



EL Parental Involvement Success

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Demographics



Forest Municipal School District

Total students - 1646

Hispanic - 740 (44%)

Asian - 1

American Indian - 4

EL - 613 (37%)

Forest Elementary - 315 EL students

Hawkins Middle School - 190 EL students

Forest High School - 108 EL students

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Icebreaker



Icebreaker Directions



1. Get in groups

You will need at least 3 people



2. Assign jobs

Person blindfolded
Word Wizard
Commanders



3. Hold your hand up

When you have your group ready, hold your hand up

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Directions (cont)

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- You will be shown a picture of Lego blocks
- Team members will instruct their blindfolded teammate on how to assemble your group's blocks the same way as in the picture. (WITHOUT USING A BANNED WORD)
- No group members, except the blindfolded one, can touch the blocks
- If a person says a banned word, the Word Wizard must say, "STOP!", take what has been created apart, and mix the blocks up (start over)
- The first group to complete it correctly wins!
- Ready???? Put the blindfold on...



You can NOT say:



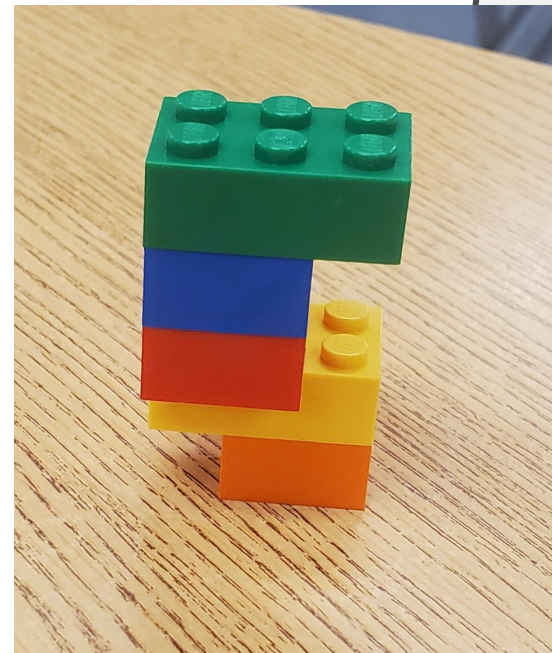
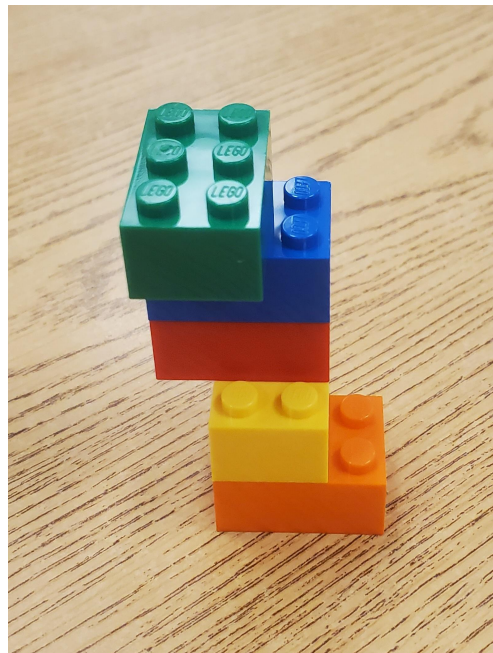
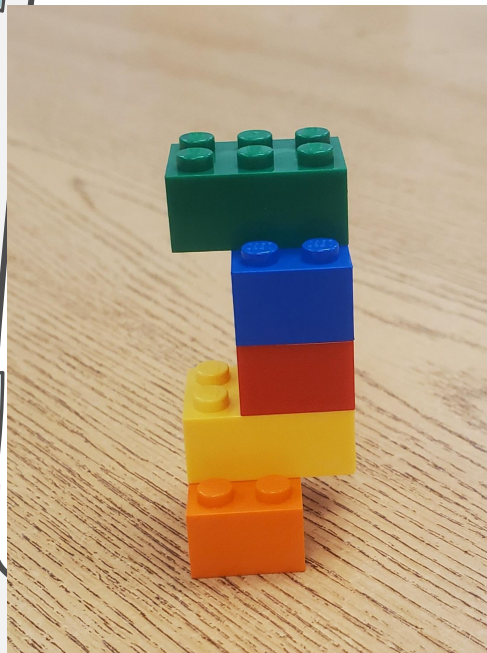
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PICK UP
MOVE

LEFT

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Wow!



