

Community Café: Changing the Lives of Children through Conversations that Matter

The Harvest

Date: April 27th, 2011

Location: Lydia Hawk Elementary

What questions were used at this Café? What is different in the school system here from the one in your native country? What can we do together to help our children's progress (improvement)?

What is the next step?

Document: What are you taking home from tonight's café? More fathers involve in these meetings. Model the way you learn to your child, show them that you enjoy learning. Persevere! Knowing the school system and programs is important. More parents Latinos involvement in the PTA meetings. Lack of participation might impact the frequency of meetings for Latino parents. Advocating for our children's education will be beneficial. Open door policy and be able to talk to the principal makes me feel welcome. Availability of interpreter is always a plus. The school should be a safe place for kids. More meetings and open houses, parents can learn more about the school. Recruit Latino parents in the planning of open houses. School orientation for new parents. More advertising events like this, for parents that don't get flyers or phone calls. Inform parents of new programs. Send information via e-mail or texting. Personal invitation. More community cafés. Listen to our children when they talk. Teacher need to remind the students of important events like tonight.. Meet with parents more often to let them know of what teacher are teaching to the students. Encourage parents to help in the classrooms. Find a better way for a parent teacher communication. Advocate for partnerships between teachers, staff and parents.

How many participants? 22

How many children? 7

Total 29

What Community Partners were there? Lydia Hawk Staff, Head Start, FES & Familias Latinas