Colorado’s Promising Partnership Practices

Truscott Elementary School
Dual Language Immersion

Description/Summary
Truscott Elementary uses a school, community and family partnership approach with our Pozole Night. Building a strong community to support students’ increased academic success.

Community Pozole Dinner
Key Element: Welcoming School/Community Environment

Through strong community partnerships with local and regional business owners, the PTO, neighborhood churches, the district, and school personnel have a common goals for the Pozole Dinner. Our goals are:

• To bring the community together in a comfortable and welcoming setting where relationships are formed, strengthened and community is built.
• Community participation opens the door to success for students, academically and socially.
• Recognizing the school as the center of a community, and building strong culturally responsive partnerships in Loveland.
• Welcoming school environment, strong communication and follow through, empowered and engaged families, and reliable community collaboration.

Community Event
The planning process begins approximately two months prior to the dinner and includes brainstorming, planning, and organizing led by the Café con Leche parent group, with assistance from school staff, the family outreach liaison, the PTO and the community. The school receives donations from Truscott families, local and regional restaurants and businesses for food, as well as, items for a silent auction. Other activities at this event include arts and crafts, positive behavior support, a photo booth, healthy lifestyle promotion, and fundraising opportunities.

Community/School Partners
Parent Groups:
• Café con Leche – Bilingual Parent Group
• PTO
Community Partners
• First United Methodist Church
• Taste Catering
• Johnnie’s Kitchen
• LULAC of Loveland
• Thompson School District Staff
• Board of Education

Truscott Elementary Website
https://www.thompsonschools.org/truscott