

Title I: News You Can Use

News and Information for Families of Title I Schools in Leon County



Attention Title I Families...

The Title I Office is offering the following free workshops to all Title I families and employees.

Contact Latoria Oliver at (850) 487-7195 to RSVP or with questions.

February 29 Health and Wellness Fair

Location: Oliver Hill Community Center of Orange Avenue Apartments at 2710 Country Club Dr.
11:00 am-2:00 pm
This event will have community resources which help keep families healthy.

April 15 Job Fair

Location: ACE at 526 Appleyard Dr.
1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Title I is hosting a job fair to help connect parents with employment opportunities.

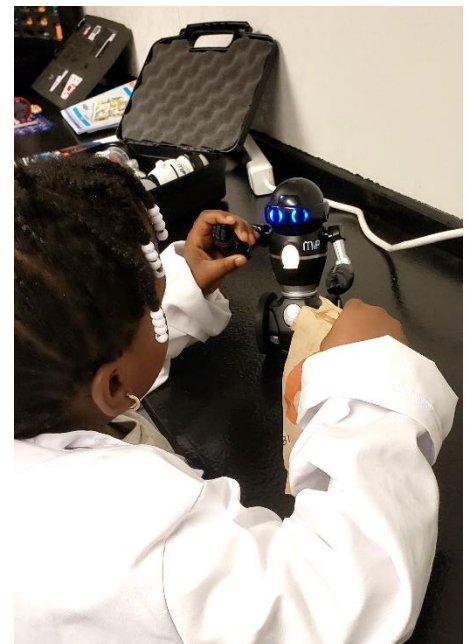
May 16 Title I & 21st Century Family Carnival

Time and Location: TBA
Come one, come all! Celebrate the nearing completion of another amazing school year in Leon County Schools!



Family Literacy and Science Night

Over 150 parents and students attended the Title I Family Literacy and Science Night at Blaze Pizza in November. It was an evening full of learning, food, and fun! Families enjoyed free pizza, salad and cookies and all students received goodie bags full of home activities and new books. Together we were able to build mini robots, design circuits, create lava lamps, and more! These activities were developed by our Title I Mobile STEM Lab and FAMU Extension Offices. Students and their parents also enjoyed a hands-on experience in TCC's Virtual Reality Mobile RV. We greatly appreciate the FSU College of Education for providing volunteers to help run the stations.



The evening was such a success that plans are in the works for another night soon. Keep an eye out for information on our next event. We hope to see you there!

LCS 2020 Important Calendar Dates

February	17	Presidents Day Holiday
March	16-20	Spring Break
	23	Teacher Planning Day
April	10	Spring Holiday
May	25	Memorial Day Holiday
May	29	Last Day of School



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Title I Mobile STEM Lab Initiatives: Prove Us Wrong and Checkmates

Title I is excited to introduce two new programs: Prove Us Wrong and Checkmates!

The new Middle School STEM Series, Prove Us Wrong, is an educational series dedicated to research, investigation, public speaking, and learning about case law and sciences. Participating students will have the opportunity to explore science, civics, math, and language arts concepts through hands-on activities involving a unique class action lawsuit created specifically to represent aspects of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Competitions amongst the four middle schools—Ft. Braden, Tallahassee School of Math & Sciences, Nims, and Griffin—will be held to simulate a formal court proceeding. We wish all of our participating schools the best of luck as we approach the trial date.



Griffin students are preparing for Trial Competition

Checkmates is an educational series dedicated to building reading, math and science skills, self-esteem, cultural enrichment, creativity and problem-solving. This program is being piloted at Springwood and Riley Elementary schools. The students are honing their skills for a tournament in the spring.



Students are focused on the game at Riley

Both programs will include guest speakers who will explore life skills, STEM, college and career paths with students. Our hope for these initiatives is that the students will discover new interests and opportunities available to them within their community while increasing their academic skills.

Woodville PreK- 8's Agriculture Program is a Growing Success



Last school year, Woodville PreK-8 was able to add an Agricultural Program thanks to a grant they received from the USDA to integrate agriculture instruction in all grade levels. Students have learned about nutrition, where their food comes from and what living things need to survive. The initial grant was for \$50,000 and they have reapplied with hopes of additional funding.

