

## Partnership Elementary Magnet FAQ

### **Why is Partnership Elementary becoming a magnet school?**

Partnership Elementary has been very similar to a magnet school for several years now. It uses the WCPSS Magnet Application for admission, it receives program pathway priorities to middle and high schools, school representatives attend WCPSS Magnet recruiting events and meetings, and Partnership receives staffing support from the WCPSS Magnet Department. The notable exception was not having an official magnet theme. Having an official theme will reduce confusion over the "School of Choice" designation while recruiting prospective families.

### **When will this change occur?**

Partnership will begin marketing our theme this year and become an official magnet school for the 2017-2018 school year.

### **What is Partnership's theme?**

Partnership's theme will be "Interactive Community." It is inspired by some of the long standing hallmarks of the Partnership program: small class sizes, flexible classroom design, high amounts of collaboration, high parent involvement, personalized education plans, community service projects, etc. In a nutshell, our theme revolves around building strong personal relationships, creating quality learning experiences, and fostering community connections inside and outside of the school. We are looking forward to the opportunities this theme provides in building upon our program in new and exciting ways. We look forward to sharing these with you as our theme develops.

### **How was the theme selected?**

Partnership staff and parent representatives worked together to research possible themes from across the country. Theme ideas were carefully considered which would build upon the existing Partnership program. The theme was then presented to the WCPSS Magnet Office for final approval.

### **Will there be any changes to Partnership's calendar?**

No, Partnership will continue to follow the modified calendar.

### **Will there be any changes to enrollment?**

No, current Partnership families will continue at Partnership without any further action. Partnership will continue to serve all of Wake County through the WCPSS Magnet Application and serve the families assigned to Partnership based on their addresses.

### **Will Partnership students have magnet priority to middle and high schools?**

Partnership Elementary students already have magnet priority when applying to middle schools. The current program pathway with the highest priority for Partnership students is to Moore Square Middle School and Enloe High School.

### **Will Partnership offer elective classes?**

No, theme related activities will take place through regular classroom instruction.