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District Wide Parent Engagement Initiative: Get Involved, D33!

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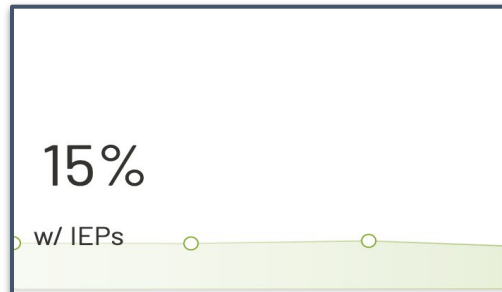
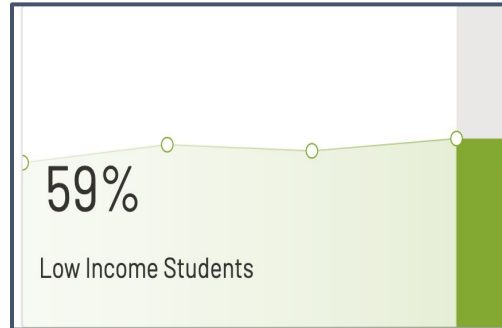
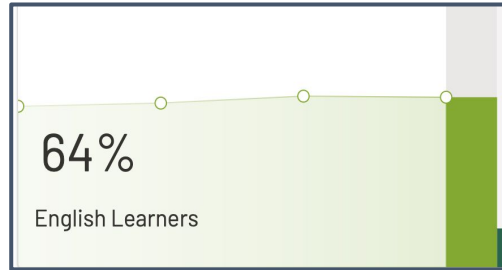
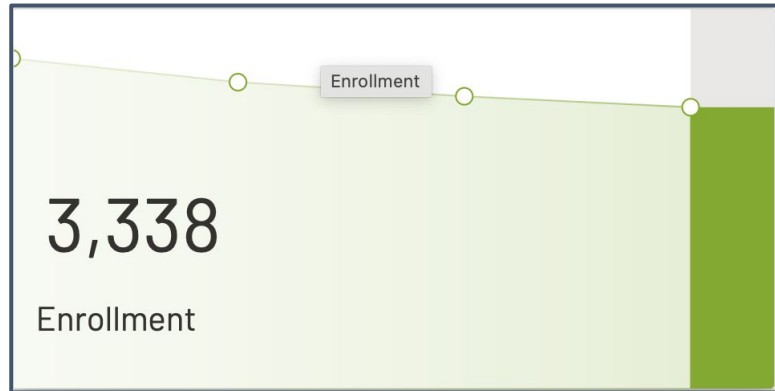
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West Chicago Elementary School D33 Snapshot