The students are very excited about the expansion of the program this school year. In October, they hatched chickens in the classrooms. Students were able to livestream the chickens hatching so the entire school could see as well as students/families watching from home. The students have continued to care for the chickens and in the spring the hens will lay eggs for collection. The school garden is full of life. Elementary classes plant seeds in the greenhouse, transfer to the garden and care for the plants until harvest. After gathering the fruits of their labor, they enjoy a healthy snack. Middle school students grow produce in their garden that they take home after harvest for enjoying with their families. Recently, they started an orchard with blueberry and fig plants. The school will be adding citrus to the orchard in the spring. Another project includes the aquaponic tanks that are setup throughout the school.

Participation of Elementary School students:

- Have agriculture concepts integrated into their science lessons.
- 2nd-5th grades participate in agriculture lessons during special area rotation.
- Have a plant project of their own that they grow and care for at school.
- Are encouraged to try new produce in the "Farm to Table" program.

Participation of Middle School Agriculture classes students:

- Have an opportunity for leadership development, personal growth and career success.
- Conduct classroom/laboratory instruction in on-site produce gardens.
- Engage in supervised Agricultural Experience Programs (work-based learning).

Additionally, 8th grade students have the opportunity to take agriscience class in which they can earn a high school credit and an industry certification. The school was very pleased with a pass rate of 75% last year for the industry certification, which was above state average.



Martin Luther King Jr. Dreamers and Doers Breakfast



Leon County Schools partnered with the Tallahassee chapter of the NAACP on Friday, January 18, 2020, at the Civic Center to honor more than 100 public school students at a Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative breakfast. The event's theme was "Silence is not an option!" and encouraged students to be passionate about pursuing their dreams and calling out injustice.

The event was organized by the LCS Office of Prevention, Intervention, Equity, and Support Services. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Rodgers (pictured above) stated, "The annual MLK Breakfast is a wonderful event. For well over 30 years in the Leon County School District, in partnership with the NAACP, we have recognized our gems that represent Dr. King's ideals. These students are the role models in their respective schools and our future leaders who will help to shape and cultivate our community in positive ways. We are so proud of them."

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Left to right: Abner Marcelin, NAACP Tallahassee Branch President, Commissioner Nikki Fried of Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services, Superintendent Rocky Hanna

Parent's Corner: Free and Fun Family Activities

Spending quality time together does not always require travel! Here is a list of 15 activities that you can do at home with your child:

1. Make a "tent" out of sheets.
2. Play store, restaurant, or ice cream stand together.
3. Sit outside and look at the stars.
4. Plant seeds from something you've eaten, such as apples or watermelons.
5. Have a tea party.
6. Make your own treasure map.
7. Make a family tree.
8. Help your child send an email to a grandparent, aunt, or uncle.
9. Write a story together.
10. Have a picnic outside or on the living room floor.
11. Teach one another some new dance moves.
12. Tell your child three things you really like about him or her.
13. Let your child teach you about something he or she knows or does well.
14. Make life-size drawings of each other on the back of some old wrapping paper.
15. Help your child fix a broken item or toy.

Parent Liaisons of the Month

Congratulations to these Parent Liaisons of the Month! They were recognized due to their commitment and dedication of connecting parents and students with resources that extend beyond the classroom.



Regina Randolph-Hollis
Sabal Palm Elementary



Veronica Rios
Griffin Middle



Latoria Oliver
Title I District Office



CKrystal Stokes
Apalachee Elementary

Free Programs at Leroy Collins Library

200 W Park Avenue

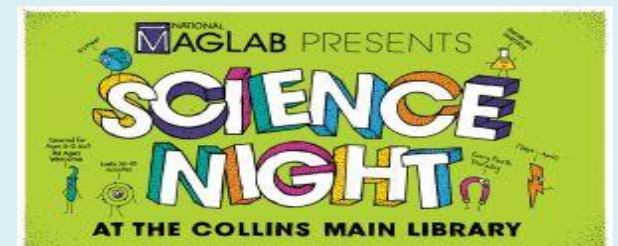
Virtual Reality and Gaming Lab

Time: 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm
Dates: Every Wednesday
*All ages welcome!



Saturday Family Storytime

Time: 11:00 am- 11:30 am
Dates: Every Saturday
*Lego Club meets every Saturday at 2:00!

