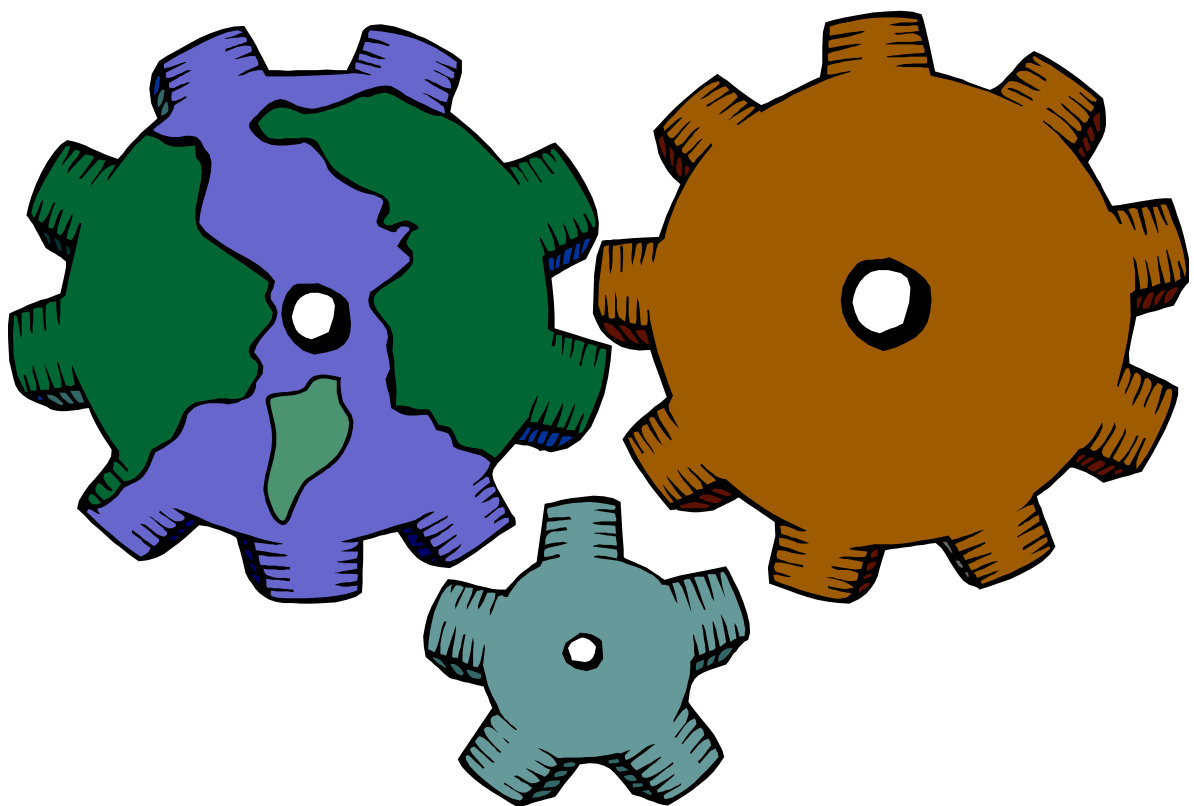


MONTANA GEAR UP PARENT ACTIVITY EXAMPLES

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(GEAR UP EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT REPORTING SYSTEM)**



COLLEGE VISIT AND WORKSHOP ACTIVITY EXAMPLES

COLLEGE VISIT

title	comments
Carroll College Visit	Visit to Carroll College and State museum and capitol.
College Visit/Job Shadow	
College Visit to MSU-B/College Tech	Two parents attended college visit.
Montana State University	Parent attended college visit to Montana State University
College Tour	Parents invited to tour college with students
MSU Northern Field Trip	I had 2 parents assist as chaperones on the trip
MSU Campus Visit	We had 3 parents volunteer for the campus visit. We would have recruited more but we are implementing a child protection law and all of our chaperones on overnight trips have to have background checks and tb tests.
Chaparone College Visit	Parent participated in the college visit with 8th grade class
Campus Visits to Helena	Parents were invited to tour the COT and Carroll College in Helena.

