



### **Involving YOU in YOUR child's education**

The goal of the Butterfield Trail Middle School faculty and staff is to involve parents in many ways:

- To encourage and assist parents in becoming proactive in their child's education.
- To ensure that communication with parents is an open and active process so that parents are recognized as integral to their child's education.
- To provide parents with materials and support to help them with their role as a parent.
- To include parents, students, faculty, and staff in decision making and advisory committees to ensure involvement of all parties in the education process.
- To partner with parents to support our BTMS mission of "Igniting a passion for learning" and to meet the needs of every adolescent as a "whole child."

### **We want to hear from YOU**

BTMS will communicate with parents in a variety of open and active ways:

- Weekly email newsletter, *Butterfield Bytes*, with events, student news, parenting tips and resources, and other information.
- Facebook and Twitter accounts on the school website.
- School website with information on clubs, organizations, activities, etc.
- Contact about upcoming events and important information by phone, text, or email.
- Eschool parent grade viewer for parents and students to monitor student grades and attendance.
- Continual feedback available on website, as well as district parent surveys completed at least once per year.
- Interpreter available as needed to interpret for Hispanic, Laotian, and French speaking parents. This includes Open House, Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences, and daytime appointments as needed.
- Communications will be published in appropriate languages to meet the needs of our community.
- STAR Advisors (Students, Teachers, and Relationships—Teacher Advisory Group) are available for parents to contact as needed. Every student at BTMS will be assigned a STAR group to meet with throughout the years they are at BTMS.
- Email or contact teachers by phone. The BTMS Student Handbook also outlines procedures for parents to resolve concerns, encouraging parents to start by contacting the student's teacher.

### **BTMS Website:**

<http://www.vbsd.us/schools/butterfield-trail-middle-school>

### **BTMS Facebook Pages:**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Discoverers: <https://www.facebook.com/btmsdiscoverers>

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pathfinders: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Butterfield-Trail-Middle-School-Pathfinders/1441173182791139>

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Imagineers: <https://www.facebook.com/butterfieldtrailimagineers>

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Innovators: <https://www.facebook.com/btmsinnovators>

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Adventurers: <https://www.facebook.com/ButterfieldTrailMSAdventurers/?fref=ts>

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Challengers: <https://www.facebook.com/btmschallengers>

BTMS Ignitors: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/BTMS-Ignitors>

BTMS Art: <https://www.facebook.com/btmsart>

BTMS Band: <http://www.facebook.com/VBMSBands>

Main BTMS Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ButterfieldTrailMS>

<b>Parent Involvement Activities</b>	
Schedule Pickup/Tour Building	August 3, 2018
Welcome Back Night/Open House	August 7, 2018
6th, 7th, and 8th Celebration of Learning	September 27, 2018
Fall Book Fair	October 15-24, 2018
Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences	October 16 & 18, 2018 & March 12 & 14, 2018
Red Ribbon Week	October 22-26, 2018
Play It Safe Day	October 26, 2018
Students vs. Faculty Games	November 16, 2018 & March 8, 2019
Spring Book Fair	March 4-13, 2019
ACT Aspire State Assessment & Activities	April 23-26, 2019
6th, 7th and 8th Celebration of Learning	May 9, 2018
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student/Parent Visits	May 2019
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 6-10, 2019
PTA Meeting	Monthly- 3rd Friday
STAR Groups	Meet Every Day

For more information about parent opportunities, please contact Tracy Cline, BTMS Parent Involvement Coordinator, at 479-474-6838 or by email at [smoore@vbsd.us](mailto:smoore@vbsd.us).