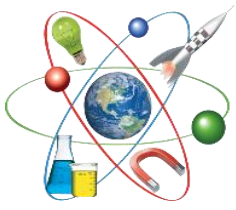


Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Join in on a FREE, fun, and family-friendly hands-on science event for all ages (but especially for those aged 6-12).

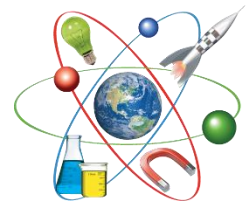
Every Science Night explores a different, exciting scientific topic:

- February 20, 2020 - (Optical) Illusions
- March 26, 2020 - Cryogenics
- April 23, 2020 - Famous Scientists

Plan for the activity to last about 30-45 minutes, but the scientists will stick around longer to answer questions and library staff will be on site to help recommend books that complement the science.



Mobile STEM Labs



Title I has partnered with FAMU's Science Department to engage students and their families with Mobile STEM Labs. We have been traveling to a different Title I school each month to present science activities that can be repeated at home. Springwood Elementary and Griffin Middle schools are scheduled to have their Mobile STEM Labs this spring.



Pineview Elementary School



Oak Ridge Elementary School



Riley Elementary School



Nims Middle School



Free Events Around Tallahassee

Family Program at Museum of Florida History

When: Saturday, February 8, March 14, and April 11
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Location: Museum of Florida History
500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399

Join the Museum of Florida History **every month, on the second Saturday**, for a free hands-on activity exploring the great history and heritage of the Sunshine State!

Kids Free Day at Challenger Learning Center

When: Saturday, February 15, March 21, and April 18
10:15 am - 12:30 pm

Location: Challenger Learning Center
200 S Duval St, Tallahassee, FL 32301

The third Saturday of every month is Kids' Free Day at the CLC. Join them for interactive activities and science demonstrations. Kids 12 and under can also see a FREE IMAX or Planetarium show (with a paying adult).



MagLab STEM Open House

When: Saturday February 22, 2020
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: The National High Magnetic Field Laboratory
1800 E. Paul Dirac Drive Tallahassee, FL 32310

There is fun for the whole family at this free annual science extravaganza featuring more than 80 hands-on activities. This year's theme - TIME - aligns with the MagLab's 25th anniversary and celebrates science past, present and future. Special time-themed experiences only available this year include the ability to turn back time with a laminar flow demonstration, timed radar races, crystals as timekeepers, ancient geological samples, and some special Dr. Who-inspired demos. We'll also have a travel through time scavenger hunt and a time vault where you can predict the future.

Knott House Museum presents a Mad Hatter Tea Party

When: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Knott House Museum, 301 E Park Ave, Tallahassee, FL 32301

Bring your children to Knott House Museum during spring break for a creative morning of old-time music, games, and costumes. Introduce your kids to the *Alice in Wonderland* story and meet the Mad Hatter, March Hare, and Alice herself. The adventure starts in the parlor with story time presented by the FSU Strozier Library. Participants will be able to make a mask to wear and be part of the fun. Of course, there will be raspberry tea and “very happy un-birthday cake.” *The Mad Hatter Tea Party* is presented **free of charge, but reservations are required**. For reservations or more information, call (850) 922-2459.



Music Festival on Kleman Plaza

When: Friday, March 27, 2020, 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Location: Kleman Plaza
100 South Duval Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301

Come to Kleman Plaza the night before the Springtime Tallahassee Parade for an exciting musical line-up! This is a FREE community event with no ticket purchase necessary!

Springtime Tallahassee Festival

When: Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Downtown Tallahassee

Springtime Tallahassee begins with the Grand Parade at 10:30 am which features over 100 entries followed by the famous Jubilee in the Park featuring handcrafted items, Children's Park, and local entertainment stages in Downtown Tallahassee.

Interested in joining the LCS Title I Advisory Council? Please email us at lcstitleiadvicorycouncil@gmail.com for upcoming meeting locations, dates and times.

