development sessions. The objectives are to provide Parent Liaisons opportunities for personal and professional growth, enhance team building skills through and within daily educational, personal and work activities.

Topic Description/ Presenter Ed Fuhrmeister, Data Coordinator- October 2012

• Parent Portal training on the smartphone: Participants learned how to access student information on the computer and smartphones to then turn-key and train parents across the district.

Topic Description/ Presenter Shina Tiller, SMSS Parent Liaison - October 2012

• Parent Involvement Data Entry: Participants learned how to enter the information from the district Parent Surveys

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Topic Description/ Presenter Lynette Howard, NJPTA State Diversity and Inclusion Chair

• Cultural Competency: Participants learned culture awareness and how to build relationships across cultural groups. Participants also learned how to tap into those untapped markets (diversity and inclusion). Diversity adds value and cultural sensitivity leads to cultural competence. Participants explored the visible and invisible aspects of culture. They also learned the value of seeking input and engagement from a broad spectrum of people, viewpoints and experiences populations.

Topic Description/ Presenter New Jersey PTA E-Learning Course- February 2013

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Topic Description/ Presenter EPIC Parent Leadership Institute- June 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 2013

- Every Parent Influences Children-Empowering Parents to Serve as Active Leaders in their Home-School Community: In this workshop parents gained an understanding of their role as active school and community leaders. Parents also identified and discussed barriers to parent involvement and how to overcome them. Parents embraced skills for presenting information throughout their community.
- **Skills/Knowledge:** Parents gained the knowledge and skills to identify personal leader attributes, assess personal competencies, utilize effective communication techniques, facilitate meetings, conduct public-speaking activities, define basic academic standards, and how to translate academic assessment methods.

PRC Programs and Initiatives

The Parent Resource Center is a technical and support system center. A facility that provides information with the purpose of helping our school community and families to employ successful family engagement programs and strategies that leads to improvements in student academic achievement. The Parent Resource Center works in partnership with various community organizations and will have an inventory of resources that will provide quality services to the families and children of the Pleasantville School District.

• Learning Outcomes: During this workshop parents broaden their knowledge of state learning standards and discussed their potential to impact a child's education. Parents became familiarized with concepts, language and assessments used by educators in the classroom. Parents also developed meaningful strategies and techniques that they can use to support their children's efforts at achieving standards in school and non-school settings. Parents will be able to communicate this information to fellow community members.

• One Stop Career Office Job Readiness Program

Collaboration and partnership with the One Stop Career Office to service students and parents with the district work readiness training initiative. The agency is scheduled to visit the center monthly.

District Survey

Revise current Parent Survey, distribute and collect updated Parent Survey version.

• PRC Website/ Channel 2

Maintain the PRC Web page, Channel 2, and district/community announcements.

• Homeless/Truancy

Service referrals from Mr. Mitchell's office.

• Parent Liaison Professional Development

Research in service days and develop topics for training for Parent Liaisons

PRC Programs and Initiatives Positive Outcomes

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• The following parents acquired employment after participating in the ESL Online Class and One Stop Career Office Job Readiness Program

Name	Job Skills Training/On-Line	Date	Job Site / Job Title
	Applications	Hired	
Anthony Farrow	1/8, 2/5/13 Resume/ Job Readiness	3/9/13	Buffalo Wild Wings, ML- Cook
Carmen Morillo	13 week ESL Training	4/29/2013	Adult GED Program MSP- Student
Charles Monroe	2/5/13, Update Resume	4/1/13	Margarita Ville Resorts Hotel Casino- Bar Porter
Edwin Fontanez	13 week ESL Training	3/11/13	PF Cheng, Trop, AC - Cook
Elisha Carson	2/5/13, Update Resume	3/23/13	Shop Rite, Absecon- Cashier
Emmely Marijn	1/8, 2/5/13 Resume/ Job Readiness	5/7/13	Harrah's Casino, Atlantic City- Cage Cashier
Erica Hernandez	13 Week ESL Training	4/21/13	Safety Bus Company-Bus Driver
Maybelline Garcia-	13 week ESL Training	2/25/13	Clarion Hotel, EHT- Housekeeping
Martinez			
Natalia Gandia	In-School Referral	3/1/13	Blitz Cleaning Service- Housekeeping
Nicole Jones	1/8, 2/5/13 Resume/ Job Readiness	4/9/13	Office Team Temporary Agency- Office Clerk
Pablo Rosario	13 week ESL Training	3/21/13	Harrah's, Atlantic City -EVS
Yelitza Feliciano	13 week ESL Training	2/25/13	Clarion Hotel, EHT- Housekeeping
Danielle Hicks	1/8, 2/5/13 Resume/ Job Readiness	2/2/13	American Red Cross- Volunteer Emergency
			Assistant Client Caseworker
Vivian Torres	13 week ESL Training	3/ 2013	North Main Street School- PTO Treasurer
			(Volunteer Position)
Noemi Negrete	13 week ESL Training	3/ 2013	North Main Street School- PTO Secretary
			(Volunteer Position)

Total = 15

In-Take & Suggestion Forms

This is an evaluation process that assesses each program and products offer by the PRC and Lead Parent Liaison's office. This assessment measures parents' opinion of progress by comment cards and In-take forms.

