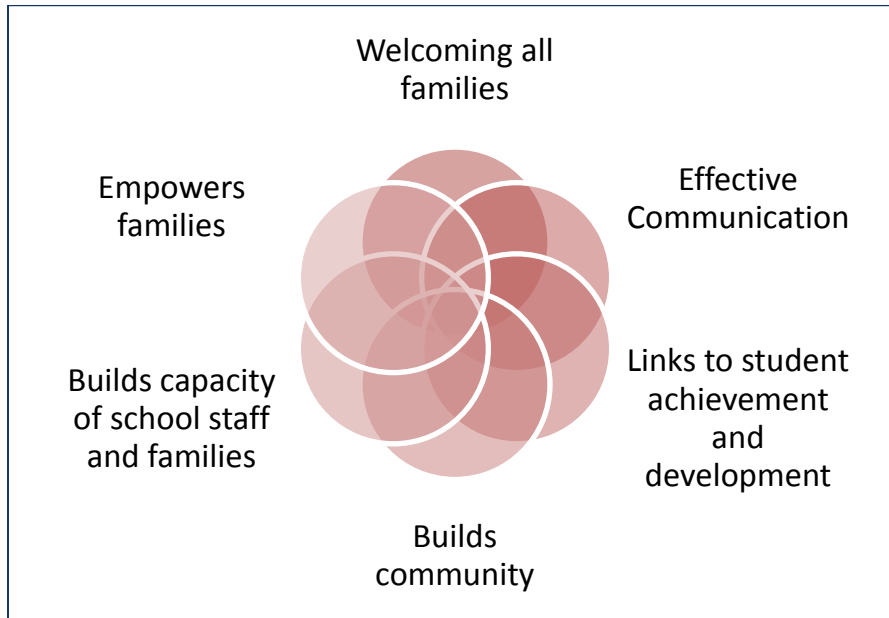


## ***Engaging Families in Education***

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**Consider the following questions when developing a program or activity.**

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

- Goal: Why am I doing this?
- Audience: Who should be included?
- When will it be done (day, time, season)?
- Where will we meet?
- What will we do?
- How will we engage families? How will we...
  - Welcome all families
  - Communicate effectively
  - Link this to student achievement & development
  - Build community
  - Build capacity of school staff & families
  - Empower families

*Review these plans for a “Family Math Night.” What are some questions that come to mind about the plan? How well does this event reflect the principles of family engagement? How can it be further improved?*

- Families are invited to come out to Family Math Night at the elementary school, 6:30 p.m. on a weeknight
- Stations are set-up around the school where teachers lead math projects
  - Station 1: Trail Mix – Children are given a recipe for trail mix, and go through the line, scooping up the ingredients in the amount listed in the recipe: chocolate chips, mini graham crackers, raisins, nuts, marshmallows
  - Station 2: Shapes – Children select paper cut-outs in various shapes and glue them down to create a picture
- Students get a stamp for each station they complete.
- When all stations are complete, families get a packet about the activities completed during the evening as they leave.

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*Think about how you can implement the principles and ideas discussed in this workshop to engage families in the following school and program activities.*

- Special family event (International Night, Family Picnic)
- Back to School Night
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- School registration or course selection
- Change in school uniform policy
- Sports team try-outs
- Implementing a new after-school program
- School budget presentation
- School improvement plan

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