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Celebrate Baby Cheyenne!
- One of our regular families, the Stricklands, just welcomed a new baby, Cheyenne, on 6/27!

2019-2020 School Year Planning
- Discussed moving our Family Resource Room to the portables in the garden and whether this is a good idea or bad idea?
  - Good- allows privacy, has much more space, currently isn’t being used
  - Bad- would take time to get families used to it, means more separation from the school building rather than integration, would be harder to staff so it may be closed more often
  - In discussion, the group largely favored using the portables for the Family Resource Room and for Mr. Cheatham’s office.
- Tips from Liz Ligawa (the FSS at Alta Vista)
  - Family Resource Center- have open when school is open, have a bulletin board, have a celebration for the opening of the space
  - Consider a suggestion box
    - Will definitely create an online form
    - The group was less sure of how to implement a physical suggestion box, but decided the following:
      - We should give it a try and can always get rid of it
      - Overall suggestion was that it should be near the receptionist
      - Would inform the receptionist to keep the suggestors anonymous and have someone other than the receptionist open the suggestion box
      - Set a periodic time (like every Friday) for the suggestion box to be opened and make sure families know when it is checked
      - Post responses on our newsletters (could have a separate section)
  - Redo slides for the entry TV
  - Find best communication tools like Bloomz, Class Dojo, Seesaw
    - Undecided at Alta Vista; currently will just push TEAMS due to all of its features
- Discuss what information would be most useful for parents at registration
  - Minimize chaos; have a good logical flow
  - Have pictures of key staff to help families get to know the campus
  - List opportunities for students to get involved
  - List school policies
  - FEC Sign up and information

Summer Goals
- Decided it is better to focus on making existing events better rather than adding additional events > our first focus is registration and Meet the Teacher Night

Conference Take-Aways
- Travis
• Need to post agendas in advance, keep concise, post everywhere
• Make feedback loops for ISMS that I manage; make several options available and make sure our staff know about it
• Important to establish a brand including consistent messaging, look, and presence
• We need someone to take photos at events – could be a good family volunteer position
• Highlight more of our stories
• PTHV Program- consider using their model: visits are voluntary for all, educators are trained and compensated, we share hopes – dreams – and goals, we don’t target students, and educators go and reflect in pairs.

Important Dates
• July 24th - August 7th. Registration
• August 8th- Staff Inservice Begins
• Unsure on dates of Meet the Teacher etc.
• August 20th – 1st Day of School

Who regularly attends?
• Travis Cheatham- Family Support Specialist for ISMS; co-lead facilitator for the Family Engagement Committee
• Mayela Hernandez-Lora- CYD Parent Engagement Specialist for Communities in Schools (CIS); co-lead facilitator for the Family Engagement Committee
• Morgan Taylor; Site Coordinator- CIS
• Josh Caballero- Community Organizer- Grassroots Community Development Waco
• Joseph Alexander- Principal of ISMS
• April Strickland- parent volunteer who coordinates our garden! (Thank you!)
• Elizabeth Fabela- parent
• Parents can remain anonymous if they would like!

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meta
ayudar a las familias y al personal escolar a conectarse de manera positiva, coherent e intencional. Nos esforzamos para que todos se sientan seguros y bienvenidos sin importar las experiencias personales.