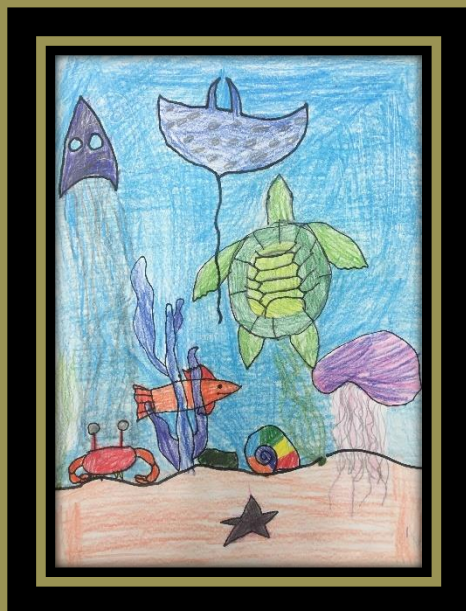
Leon County Title I Schools

Name	Principal	Address	Phone
Elementary Schools			
Apalachee Elementary	Jennifer Ricardo	650 Trojan Trail, Tallahassee, FL 32311	(850) 488-7110
Astoria Park Elementary	David Solz	2465 Atlas Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850) 488-4673
Bond Elementary	Delshauna Jackson	2204 Saxon St., Tallahassee, FL 32310	(850) 488-7676
Chaires Elementary	Michele Prescott	4774 Chaires Cross Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32317	(850) 488-5977
Ft. Braden PreK-8	Jimbo Jackson	15100 Blountstown Hwy., Tallahassee, FL 32310	(850) 488-9374
Hartsfield Elementary	Rhonda Flanagan	1414 Chowkeebin Nene, Tallahassee, FL 32301	(850) 488-7322
Oak Ridge Elementary	Jasmine Smith	4530 Shelfer Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32305	(850) 488-3124
Pineview Elementary	Carmen Conner	2230 Lake Bradford Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32304	(850) 488-2819
Riley Elementary	April Knight	1400 Indiana St., Tallahassee, FL 32304	(850) 488-5840
Ruediger Elementary	Sally Stephens	526 West 10th Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850) 488-1074
Sabal Palm Elementary	Anicia Robinson	2813 Ridgeway St., Tallahassee, FL 32304	(850) 488-0167
Sealey Elementary	Demetria Clemons	2815 Allen Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32312	(850) 488-5640
Springwood Elementary	Sylvia Myers	3801 Fred George Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850) 488-6225
Woodville PreK-8	Lisa Mehr	9373 Woodville Hwy., Tallahassee, FL 32305	(850) 487-7043
Middle Schools			
Fairview Middle	Rusty Edwards	3415 Zillah St., Tallahassee, FL 32302	(850) 488-6880
Griffin Middle	Zelena O'Banner	800 Alabama St., Tallahassee, FL 32304	(850) 488-8436
Nims Middle	Benny Bolden	723 West Orange Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32305	(850) 488-5960
High Schools			
Godby High	Desmond Cole	1717 West Tharpe St., Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850) 617-4700
Rickards High	Doug Cook	3013 Jim Lee Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32301	(850) 488-1783
Special Sites			
Second Chance	Kelvin Norton	2514 West Tharpe St., Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850) 921-1250
Success Academy	Kelvin Norton	860 Blountstown Hwy., Tallahassee, FL 32304	(850) 488-2087
Charter Schools			
Governors Charter	Amy Reynolds	4351 Mahan Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32317	(850) 391-5259
Tallahassee School of Math and Science	Ahmet Temel	3434 North Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850) 681-7827
Private Schools			
Achieve Academy	Adriane Peters	661 West Brevard St., Tallahassee, FL 32301	(850) 765-0022
Bethel Christian Academy	Marilyn Jackson	406 North Bronough St. Tallahassee, FL 32301	(850) 521-0216
Capital Preparatory	Kristal Franklin	2811 Industrial Plaza Dr., Tallahassee, FL	(850) 402-9711
Franklin Academy	Margaret Franklin	2303 Old Bainbridge Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850) 322-2860
John Paul II Catholic High	Joanna Copenhaver	5100 Terrebone Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32311	(850) 201-5744
Kingdom Life Prep	Otis Young	324 Adams St. Tallahassee, FL 32301	(850) 692-3205
Miracles In Me Academy	Sandi Hall	228 Gaile Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32305	(850) 385-3080
Rise Academy	Tamika Jenkins	1375 Cross Creek Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32308	(850) 309-1500
The Learning Center	Beth Spear	1717 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308	(850) 325-6302
Trinity Catholic School	Stephanie Bechtol	706 East Brevard St. Tallahassee, FL 32308	(850) 224-5067
Unity Child Care Development	Carlos Collins	2555 North Monroe St. # 12 Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850) 629-4959

