

# What is a Family-School Compact?

**A Family-School Compact is an action plan to enhance schools and promote student success.**

The Family-School Compact describes how Panter Elementary and families can work together to help children achieve the state's high standards. It outlines how parents, school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

## Effective compacts:

- ✓ Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- ✓ Focus on student learning skills
- ✓ Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high quality instruction
- ✓ Share strategies parents can use at home
- ✓ Explain how teachers will communicate about student progress

## How is the Compact Developed?

Parents, staff, and students of Panter Elementary contribute to the development of this Compact. Feedback from surveys, input at meetings, and evaluation of current parent involvement practices are all considered. Teachers suggest activities that can take place at home, and parents contribute ideas to make these activities possible. Students offer feedback on what would help them learn.

Meetings are held each year to review the Compact, and to make necessary changes. The Compact ensures that students are provided with the best opportunity for academic achievement by the school and family working together toward this goal.

The compact will be utilized throughout the year in teacher newsletters, websites, Title I parent meetings, and are posted throughout the school building.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments and suggestions at any time as the Compact will be referenced throughout the year. Parents may provide input by visiting Panter's Title I webpage and clicking the 'Compact' link. **Feel free to contact Title I Instructional Lead Teacher, Katie Meeks, at 770-443-4303 or [kmeeks@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:kmeeks@paulding.k12.ga.us).**

# Building Partnerships

*Please look out for invitations on upcoming opportunities!*

## Monthly Parent Meetings

- August 11, 2016 – Input and Development of Documents
- September 23, 2016 – Annual Title I Meeting
- Other monthly topics include: Overview of State Standards; State and Local Assessments: Working Together to Improve Achievement; Monitoring Your Child's Progress: Understanding Assessment Results; Technology Tips; and Parent Math and Reading/Writing workshops

## Family Nights

- Open House and Curriculum Night – Meet your child's teacher and see what your child will be learning this school year!
- Reading, math, and science nights – engage, explore, and learn!

Our **Parent Resource Center (PRC)** is located in the Media Center and offers educational games, books, and other materials available for parents to borrow for free. A computer with internet access and printer are available for parent use. **The PRC is open every school day, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

## Communicating Your Child's Progress

Panter Elementary realizes the importance of frequent and specific communication with parents.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place 10/10/16-10/14/16 and 03/20/17-03/24/17.**

Student Reports are issued every nine weeks, in addition to progress reports.

Each teacher maintains an informative classroom website.

A weekly communication folder containing monthly or weekly newsletters, school communications such as homework tips, graded work, notifications of events, and other important information is sent home with students.

### Access to Staff

Email addresses of all staff are available on our school website [www.paulding.k12.ga.us](http://www.paulding.k12.ga.us); click on "schools".

Please call the school to schedule an appointment with staff at 770-443-4303.

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**Family-School Compact**

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## Panter Elementary School

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## First Grade



*Paulding County Schools*

The vision of Paulding County School District is to provide a safe, healthy, supportive environment focused on learning and committed to high academic achievement. Through the shared responsibility of all stakeholders, students will be prepared as lifelong learners and as participating, contributing members of our dynamic and diverse community.

*Preparing all students for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

# Teachers, Parents, and Students – Together for Success

## Panter Elementary Goals

Panter Elementary first grade students will demonstrate mastery of foundational reading skills aligned to their grade-level band as measured by the Universal Reading Inventory's Foundational Reading Assessment.

- ✓ In 1<sup>st</sup> grade our school will focus on sight word fluency and comprehension.

Panter Elementary School's Math Milestones scores will increase from 39.3% proficient or distinguished in 2016 to 45% in 2017.

- ✓ In 1<sup>st</sup> grade our school will focus on developing addition and subtraction fluency.

## Paulding County School District Goals

The percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones English Language Arts End of Grade Assessment will increase by 1.5 percentage points.

The percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones Mathematics End of Grade Assessment will increase by 1.5 percentage points.

### Compact Distribution

Compacts are discussed with parents/guardians during Parent/Teacher Conference Week (10/10/16 – 10/14/16).

The parent/guardian of each student at Panter Elementary receives a Compact during Parent-Teacher Conference Week, and teachers share details of the students' role as stated in the Compact with all students. Copies are also available in the PRC and can be seen throughout the building. Please visit Panter's Title I webpage to view, give input, or request support in regards to our school Compact.

## *In the First Grade Classroom*

The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade team will work with students and their families to help students achieve academic success in reading and math in the following ways:

- ✓ Provide parents with comprehension questions for daily reading.
- ✓ Provide addition and subtraction flashcards at conferences.
- ✓ Provide parents with a list of sight words to keep in their child's weekly communication folder.
- ✓ Encourage parents to visit the Parent Resource Center and to attend monthly parent meetings and family learning nights.

## *Panter Elementary Students*

Panter School students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach for the stars in math and reading. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- ✓ Read to an adult each night and answer questions about the story.
- ✓ Practice my addition and subtraction flashcards with an adult each night for at least 5 minutes.
- ✓ Practice a list from my sight word sheet each night with an adult.
- ✓ Encourage my parents to visit the Parent Resource Center to check out games and materials to support learning at home. Remind them about monthly parent meetings and family learning nights.

## *At Home*

Panter School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading and math:

- ✓ Listen to my child read each night and ask comprehension questions about the story.
- ✓ Spend 5 minutes working on my child's addition and subtraction fact fluency using flashcards.
- ✓ Have my child read the sight word list in the communication folder each night.
- ✓ Visit the Parent Resource Center and attend monthly parent meetings and family learning nights.

### Educational websites:

**Reading:** MyOn.com starfall.com abcy.com Lexile.com TumbleBooks.com SheppardSoftware.com

**Math:** ixl.com/math/ FreeMathHelp.com MathFlix.luc.com Xpmath.com XtraMath.com MathPlayground.com