



## Title I Family Involvement Policy for Beech Tree Elementary School

Fairfax County Public Schools' Title I program is established to improve student achievement and help all students meet the objectives of the Fairfax County Program of Studies and Virginia Standards of Learning.

To assure that this goal is met, a partnership with families is essential. Therefore, Beech Tree Elementary School commits to working in partnership with families in the following ways:

- Parents will be kept informed about the *No Child Left Behind* law and the Title I program at Back to School Night held in September of each year. At this meeting Beech Tree staff will share with parents about the curriculum as structured by the Program of Studies and Standards of Learning. Parents will also be presented with the School/Home Compact, a document describing what staff, parents, and students will pledge to do.
- The Beech Tree staff will plan and conduct a variety of classes to support parents in the education of their children. Such events include Partners in Print, parent coffees, early literacy classes, Parents as Educational Partners, and computer education classes. The staff will also reach out to minority families by creating *Friends of Chips* groups for both Hispanic and Vietnamese families to help them become more involved in their children's education.
- Lines of communication will be kept open by using Spanish and Vietnamese speaking parent liaisons, student agenda books, translated documents, e-mail, monthly newsletters, and telephone conversations.
- Parents are involved in creating the School Improvement Plan, the School/Home Compact, and the Family Involvement Policy.
- Families will be supported in a variety of ways: picking up students when they miss the bus; having toys in the lobby for younger siblings to use; and conducting home visits.
- Orientation is held in May for rising Kindergarten students. This orientation includes our FECEP/Head Start staff as well as a representative from Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPO).
- Parents are encouraged to volunteer in a variety of ways: the PALS mentoring program; tutors for the math lab; stapling books together at home for classroom use; Fun Fair; working in the international gardens; Kindergarten tutors; and classroom events.