

## ***Pelham City Schools Goals for Student Achievement 2018-2019***

**In Math:** All students demonstrate growth and score Proficient or higher in Math on the Georgia Milestones EOG and EOC tests.

**In Literacy:** All students demonstrate growth in reading and writing and score Proficient or higher on the Georgia Milestones EOG and EOC tests.

**Behavior:** Increase Climate Star Rating scores by implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and reducing office discipline referrals.

### ***Pelham City Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Goals for Student Achievement 2018-2019***

In Math- Students will develop an understanding of linear functions and solve linear equations and systems of linear equations.

In Literacy- Students will focus on reading for comprehension.

## ***Teachers, Parents, and Students – Together for Success***

### ***In 8<sup>th</sup> Grade***

In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, teachers will work with students and their families to support students' success in reading and math. Some of the ways we will accomplish this include:

- Encourage students and parents to use the website and other resources suggested such as Remind, USA Test Prep, Istation, and [www.ARbookfind.com/lexile.com](http://www.ARbookfind.com/lexile.com).
- Helping students develop system for reviewing and studying for tests through notes, interactive notebooks, and graphic organizers.
- Providing parent resources through various parent events such as Content Area Nights, Parent Chats, Parent Lunch-n-Learns, and Parent Academy.

### ***At Home***

PCMS parents worked with staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading and math at home. Some of the suggestions:

- Attend parent trainings or access information from the events on the school website.
- Utilize parent resources such as academic websites/software, Google, Remind, and access monthly parent newsletter on remind, PCS website (online access at school or public library) or lobby rack.
- Daily assist students with studying notes, graphic organizers, and vocabulary. Also checking the homework and travel logs.
- Encourage my student to reach A.R. goals and read each day.

### ***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students***

A sampling of Pelham City Middle School's 8<sup>th</sup> grade students asked their peers about how they can succeed in Math and Literacy. Students thought of the following ways to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Connect classwork with real-life activities to build understanding.
- Set higher AR goals each month and read daily and read more fiction and non-fiction to develop diverse vocabulary.
- Use the suggested online resources at home such as: USA Test Prep, Istation, Quizlet, Prodigy, Tumble Books, and Kahoot.
- Take advantage of extra help after school with teachers.
- Study daily with interactive notebooks, etc.

## **What is a School-Parent Compact?**

*A School/Parent/Student Compact is an agreement that is developed together with parents, students, and teachers. Effective Compacts will:*

- Link goals of the school improvement plan.
- Focus on specific learning skills to work on at home.
- Share teacher strategies.

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## **Jointly Developed**

The PCMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, parents, and staff have jointly developed the school-parent compact. The process consisted of: PCMS staff and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers presented their input, then parents provided input, and finally PCMS students gave input.

Discussion of the compact occurs throughout the school year via surveys, Parent Chat meetings, and parent involvement questionnaires at parent events, PCS website input form, and community forums. Ongoing parental involvement is welcomed!

Please contact Mrs. Cindy Smith, PCS Title I Parent Involvement Coordinator, at 294-8170 ext. 214 or 221-2336 for any suggestions or input.

## **Activities to Build Partnerships and Communication for Student Learning**

PCMS offers many great family-learning opportunities throughout the school year such as:

**Open House** –meet teachers and visit classrooms.

**Content Area Events**- such as Middle School 101, Reading Scavenger Hunt, Social Studies Night, STEM Night/Mathfest.

**Parent Chats**- opportunities to share concerns and give input.

**Parent Conferences**- Appointments are available during teacher planning times and after school by calling 294-6063.

**Parent Lunch-n-Learns**-Parents are invited to eat lunch and then stay for parent resources.

**Parent Academy**- Parent sessions offered to build capacity in academics and parent advocacy.

**Parent Resource Center** – Open *M,W,F 8-11 and Th 1-4*. The PIRC is located on the PES campus in the Media Center.

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## **Parental Involvement**

Parents are invited to join all Parent Involvement activities. These opportunities, as well as our school website and annual surveys, are vehicles for parent input and involvement.

Stay in the know with:  
Parent Portal (Infinite Campus), PCS school website, Facebook, Remind, emails, monthly parent newsletters, Progress reports/report cards, and the phone message system.

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