

# Family Engagement Team 24/25

**DATE:** February 3, 2025

**TIME:** 9:45p.m.

**LOCATION:** Cragin Elementary School Room 5

## Attendance

Karina Acuna Facilitator

Alexander Rodriguez Admin

Oscar Mellon Staff

Africa Arely Ciscomani Parent

Bridgett Patterson Parent

Alannah Tso Parent

Juanita Briseño Parent

Aymen Ahmed Parent

Hala Abdoalmgeed Parent

Brandi Mitchell Parent

## 1. Call meeting to order

-Meeting called to order at 9:45am

## 2. Principal Mr. Rodriguez Report and Welcome

We are very excited about this semester and all the wonderful this to look ahead. On **February 4th**, we're hosting a *Kinder Kick-Off* for future kindergarten families from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Please share with anyone who has a kindergartener!

PTO will have *Chili Cook-Off* on **February 7th** from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, and we will have our PTO meeting on **February 11th** at 5:15 pm in the library.

Lastly, **February 13th and 14th** are early dismissal days for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Be sure to schedule your child's conference!

Also, a huge thank you to Family Engagement that put together the Black History Month Display!

### **3. Review of Items/ Events needing action this quarter**

Events:

**Friday, February 7, 2025**

#### **-PTO Chili Cook Off Decoration Help**

The Family Engagement group will be making decorations for the PTO Chili Cook-Off, including paper boot decorations, a "Wanted for Being Too Kind" poster, a balloon arch, and an Old Tucson Town made from cardboard boxes. They'll also be teaming up with the Student Council to set up a Kind Mailbox for the event.

**Date Pending (end of March or beginning of April)**

#### **Study Night**

Idea is to prepare families for Testing Season in April. Will discuss details in future meetings

#### **Friday Fun Incentives**

Provide a Friday Fun Incentives for good behavior- Example ( Lunch with Mr. Rodriguez, Play Basketball with Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Armando, make art or pizza parties with Ms. Karina or another staff member, etc.) Also, an idea shared was for students with good behavior be entered in raffle to win some prizes once a month or once a week randomly picked by Mr. Rodriguez in a raffle form. Minute to win it- Mr. Rodriguez asks a question on the morning announcements and classes call in to give answer. First caller with correct answer wins a party.

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#### **Helping Student Council with Kind Letters Activity**

Families help Student Council sort mail by grade and classroom to help facilitate delivery time.

#### **Wednesday Fun Day**

Parent involvement is key! Parents not only want to help events but also want to be involved in the school by tutoring, helping do fun activities during recess, or helping do puzzles or an activity for brain breaks.

#### **4. Volunteers:**

We welcome parents to come and join Family Engagement with new ideas and help make them happen. Initiatives that help make our school a better place are ALWAYS welcomed! Thank you!


#### **5. Future possible events:**


Earth Day Campus – April 22<sup>nd</sup> , Circus or Safari Spring Festival? , Post Spring and Test Prep Events, Health and Flower Workshops, Field Day, End of the year Talent Show, Mother's day, 5 de MAYO, Help with Graduation décor. U of A Festival Of Books weekend (MARCH 15-16) Promote event with students.

#### **6. Possible future Workshops:**

The **U of A Health Department** is offering **Academic Workshops for Parents** to help you support your student at home with the new teaching styles!

We're also working on additional exciting opportunities for you, including:

 **Art Classes for Parents** – Tap into your creative side!

 **Credit Score Workshops** – Learn how to manage and improve your credit

**Parents are also referred to Family Resource centers for classes, assistance and more.**

#### **7. New Suggested Items:**

Earth Day Cleaning around Campus – April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Beautification Projects, Mural Contest, Pond – Desert Museum, Patio Next to Library Beautification- Add bird feeders, art, planters, etc. A month of study themed events leading up to Study Night

#### **8. Adjournment**

Ms. Karina motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am, seconded by

Mr. Alexander Rodriguez