



# Phelps Luck Elementary

## FAMILY – SCHOOL COMPACT & PLAN FOR ACHIEVEMENT 2015–2016 3rd – 5th Grade

This plan has been jointly developed and distributed to the parents of all PLES students.

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☞ **PHELPS LUCK IS A TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM SCHOOL.** Title I programs at each school will vary, depending on the needs of the school. Every child may benefit from the added services and programs that a Schoolwide Title I program can offer. A Schoolwide program allows a school to address the learning strengths and needs of each child using a more comprehensive approach.

### ☞ OUR SCHOOL STAFF

- Communicates with parents and students regarding academic progress, attendance and behavior through interim reports and report cards (4 each per year), parent/teacher conferences (11/23-24 and 2/4), Thursday Folders (weekly), PLES newsletters (bi-weekly), agenda book (daily), notes and phone calls (as needed). *All family events and important dates are sent home in an Events Calendar that comes home via Thursday Folders.*
- Provides transportation, childcare, Interpreter services, and translated documents upon request for communication and family events.
- Provides high-quality, effective, data-driven instruction and uses that data throughout the year to plan differentiated activities as we implement Maryland's College and Career-Ready Standards.
- Offers parenting workshops and in-services on topics promoting the academic achievement of children, as well as, information about MAP and PARCC assessments. A calendar of events will be sent home at the beginning of each quarter. Post it at home for future reference.
- Builds a positive school culture among students, staff, and community by providing students with incentives to motivate positive learning behaviors and academic support for students performing below grade level.
- Data-based decision-making –Adhering to the cyclical philosophy “Being Continuously Reflective, Intentional with Implementation, and Analytical of Results.”
- Involves parents in making decisions related to whole school and Title I Programs including the Title I Family Involvement Programs, the Title I Family Involvement Budget, Compact and Plan through surveys and feedback forms.

☞ **EXTENDED DAY OPPORTUNITIES:** Some of your children will qualify for our BRIDGES Program (Funded by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century CLC grant). This educational opportunity extends beyond the regular school day for grades 2-5 with a focus on math. In addition to our focus on math, students are involved in engaging enrichment activities that emphasize STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) initiative. Bridges will also offer additional parent involvement activities. You will be contacted if your child qualifies for this

### Volunteer Opportunities

PTA

Classrooms

-Thursday Folder Filing

-Flash Cards

-Sight Words

Field Trips

### Need More Information?

For a copy of our Title I documents,  
visit our website.

If you have any questions or  
comments about the *Title I program*  
or the *schoolwide compact and plan*,  
contact Karen Simcock, Kara O'Neill  
or Isaac Clark.

### Our Goals for Student Achievement

**Language Arts** – Intermediate students will accurately read and understand different types of text. Students will become authors of various genres while using correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling in all written documents.

**Math** – Intermediate mathematics is focused on developing an understanding of multiplication and division strategies (multi-digit multiplication and division), multi-step story problems with all operations, developing an understanding of fractions and an understanding of geometric figures.



Family- School Compact: A Family-School Compact & Plan is an agreement that explains how families, students, and teachers will work together as a team to make sure all students receive the support they need to successfully achieve grade level goals.

### **As Teachers, we will:**

- Build a positive classroom culture.
- Facilitate effort and persistence with our students.
- Provide high-quality, effective, data-driven instruction and use that data throughout the year to plan differentiated activities as we transition to the Common Core.
- Communicate regularly with families regarding students' academic progress and behavior through Thursday folders, report cards, and Agenda books.
- Encourage a positive home-school connection through parent conferences, email, phone calls, and volunteer opportunities.
- Promote content understanding through purposeful questioning and extension activities.

### **As Parents, we will:**

- Make sure our child gets the appropriate amount of sleep, and arrives at school on time and ready to learn each day.
- Encourage our child to show effort and persistence in their work.
- Encourage our child to follow school standards.
- Provide a time and place for homework and check to make sure that it is complete.
- Check child's folders and agenda books daily for information from teachers and school.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences in November and February for updates on our child's progress.
- Contact school staff when we have questions of any type via note in agenda, phone call, email, or conference.

### **As Students, we will:**

- Arrive at school ready to learn.
- Do my homework every day.
- Do my best all day, every day.
- Ask questions at school and home when I don't understand.
- Read every day outside of school.
- Practice my math facts every day.
- Talk to family members about what I learned in school.

Goal Setting is a very important component of academic and social success. **Each student has set an academic goal in his or her Math/Science and ELA classes.** Periodically, throughout the year, your child will bring home updates regarding the progress of their goal.

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