

## What is a School-Parent Compact?

A *School-Parent Compact for Achievement* is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

Effective compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom.

## Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and staff of Varnell Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. Meetings are held annually to review the Compact and make changes based on student needs.

***Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.***

**If you would like to volunteer, participate, and/or observe in the classroom, please contact your child's teacher by phone, email, or by sending a note.**

## Building Partnerships

August 7- Meet Your Teacher (1:00-3:00)

August 21- School Council Meeting 7am

September 21- Breakfast with a Guest

September 27-Title 1 Meeting, Open House

October 23- School Council Meeting 7am

November 8- Family Math Game Night

December 18- School Council Meeting 7am

January 24- Creative Discovery "STEAM" Night

February 25- Creative Discovery Literacy Night

February 26-School Council Meeting 7am

April 23- School Council Meeting 7am

May 23-24- Grade Level Awards Days

## Communication about Student Learning

Varnell Elementary is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

1. Student planners
2. Classroom newsletters and Remind
3. Math unit parent letters and updates on the school website and school newsletter
4. Parent-teacher conferences in October and March; PTA nights

**Do you have questions about your child's progress?** Contact your child's teacher at: 706 694-3471, or by e-mail. E-mail addresses are on the school website at

<http://www.whitfield.k12.ga.us/ves/>.

## Varnell Elementary

SCHOOL-PARENT-STUDENT COMPACT  
FOR ACHIEVEMENT

2018-2019

*Revised 9/7/2018*

## Whitfield County Schools

*building on a tradition of excellence*

## Third Grade Focus



## For Student Success

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## Our Goals for Student Achievement

### DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Whitfield County Schools must submit to the Georgia Department of Education a district improvement plan for approval. The district improvement goals for 2018-2019 are:

**Goal 1:** Increase of our graduation rate from 82.4% by three percent to 85.4% over the next three years for all students.

**Goal 2:** Reduce the achievement gap in English language arts.

**Goal 3:** To increase the capacity of all WCS teachers and leaders to enhance student learning through evidence based professional learning.

**Goal 4:** To build capacity within for leadership in Whitfield County Schools through professional learning; establishment of a leadership academy to build capacity for future leadership needs.

### SCHOOL GOALS

**Reading- Students will perform at their highest expected level. ALL students will show increases in their literacy assessment data and in MAP.**

**Math- Students will perform at their highest expected level. All students will show increases in pre to post assessments from the GOE math units and in MAP.**

**When teachers, students, and families work together, we CAN achieve goals!**

## Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

### In the Third Grade Classroom

The third grade team will work with students and their families to support students' success in reading and math. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Provide parents with a list of Common Core Standards that will be covered during the 2017-2018 school year.
- Offer parents strategies to help increase reading fluency, comprehension, and math fluency skills. Students will read nightly and record on a log. Reading will include books from Guided Reading or other appropriate grade level reading materials. Math activities will be sent to reinforce math standards.
- Our weekly communication will feature key standards being taught, homework assignments, calendar of events, Learning Odyssey Information, and beneficial web links that can be used at home.

### At Home

Varnell Elementary parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support student success.

- Read the newsletters and student planners every week to understand the standards my child is expected to master.
- Allow opportunities for my child to utilize Learning Odyssey and develop fun ways to practice multiplication facts with flash cards.
- Read with my child every day. Talk and ask questions as my child is reading to help with comprehension skills.
- Attend parent conferences, and Creative Discovery math, art, and science nights.

### Students

Students of VES joined staff to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and at school:

- Read 20 minutes or more each evening. Read to someone in my home every week. Talk to someone in my home about what I have read.
- Recite math facts to family members and friends.
- Set a goal for utilizing Learning Odyssey at home (if available)
- Share with family members daily what you have learned at school.
- I will utilize choices provided by my teacher for help in studying language arts.