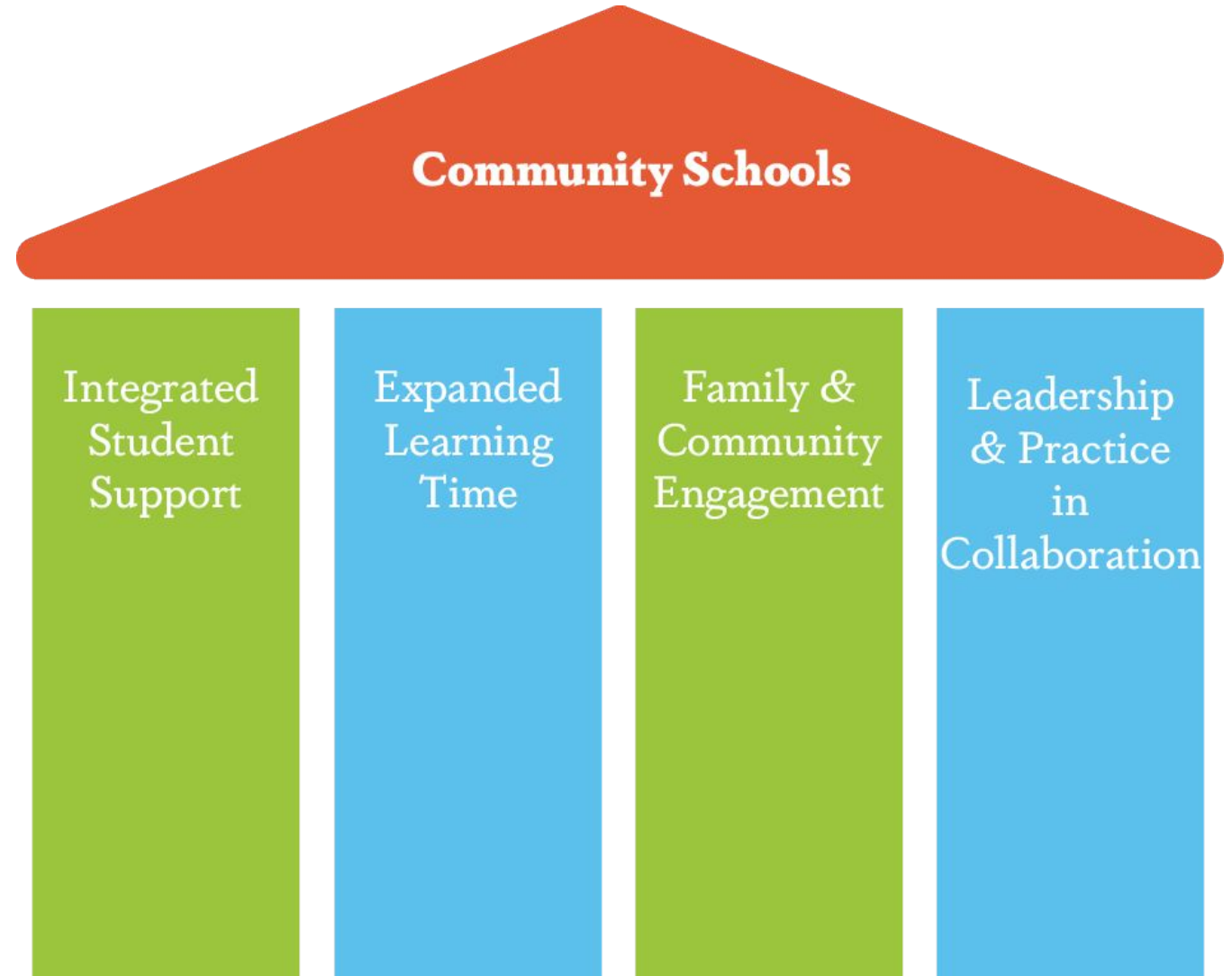
*"Could someone help me with these?
I'm late for math class."*

by Scott Spencer



What are Community Schools?

Community Schools partner with families and community organizations to offer powerful educational opportunities and supports for students' school success.



Integrated Student Supports

- Community Mental Health Clinicians
- WeGo Together Community Market - school-based food pantry at LMS
- Access & Linkage to Resources through Family Liaisons
- Attendance Monitoring
- Becoming a Man (BAM) mentoring program at LMS



Expanded Learning Time

- Beyond the Bell
 - MyLearning
 - MyInterest
- After School Programs
 - CAPE at Turner
 - Puente del Pueblo at Indian Knoll, Wegner, and LMS
- Summer School Programming



Family and Community Engagement

- Adult ESL Classes
- Parent Cafe
- Holiday Gift Programs
- Family Wellness Nights
- Financial Literacy Classes



Community Partners



Collaborative Leadership

- Opportunities for influence: committees
- Community School Staffing Structure
- Integration into School Leadership



Get Involved, D33!

District 33 values the partnership of parents, guardians, and family members in supporting student success and making decisions about their education.

There are many opportunities for parents and families to get involved and share your talent, vision, and voice at your child's school and in the District.

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How this initiative came about?

