Ridgeview Elementary recognizes the positive effects of the involvement of families in the education of their children. The staff at Ridgeview Elementary strive to create an environment that encourages collaboration with parents, families and the community. The following is an overview of our Parent Involvement Plan:

1. **Strategies for Communication**
   - Offer parent conferences twice a year or more as requested
   - Offer Back to School Night to share information about grade level goals, standards, expectations and opportunities for partnership
   - PTA unit meetings and committee meetings will be promoted and open to all who want to participate
   - Frequent communications including:
     - Weekly school newsletter, weekly classroom newsletter, personal notes, student work, district and school procedures, event flyers, calendars, email, Facebook page, Twitter, and voice recorded messages
   - School website will be maintained with up to date information regarding school events and information
   - Distribute information regarding student progress which may include:
     - Student Progress Reports, Friday Folder information, Reading Improvement Plan information, assessment data (state scores, district assessments, informal assessment data, etc.)
   - Communicate kindergarten screening information with new families to help prepare incoming kindergarteners

2. **Shared Responsibility for Student Learning**
   - Encourage Parent Volunteer opportunities during and after school
   - Parents can participate in shared decision making by serving on:
     - PTA, Title I Planning/Review Team and other committees throughout the year
   - A Home-School Compact is utilized to define the responsibilities of the school, parents and students to facilitate student achievement
   - Kindergarten Round Up prior to the start of school to build parent/school partnership and determine student needs
   - Science showcase and other events offered throughout the year to celebrate learning
   - Diner’s Club and other activities throughout the year to promote character development

3. **Strategies for Building Parent Involvement**
   - Parent workshops related to student learning such as: Diner’s Club, Science Showcase, Chili Cook-Off, grade level music and art shows, and Kindergarten Round Up, Conscious Discipline Book Study, Conscious Discipline Parent Night
   - Communicate district offerings such as parent workshops and other district events
   - Materials sent home for family interaction and learning at home
   - Informative meetings regarding school goals, school and student progress, as well as planning and evaluating programs.
   - Promoting participation through open invitations to participate in school events such as Skate Night, Family Fun Night, and Field Day

4. **Collaboration with Community Resources to Strengthen Families**
   - Miles of Smiles Dental Program: Providing free dental care for students in need
   - Healthy Kids screenings
   - Lion’s Club vision program
   - Operation School Bell: Providing clothes for students in need
   - Harvesters Backsnack Program: Providing weekly bags of food for students in need
   - Partnering with churches and community partners to provide activities throughout the year; i.e., Community Christmas Tree