Reflection

1. How does this compare to EL students in your class?
2. What were the some of the obstacles?
3. What accommodations/modifications could have been given that would have helped?

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Importance of Parent Involvement



5 Important Facts About Parent Involvement

1. Parent Involvement boosts student achievement
2. Parent Involvement is actually a better predictor of academic success than standardized tests.
3. Parent Involvement is defined as "any variety of activities that allow parents to participate in the educational process at home or in the school"
4. Parent Involvement declines as students age.
5. Teachers and Schools can overcome barriers to parent involvement by reaching out and building trusting relationships.



Wow!



H.E.L.P Club

- Must have exited the EL program
- Tutoring (translators)
- Community/ School based service each month
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Family Fiesta

Interested in starting a chapter at your school?

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Hispanic Heritage Month

- Decorated the school and put up posters
- Art Contest (theme for the year)
- Dress up week
- Dance lessons / cooking lessons
- Announcements in Spanish
- Bilingual read alouds to elementary
- Recognition at Pep rally and games
- Use the bus to take newcomers to a game
- Guest speakers (various careers)
- Family Fiesta



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Stakeholders

Get the community involved!



Banks

Grocery stores

Car dealerships

Rotary Club

Chamber of Commerce


Community advocacy group



School Staff



Each school was asked to bring something different



Donations for
paper products
and/or food items



Asked clubs/sports
to create a booth

Invitations



Posted on school's
social media and
sent home



Agenda



Keep a copy to
file for EL Parent
Engagement

**Forest Municipal School District's
EL Parent Family Fiesta Night
September 27th, 2022**

Agenda



5:00 - 5:30 - Welcome and Celebration Ceremony

Help us celebrate students that have exited the EL program

5:30 - 6:00 - Talent Show

Performances by Kindergarten and 1st grade, 2nd -4th grade, middle school dancers , singing by Christopher Lopez, piano and singing by Junior Perez, Dan a De Matlachines, and FHS band

6:00 - 6:30 - Dinner


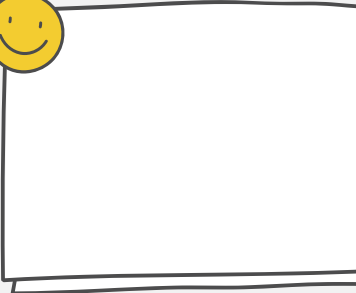
Served in the cafeteria

6:30 - 8:00 - Carnival

Cotton candy, popcorn, games, photo booth, jump house, craft tables, face painting, and DJ



Celebration Ceremony

- District wide we had 60 students exit the program
 - Created certificates to pass out signed by the superintendent
 - Created a presentation with student's name and picture
 - Called parents of exited students to let them know their child will be recognized
 - Presented student with certificate after calling them on stage
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Celebration Ceremony Program