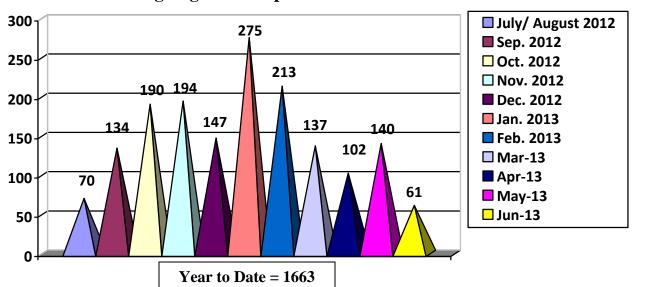
Parents Suggestions for Improvement

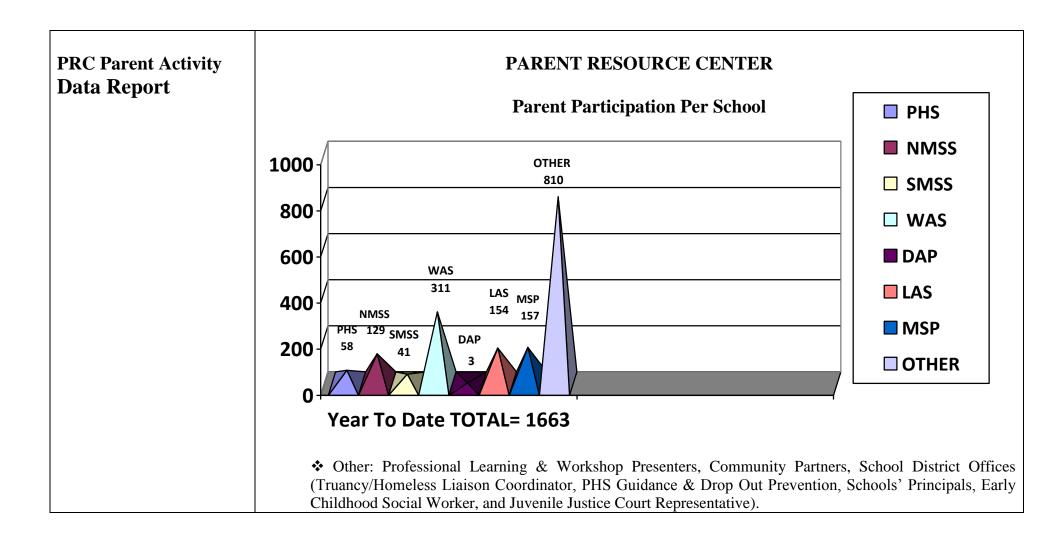
- Computer Class for parents.
- ESL Online classes for parents after 4pm or Saturdays to meet the need of those parents who are not able to attend during the school hours or week days.
- Exercise classes such as Zumba classes to promote good health.
- Spanish classes for parents & staff.

PRC Parent Activity **Data Report**

The total of requests for services from parents/guardians increased monthly since the PRC opened on July 2012. For the school year of 2012/2013 the center entertained a total of 1663 requests.

PARENT RESOURCE CENTER Signing Sheet Report for Services and Products





Parent Involvement Increases Student Performance

Parent involvement has been defined and measured in multiple ways, including activities that parents engage in at home and at school. These activities help parents create positive attitudes towards their child's education, school, and teachers. Several methods are used to measure child academic performance, including standardized achievement test scores, teacher ratings of academic performance, and report card grades. Standardized achievement tests are objective instruments that assess skills and abilities children learn through classroom instruction in a various subject areas including reading, mathematics, and writing. Below you will find meaningful and real data that show that Pleasantville Schools Parent Involvement Program has contributed to the improvement of our students' academic performance and daily attendance. A small population sample was taken from various activities that linked families with the Parent Resource Center and consequently making parent connections with their child's individual schools in the district. The students sampled below, are children whose parents were involved and connected with the district's various Parent Involvement Activities. The sample shows increased academic performance in the report card grades and/or improvement in the student's daily attendance from 2011/2012 to 2012/2013 school year.

Parent Involvement Program	Student's School	Student	Subject/ Class	Students Performance 2011/2012 Report Card Grades	Students Performance 2012/2013 Report Card Grades	Students 2011/2012 Attendance Total Unexcused Absences	Students 2012/2013 Attendance Total Unexcused Absences
Parent of student	LAS	ID # 11209378	LANG ARTS	D	В	2	14
11209378 Resume/ Job Readiness,			LITERACY	D	В		Student's attendance
January PRC Workshop			MATHEMATICS READING	Е	В		showed improvement during MP4
Parent of student	WAS	ID#1995111	LANG ARTS	В	В	14	5
1995111			LITERACY	В	В		
13 Week ESL Training, Resume/ Job Readiness			MATHEMATICS READING	В	В		
Parent of student	WAS	ID # 11274678	LANG ARTS	D	С	4	3
11274678			LITERACY	F	C		
13 week ESL Training, PRC Workshops: October, December & January, March			MATHEMATICS READING	D	С		

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Parent of student 3005562 13 week ESL Training, PRC Workshops: October,	SMSS	ID # 3005562	LANG ARTS LITERACY MATHEMATICS READING	C C C	C B C	2	1
December & January, March	Mab	ID #1705160					
Parent of student 1785160 13 week ESL Training,	MSP	ID # 1785160	LANG ARTS LITERACY	С	C	0	4
PRC Workshops: October,			MATHEMATICS READING	C C	C C		Student 's attendance
December, January, March, April & June			KL/ IDII VG	C			showed improvement during MP3 & MP4
Parent of student 11334256	WAS	ID# 11334256	LANG ARTS LITERACY	D	С	7	5
13 week ESL Training,			MATHEMATICS	C	С		
PRC Workshops: October, December, January, March & April			READING	F	С		
Parent of student 3034923	WAS	ID # 3034923	LANG ARTS LITERACY	С	С	7	4
13 week ESL Training,			MATHEMATICS	C	С		
PRC Workshops: December, January, February, March & June			READING	С	С		
Parent of student 3046194	NMSS	ID # 3046194	LANG ARTS LITERACY	D	A	2	2
13 week ESL Training,			MATHEMATICS	D	A		
NMSS PTO, PRC Workshops: October, December & January			READING	D	A		