WORKSHOP

title	comments
Math Workshop	Our 4th period math teacher is concerned about the number of students failing her math class so she invited all of the students parents to come in to her class for a mini workshop on how to work with their students and the importance of succeeding in math - what it means for their futures. Of the 23 students whose parents were invited - only 6 parents showed up
MGSLP Fianancial Aid Workshop	Tina Wagner
P.A.S.S	Parents of Academically Successful Students
Parent Night - So Your Child Wants to Go to College	Designed for mainly high school parents, but freshman parents attended.
Parent Night - MTCIS	Freshman students brought their parents to this evening of exploration.
NIEA Conference	National Indian Education Association Conference. October 25 - October 30, 2007.

COUNSELING ACTIVITY EXAMPLES

title	comments
8th Grade Orientation for Glacier High School	Administrative and counseling staff explained the "culture" of Glacier HS. Parents and students were informed on the Freshmen Academy model and the VoAg program.
8th Grade Transition to High School	Parents of 8th graders meet with high school staff to discuss 9th grade classes and high school graduation requirements. GEAR UP Liaison discussed student results of EXPLORE Test and gave parents copy of student results on EXPLORE
Back to School Parent Meetings	Met with parents to discuss school policy, graduation requirements, rigorous core and student schedule selection.
EXPLORE results	Went through the test results with the parents and sent home a booklet with them on explore test results, on how you can make use of your test results.
FAFSA Information Night	Financial Aid and how to get it using the FAFSA
Family Fun Night	17 of 19 parents came. We started it in the evening with dinner. Clay Hanson presented MCIS on the computers to the students. Parents completed the NWREL Parent Surveys.
family night	parent meet in discussing costs and availability of money for school and an intro to GEAR UP
Financial aid information	Financial aid information given to parents during parent night.
Flathead High Registration Night for Parents	HS counselors made a presentation about course offerings; discussed IB and Voag class offerings as well as club and sport activities. Gear Up Liaison also discussed College Board Online activities that are available for Gear Up Parents and Students to use
Gear Up Family Night	Parents were invited for a family night where students did power point presentations about college/financial aid and received essay contest awards. Family members, parents, grandparents, administration and staff members attended.
GEAR UP Parent Letter	GEAR UP Jump Start Newsletter information regarding graduation requirements and college prep courses via the Superintendents newsletter throughout the 2007/2008 program year.
GEAR UP Presentation for PTO	GEAR UP Liaison update PTO on goals and activities that will occur in the 07-08 school year.
gearup news bulletin	the news letter sent to all parents contained an essay for GEAR UP students and parents
Letters to parents	-graduation requirements; college preparation requirements; EXPLORE and PLAN info
Letters to parents-Invitation to Parent-Teacher Conferences	Each student's parent received a letter inviting them to parent-teacher conferences; informing them of after-school tutoring and of the GEAR UP activities planned for each grade level.
mailout	1.. info sheet on college costs and ways parents have to pay the college bill; 2. Info sheet on high school courses our students should take; 3. info sheet on salaries high school grads can expect relative to college grads and post grads
mailout	several financial aid bulletins sent as attendance at family night is low; mailed
Open House	Gear Up Booth with College information was presented at Open House.
Open House for Parents of 8th Grade Students Entering High School	Open house for parents of 8th Grade students entering HS next fall. Parents received EXPLORE Test results, counselor compared on high school graduation credit requirements to the Regent's College Prep Core, HS teachers reviewed course work and expectations.
Parent Center	The school parent center is open to parents 2 - 6 pm 4 days a week. Parents have access to computers to track their students' grades and attendance on power school and for personal use. Books and magazines are free along with financial aid info and info on GEAR UP.
Parent Conference	Regarding academic achievement, behavior and attendance of students
Parent Information Night	Gave parents information about Sylvan Tutoring, internet use to check students grade and contact teachers with any questions. Explained Gear Up and told parents about meeting with kids every week. we had dessert afterwards.
Parent meeting	Parents were invited to visit with counseling staff on 8th graders transitioning to 9th grade.
Parent Meeting	Get the parents together and talk about GEAR UP.
Parent Night	Parents of GEAR-UP age students and children invited to school to learn more about GEAR UP. Meat, veggie, and fruit trays were offered. Parents/students were put in drawing for gift certificates for attendance. Returned surveys were also put in for a drawing.
Parent night	Gear Up summer camp information discussed and handed out to parents during p-t conf.
Parent Teacher Conferences	Parent Teacher Conferences
Parent/Student Information Night	Presented parents & students with info about HS registration and courses; explained Gear Up and its activities; explained the 8th grade trip that includes our financial goals & college visit.
presenter	Scientist from SK tribe visited to talk about his path to becoming zoologist and getting a job with the tribe. He outlined his jobs and asked if they would like to do these things
Promotion Commotion	Intro to HS activities and requirements for the 8th graders as part of promotion celebration.
Student Led Conferences	Portfolio Presentations to parents with teacher guidance

