

2021-22 Parent and Family Engagement Policy:

Due to the closing of Stewart's Creek at the end of the 2020-21 school year, Ethridge Elementary's attendance boundaries changed to include almost half of the student population. Due to this change, Ethridge now has Title 1 status. The focus for the beginning of the 2021-22 school year is to create a welcoming, friendly environment and take time to get to know our new families. Parents and students from Stewart's Creek did visit Ethridge at the end of the 2020-21 school year. We have hosted a series of parent engagement events in the evenings and are trying to increase attendance particularly among our new families.

Our first efforts to include parents in the educational and decision-making process started with the invitation to all parents who were interested in joining Ethridge's Building Leadership Team (BLT). We had 4 new parents to Ethridge join and 3 current parents from Ethridge join. This is more than normal, but necessary to be as inclusive as possible. The creation or the beginning of an Ethridge School/Parent Compact has been deferred until 2nd semester. We will revise our School/Parent Compact for 2022-23 at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

During the first BLT planning meeting, parents gave input on our CIP goals and what they would like to see incorporated into the CIP that would pertain to Parent and Family Engagement. Our parents on the BLT said they wanted to meet and connect with each other at school and outside of school to help foster that sense of belonging and community. Ethridge, in connection with our PTA, created a series of Family Engagement evening events, in addition to each grade level having a performance or academic presentations that parents would be invited to. We look forward to also incorporating the Stewarts Creek tradition of having a Carnival next year.