

PARADISE KNOLL SCHOOL
West Milford Public Schools
West Milford, New Jersey 07480

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

BUILDING SUCCESS IN ACHIEVEMENT

The West Milford School Community envisions the highest level of success for every student. We make the commitment to motivate, to challenge, and to inspire students to become the best they can be. This goal is most successfully achieved when parents, students and teachers work together.

As partners, we share a common goal--to support academic success and to instill a sense of pride in achievement. Our commitment to work together with that goal in mind communicates the value of education to your child.

School Responsibilities

The school will:

- 1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards as follows:**
 - Alignment of curriculum with New Jersey Core Content Curriculum Standards
 - Assuring that all teachers meet Highly Qualified Teaching status
 - Encouraging teachers to access professional development to improve teaching and learning
 - Using materials that support the curriculum and that are research based
 - Providing interventions for students who do not respond to typical instruction
 - Implement teaching strategies that address the identified needs of learners
 - Administer assessments that align with NJCCCS and that carefully monitor student progress
 - Use assessment data to inform and guide instruction
 - Implement a behavior management plan that maintains a safe and healthy learning environment that allows students to be engaged and active learners
 - Administer a comprehensive program review process that continually monitors effectiveness

- 2. Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.** Specifically, those conferences will be held:

Annually in November & also on an as needed basis. There are pre-determined meeting dates during each month of the school year.

- 3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.** Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:

Realtime, the District's student information system, is used to provide parents and students access to grades 24/7 via the Parent Portal. Parents are encouraged to log-in to the Parent Portal periodically to check on their child's progress. At the end of each marking period, a Honeywell message will be sent to inform parents that report card grades are posted to the Parent Portal. Hard copies of students' report cards are also sent home with any other pertinent data, i.e. Star Math reports, in students' backpacks.

For Kindergarten, first and second grade students, grades are not available during the marking period, however, the notification of end of marking period report cards applies.

4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:

- At all scheduled parent/teacher conference times, by appointment
- By phone before or after the school day for teachers, during the school day for administrators (voice mail available)
- By written request for a phone or direct conference

5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:

- Classroom helpers
- Special events in classrooms and the school
- Concerts, programs, and presentations
- Educationally relevant events

6. Provide opportunities for meetings for parents to formulate suggestions, and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children as part of PTA meetings and both district and school level parent advisory committees.

7. Provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading in the tested grades. Conduct a presentation of school scores at the building and the district level in the fall of the school year. This is done at a PTA meeting and discussed briefly at Back to School Night.



We, as parents, will support our children's learning by:

- *Ensuring regular attendance*
- *Guiding and supporting the completion of homework*
- *Contributing to school advisory groups.*
- *Maintaining contact with teachers*
- *Utilizing district notification systems (Honeywell, Realtime student information system, Facebook, District Website)*
- *Promoting the value of education*
- *Attending parent/teacher conferences*



Student Responsibilities

As a student, I will share the responsibility to improve my academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards. Specifically, I will:

- Assume responsibility for my studies
- Participate in school activities
- Be an active learner in class
- Strive for personal best
- Contribute to a safe and effective learning environment



Teachers will:

- Provide a safe, constructive and academically focused learning environment
- Set academic goals for achievement
- Provide instruction to address targeted areas needing improvement
- Monitor that progress and keep parents informed through frequent communication.



For additional information regarding parent involvement in the West Milford Schools, please refer to:

- ▣ The West Milford Township Public Schools Board of Education Policies 2415.04.
- ▣ The district website at www.wmtps.org
- ▣ [Individual school's Parent Involvement Policy](#)