FAMILY/PARENT EVENT ACTIVITY EXAMPLES

title	comments
3rd Q Honor Roll Trip - Movie	We had 1 parent volunteer to chaperone.
Academic & Honor Roll banquet	Teachers and staff prepared a banquet for the parents and students.
Academic Awards Assembly	Honor roll, LEGOS and science plus sports awards assembly
Back to school bash	Families & staff get a chance to network. Info booths, breakout sessions, and entertainment
Bring Your Favorite Person to Breakfast	
Chili and Bingo Night	8th grade class sponsored Chili and Bingo Night to raise money for their 8th grade trip in May
Community Easter Egg Hunt	
Community Showcase	Family/Community night to showcase what is happening in the elementary through HS
Evergreen Campus Clean-up	
Family Fair	A Family Fair was held in the gymnasium to encourage families to get to know the community and school and what we have to offer. Several organizations participated in the event.
Family Food and Fun Night	Sent invitation to all Gear Up parents to Family Food & Fun Night in conjunction with P/T Conf. tables will be set up with info on College prep, College, Financial Aid, Summer Camps.
Family Night - Science	part of monthly programming; parents & kids invited to a fun hands-on activity - made "slime."
Field Trip - Seusical the Musical	Parents & students went on field trip to enjoy a night of music and dance at Great Falls High
Food Drive	Collect Food for Needy Family's
Gear Up Parent surveys	Gear Up surveys went home and parents filled out the information and returned it to school.
Geography Bee	School wide Geography Bee was held and parents were invited to attend.
Language Arts Family Night	The Language Arts Program sponsored an evening to discuss reading and language programs. They had interactive vocabulary/literacy games
Lego Learning Robotics	Gifted and Talented students participated in Lego Learning Robotics in Bozeman, MT. Parents were required to attend with their children.
Lookout Ski Trips	The 21st Century Grant sponsored ski trips for students and parents.
Math Literacy Night	Math Dept sponsored a fun, hands-on family night; math games and discussed math prog.
Missoula Children's Theatre	Jr HS encouraged to participate in the 2007 weeklong play production of Jungle Book.
Missouri River Float Trip	Parents invited to float the river with the students and staff to encourage parent involvement.
Movie Extra - Special Community Event	Parents & kids asked to come to movie set & participate as extras for dog sled race scene.
Music Family Night	The Music Department sponsored a band and choir concert.
Musical Play	Play put on by middle school students for the community
National Junior Honor Society Reception	
Newsletter	Newsletter regarding Parent teacher conferences, drop out information,
Newsletter on scholarship preparation	
NJHS Inductions	Parents were invited to attend the NJHS inductions of the 7th and 8th grade students
Open House	Community members and Parents come to see the school
Parent Night Feed/teacher conferences	Parent Teacher Conferences with a Parent feed, 2 nights; huge success.. Prizes given out
Parent Open House BBQ	Open house to welcome all parents into the school and to meet with teachers. Event has been done for the past 5 years. Principals cook the BBQ. Not a GEAR-UP sponsored event.
Parent surveys	
Parent Teacher Organization	Vol Group that gets together and plans activities for students
PIC Meeting	monthly Parent Involvement Committee meeting.
Read at Pryor Elementary School	Parents and Grandparents came to read with their children; refreshments served afterwards.
Santa's Workshop - Parent Participation	Parents volunteered their time to help put on the Santa's Workshop at our. Children K-6 come to the school gym and make presents for their families.
School Board Meeting Presentation	Presented to School Board and community members about GEAR UP activities.
School Picnic	
School Spelling Bee	MS students participated in the school wide Spelling Bee. Parents were invited to attend.
Science Fair	Parents were invited to join the Science Fair activities and to view the projects.
Senior Citizen's Lunch	Free Christmas Lunch for Seniors in the Community
Social Studies/Art Family Night	Social Studies & Art Dept sponsored a family night; interactive cultural & art projects/games.
Upward Bound Meeting	informational meeting for students and parents interested in the UM Upward Bound program.
Walk to School	Community Members and Students meet at the local bank and walk to school together. Breakfast is provide by the school. 8th grade students help put this on.