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Talent Show

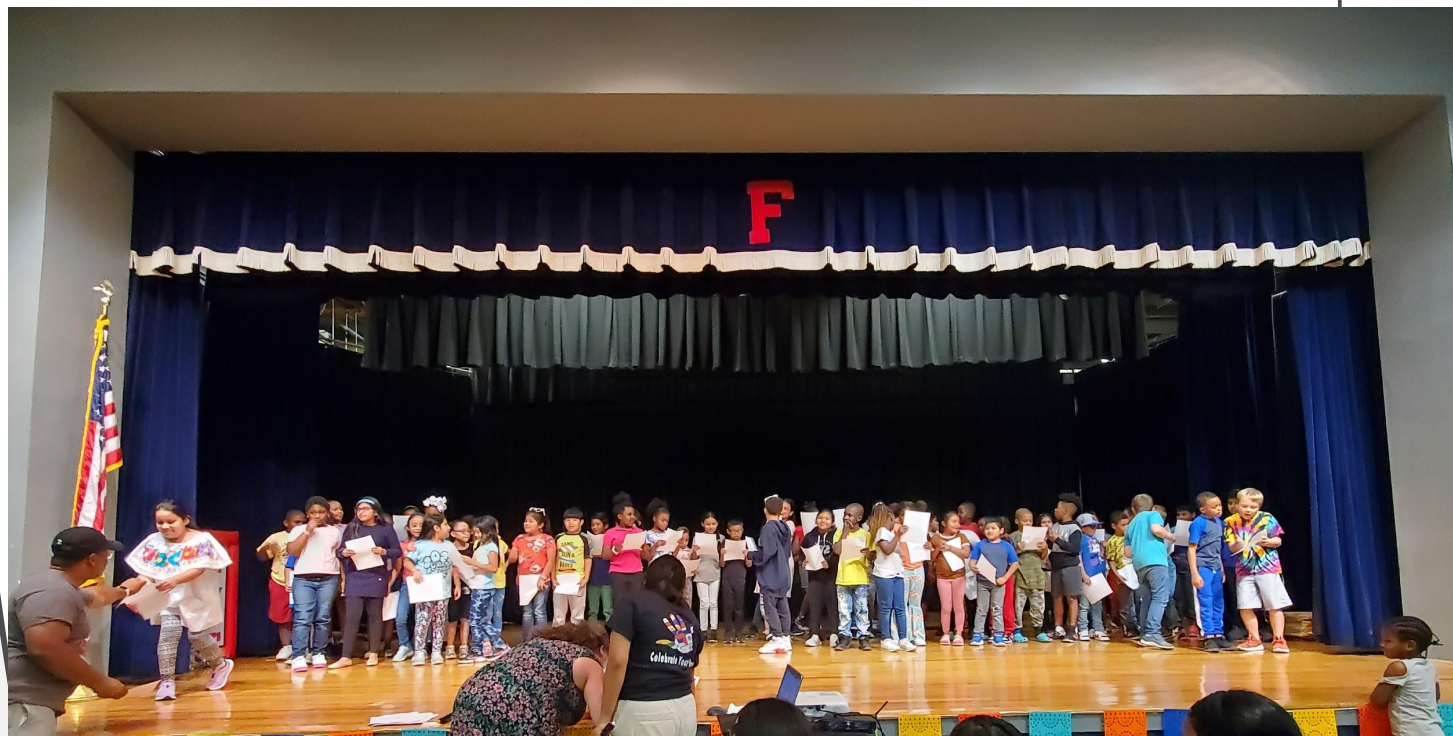


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- Music teacher
- Band director
- Student volunteer

Try to get a variety of different acts - singing, dancing, playing an instrument, dialogue, poetry, etc..

Elementary music class



Band





Student volunteers



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Student volunteers



El Pueblo





Time to Eat

- Donated food items from local Hispanic restaurants
- Teachers donated paper products/ drinks
- Parent made dishes
- Used donated money to purchase remaining items



Central Office staff and teachers served the food



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Carnival

We asked each club/ sport/
department to create a booth



We used donated
money to buy
prizes for the
game booths



Use donation money
and district budget
money to buy prizes

Carnival



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Cotton candy and popcorn



Middle school
booth



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Yearbook booth

Photo booth



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Face painting and Arts and Craft Table



Arts and crafts
made mini
piñatas



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Jump House and DJ (for older students)



The HELP
Club used
their funds to
pay for the DJ



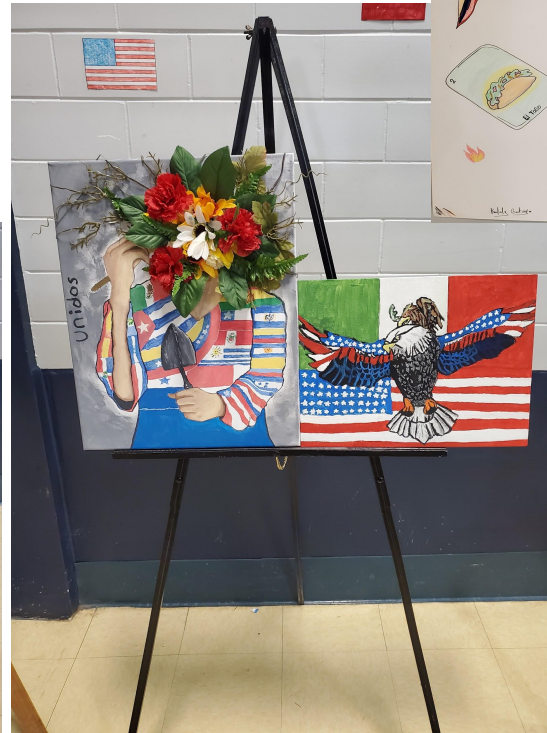


The Fire
Marshal showed
up

Over 500 in attendance



Art Contest



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Live in Action



Questions? Comments?



Thank you!



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