- Feedback from Citizens Advisory Council
- Board Members



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What?

Aligns to Goal 4 of the [Strategic Plan](#). Initiative to get baseline data of parent/guardian engagement in District 33.

Categories of Engagement

- PARENT Leadership
- ADULT Education
- PARENT Seminar Series
- VOLUNTEER Opportunities
- FAMILY Engagement
- CONNECTION Groups

[Strategic Plan ENG Poster.jpg](#)



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PARENT Leadership

Opportunities include councils, groups, and committees, such as:

- Bilingual Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)
- Black Talented and Gifted Group (BTAGG)
- Citizens Advisory Council
- Gifted and Talented (GATE) Parent Advisory
- Wellness Committee
- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- PTO Council
- Technology Steering Committee
- School-Based Committees



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ADULT Education

Classes for adults to further their education, hosted by community partners that are experts in the field.

- Adult English as Second Language Classes - hosted by Literacy DuPage and College of DuPage
- Adult Financial Literacy Classes - hosted by H.O.M.E. DuPage
- Parent and Community Art Classes - hosted by Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education (CAPE)



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PARENT Seminar Series

Join other parents and family members to learn about issues facing today's youth. Sessions hosted by experts on parenting and child development topics.

- English Speaking Parenting Seminar Series - 3X a year
- Spanish Speaking Parenting Seminar- 3X a year
- Substance Use Awareness and Prevention Presentation
- Mental Health and Wellness Presentations
- Other topics as needed



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VOLUNTEER Opportunities

- PTO hosted events
- Field Trips
- School-based opportunities



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FAMILY Engagement

- Curriculum Nights
- **Parent Cafes**
- Parenting Workshops hosted by D33 Family Liaisons
- **Family Wellness Nights hosted Healthy West Chicago**
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- “Understanding your child’s report card night” - District-wide parent information sessions
- School-based engagement events including:
 - a. Literacy & Math family nights, Birth to Three Program Parent Groups, Preschool Parent Child Days, Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT), Art Nights, and PTO sponsored events
- **CAPE Monthly Family Film Series**



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CONNECTION Groups

- Bilingual Parent Advisory Council Events
- Black Talented and Gifted Group BTAGG Events
- GATE Events
- New to the country family events
- Special Education Parent Events



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Think Pair Share
Activity

Timer - Insert



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Where will parents get the information?

- Website
- NewsBites
- Curriculum Nights - [Slides were created to be used at school events as a reminder](#)

What will be available at in person events?

- [Get Involved, D33 Menus](#)
- [PARENT Leadership Opportunities Brochures](#)



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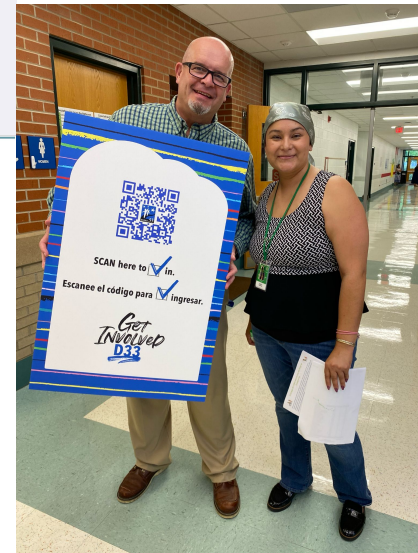
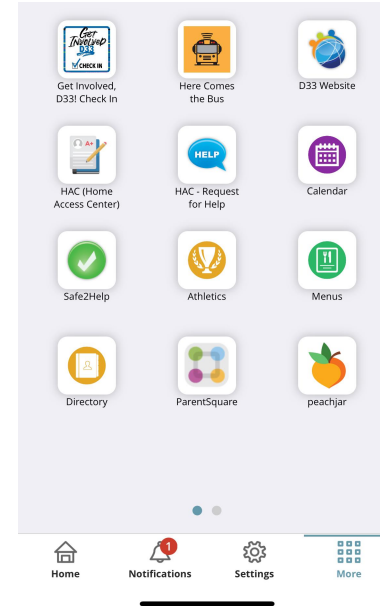
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How?

