



LRSP Status Report – June 2011

3.04 WH Educational Partnerships SR 2011

Strategic Objective (SO):

3.04 Bozeman Public Schools will seek to enhance, recognize and increase Educational Partnership opportunities.

Department/School: Whittier Elementary School

Leader: Jerry Bauer, Principal & Educational Partnership LRSP PLC

Team Members:

Whittier staff members and parents

In a year, we hope to see the following progress on this strategic objective:

To utilize the three spheres of influence to increase student success, and to continue to investigate best practices for parent involvement.

PROGRESS SUMMARY

Members of the School-Family-Community Committee solicited community support. One example was the Bozeman Masonic Lodge providing a free bicycle and helmet for a student in each classroom. The program was focused on encouraging students to read outside the classroom. As students completed reading goals their names were entered into a drawing for a free bicycle.

Educational Partnerships with Coldwater Creek, Sourdough Lions Club, and Pi Beta Phi Sorority also yielded support for the purchase of ELMO's for classroom use, financial support for a single mother, and free books for students. Each of these partners also attended and provided help for three Literacy Fairs throughout the year.

A partnership with THRIVE resulted in a parenting class entitled, "Love & Logic". Fifteen parents took advantage of the class. Additionally, through a partnership with THRIVE, Pint Sized Play was offered again to families with preschool children residing in the Whittier attendance area. Approximately fifteen parents took advantage of this offering.

A partnership with First Interstate Bank resulted in the continuation of a mini bank offering savings accounts for students in grades 3, 4, & 5. Six 5th grade students were also elected to Board of Director positions and received training in how to conduct operations for a mini bank.

The Whittier staff identified parent involvement as an area to focus on during the 2011-2012 school year. We will work closely with our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to determine needs and approaches to encourage more parent involvement. Plans are already being made to offer a Sign In Day opportunity for parent support in completing paperwork at the start of the school year, and an Open House at the end of September with the purpose of involving parents-as-partners.