Ft. Braden School Art



Kevin, Grade 2



Alex, Grade 4



Ixel, Grade 8

KIDS EAT FREE DEALS IN TALLAHASSEE



Monday

4 Rivers Smokehouse- one free kid's meal with the purchase of one adult entree
Azu- kids under 8 eat free with adult meal purchase when dining in
Barberitos- kids eat free after 4pm
Coosh's- kids eat free with adult meal purchase after 5pm
Hangar 38- kids eat free with paying adult after 5pm
Island Wing Company- kids eat free after 5pm
Little Italy- kids 10 and under eat free spaghetti with adult meal purchase when dining in
Smash Burger- kids eat free after 4pm
Vertigo- kids eat free with purchase of each adult meal

Tuesday

BurgerFi- kids under 12 eat free with adult meal purchase when dining in
Cabo's- kids eat free after 5pm with adult meal
Cinco de Mayo- kids eat free after 4pm with adult entree purchase
Denny's- kids 12 and under eat free with every adult purchase
Hurricane Grill & Wings- kids 12 and under eat free with adult meal purchase
Millers Ale House- kids 12 and under eat free with purchase of each adult meal
Mom and Dad's Italian Restaurant- kids 12 and under eat free with purchase of each adult meal
Peppers- kids 10 and under eat free with adult meal purchase after 5pm
Pizza Hut- (Cap. Cir NE) kids 10 and under eat buffet free with each paying adult after 5:30pm

Tuesday Continued

Red Elephant- kids eat free with adult purchase starting at 4 pm
The Red Shed- kids eat free with purchase of entree
Ruby Tuesday- kids eat free with adult purchase 5 pm to close

Wednesday

Casa Grande- kids eat free with adult meal purchase
Moe's- kids eat free with purchase of adult meal and beverage
Pappas Diner- kids eat free with adult purchase 3 pm to 8 pm
Vertigo- kids eat free with purchase of each adult meal

Thursday

Burrito Boarder- kids eat free with adult purchase 4pm - 9pm
Jason's Deli- kids eat free with adult purchase 5pm - 9pm
Wharf Casual Seafood- kids under 8 get a free kids meal with adult entree purchase

Saturday

Cabo's- kids eat free 11 am - 4pm with adult meal purchase
Sonny's Bar-B-Q- kids 10 and under eat free with reg. priced adult meal purchase
Village Inn- kids 12 and under eat free with adult meal purchase

Sunday

Cabo's- kids eat free after 5pm with adult meal purchase
Dreamland BBQ- kids eat free with each adult entree purchase
Los Compadres- kids eat free with adult entree purchase
MASA- kids eat free with purchase of adult meal
Melting Pot- kids 12 and under eat free with adult entree purchase

Adult Education Helps Parents Succeed by Earning High School Diplomas and Learning English

Earning a high school diploma and improving English skills for international families are two educational goals we help hundreds of parents achieve each year, explains Principal Regina Browning. Adult & Community Education School, also known as ACE, is the largest provider of adult education programs in Leon County. Our programs help adults, 16 and older, gain the education they need to be independent, contributing members of our community.

The school serves approximately 2,000 students each year, many of which are parents enrolled in the school's GED® Prep classes. The classes help students prepare to pass the GED® test and earn a high school diploma. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, persons with a high school diploma, on average, earn \$12,600 more per year than persons without a high school diploma. "Parents also encourage their children to succeed in school by leading by example," Browning said. "Many of our students report our classes enable them to better assist their own children with homework."

Last year, ACE also taught more than 400 adults from over 30 countries in English classes. "When parents can communicate better with their children's teachers, doctors, coaches, and others, it enables them to provide better support and care to their children," Browning explained. "Our English classes are designed to help parents do just this."

For more information on how ACE GED® and English classes can help adults over the age of 16, visit www.ACELeon.org or call 850-717-2020 and ask for Martha.

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