Parents CHECK IN using a QR CODE or on the D33 Mobile App every time they attend an event or participate in a committee.

Poster Boards will be given to each school to be put at the entrances at the time of the specified event takes place.

Scan the QR Code to CHECK IN



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Check in at each specified event



Attend or participate in at least 3 of the specified events or opportunities



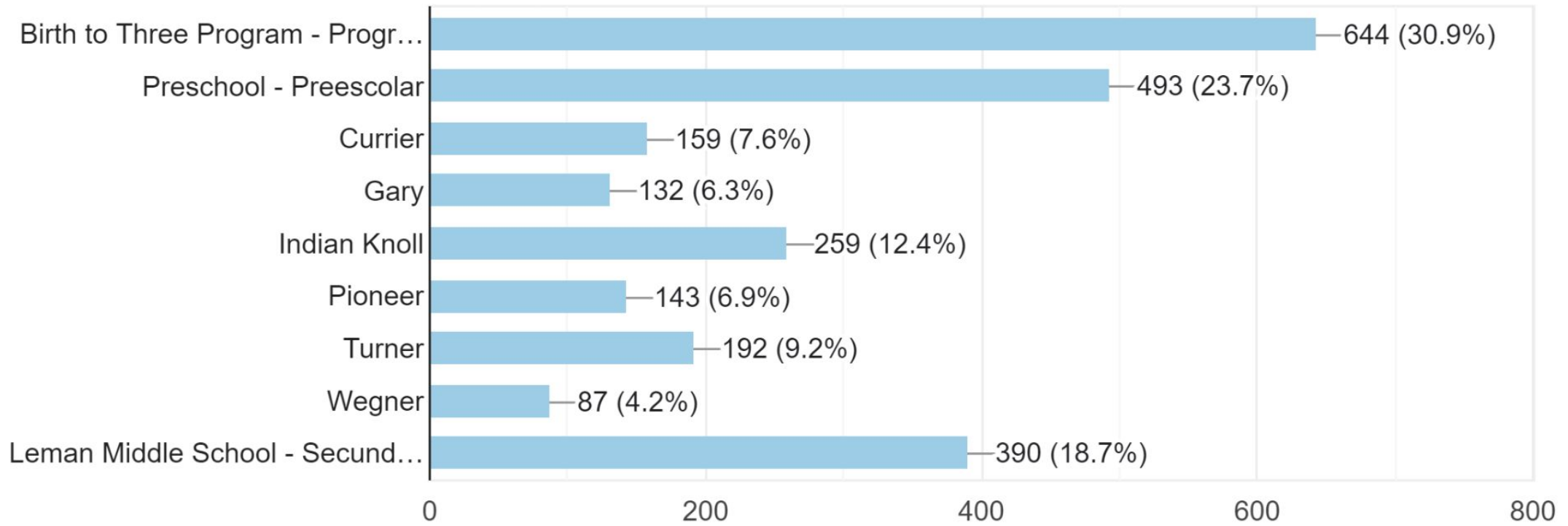
Parent name is included in a trimester raffle and a year-end recognition



EVALUATION - Review Baseline Data from SY 23/24

My child(ren) attend: (select all that apply) Mis hijos asisten a: (indique las que se apliquen)

2,081 responses



EVALUATION



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EVALUATION - Small Group Reflection

Raw Data Separated by School

Discussion Questions:

1. What went well at your building in 23/24?
2. What are areas for improvement in 24/25?
3. What benefits do you see from the Get Involved, D33 initiative? How can you use this data to inform your levels of parent engagement / IL5 Essentials Data?

Type Responses HERE



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Thank you!



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