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Director's Message

Greetings,

We hope that everyone has experienced lots of successful moments during the 1st quarter! Title I hit the ground running to support schools. Hopefully, you had a chance to participate in one of our events for parents and families: Annual Title I Meeting, How to Increase Your Credit Score, Dads Take Your Child to School. In October, we will kick off a series of STEM activities for families. Also, you don't want to miss *The Math of Cooking: Holiday Edition, December 14th*. Learn and be inspired by the culinary excellence of local chefs! As a bonus-take home recipes and ingredients to recreate these culinary masterpieces with your child.

We are committed to helping students, schools, and families acquire resources and opportunities necessary to thrive academically. We will continue to support initiatives that increase student achievement. Let's continue to be partners in your child's educational journey.

We need your feedback! The Fall 2023 Parent and Family Engagement survey ends November 3rd.

Sincerely,

April Knight, Director
Title I Programs



ClassLink

- Click on the link to view your child's digital education resources (i.e. textbooks and district approved Apps).

Focus Portal

- Click on the link to view your child's information (i.e. attendance, grades, test history, etc.).

Lunch Menu

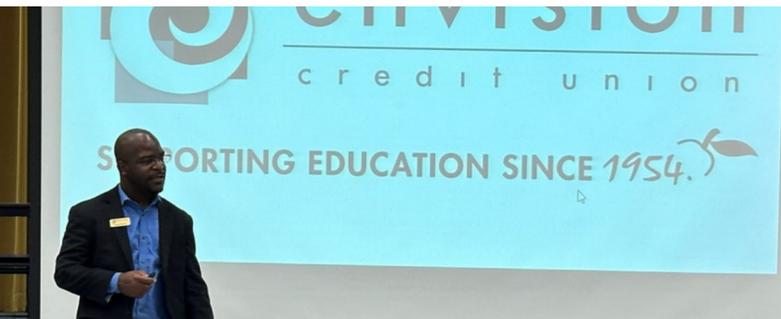
- Click on the link to view what's on the menu at your child's school.

STAR K-12 Student Transportation

- Click on the link to learn about Star Metro's transportation for students.

Transportation

- Click on the link to view bus routes and stops.



Financial Literacy

How do you help families increase their knowledge about financial choices? Make it interactive and fun!!! The Title I Office and Envision Credit Union teamed up to provide a financial literacy workshop for families. Students learned to distinguish between good spending and bad spending. They were given several scenarios in which they determined whether specific items were wants or actual needs. After this was determined, they then decided whether the item was considered good spending or bad spending. Parents learned about credit scores. Parents were given tips on how to build their credit and how to monitor their credit. Additionally, they learned how credit scores are developed, the importance of credit scores, and how to read a credit report. Each attendee walked away with a better understanding of financial literacy.



Dads Take Your Child to School: A Round Table Discussion

The Title I Office hosted “Dads Take Your Child to School: A Round Table Discussion” at Springwood Elementary School. This event highlighted the importance of the role that fathers and father figures play in shaping the lives of children. School Board Members Darryl Jones and Dr. Marcus Nicolas opened the discussion by sharing their perspectives on the importance of fathers and father figures. Guest panelists included Todd Lanter, Conrad McCray, Dr. Christopher Small, and Bo Walker. Our moderator for the evening was Eddie Williams, partner at Holland and Knight Law. Each of the guest speakers and the panelists gave valuable insight on the questions posed. Those questions included but were not limited to: What do you do to connect with your child/children?; What do you enjoy most about being a father or father figure?; and How do you balance work and home?. Time and consistency were two (2) of the major themes presented throughout the conversation. Participants agreed that all children need fathers and father figures to not only show up, but show up consistently. Fathers and father figures were encouraged to make intentional time to spend with their child/children. They were also provided with strategies that encourage engagement in their child/children’s education. Each father/father figure took home tools to add to their “dad toolbox.” One of those tools was the “Conversation Starters” – things to ask instead of “How was school today?” Some of our Title I schools also hosted events to highlight and to showcase fathers and father figures at their site.

PARENT CORNER

PARENT PORTAL: REPORT CARDS



We made it through the first grading period! **Friday, October 13th marked the last day of the grading period. Report cards will be available on the Focus Portal October 25th.** Families need a Focus Portal account to access student grades and attendance. Contact your child's school for the parent portal letter which includes your child/children's name, student ID, and parent portal pin. Then visit <https://leon.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/auth/> and follow the directions that are included on the letter.

STAY CONNECTED

Make sure your contact information is up to date! Join the teacher's Remind, the school's listserv, and commit to attending at least one (1) school event by December 15th. Strong communication between school and home are essential! A child's academic performance improves when there is positive communication between parents and teachers. If you haven't already done so, contact your child/ren's teacher to schedule a parent-teacher conference. Ask for tips to help your child at home.

Do you want to know about upcoming Title I events? Scan the QR Code below and subscribe to the Title I Listserv.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. Parents and families who are engaged in their child/children's schools can have a positive impact on student achievement. Students with engaged parents are more likely to have better social skills, show improved behavior, attend school regularly, and graduate from high school. There are many ways parents can support their child/children's learning at home and throughout the school year. Below are some ideas to get you started!

Develop A Partnership With Your Child's Teacher and School Staff

- Meet your child's teacher.** Make time to meet your child's teacher. Let the teacher know you want to help your child learn.
- Get to know who's who at your child's school.** There are many people at your child's school who are there to help your child learn, grow, and navigate the school environment.

Support Your Child Academically

- Find out how your child is doing.** Ask the teacher how well your child is doing in class. Ask the teacher what you can do to help.
- Find homework help for your child if needed.** If it is difficult for you to help your child with homework or school projects, find someone to help. Contact the school to see what tutoring services are available. You may also check with an older student or neighbor.

Support At Home Learning

- Demonstrate a positive attitude about education to your child.** What we say and do in our daily lives can help children to develop positive attitudes toward school and learning. It may also help them build confidence in themselves as learners.
- Encourage your child to read.** Helping your child become a reader is one of the single most important things you can do to help your child succeed in school and in life. The importance of reading can't be overstated. Reading helps children in all school subjects.

PARENT CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events are listed below.

- **September 27th - November 3rd:**
Fall Parent and Family Engagement Survey
- **October 18th, 6:00 p.m. @ Bond:**
Mobile STEM Lab
- **November 8th, 6:00 p.m. @ Ruediger:**
Mobile STEM Lab
- **November 13th - November 17th:**
Parent and Family Engagement Spirit Week
- **December 14th, 6:00 p.m. @ Godby:**
Math of Cooking: Holiday Edition



LCS TITLE I
presents
Mobile STEM Lab

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS



Bond Elementary School
October 18th @ 6:00 p.m.

Door prizes
Light refreshments

RSVP Today

*Students must be
accompanied by a parent
and/or a guardian.



Scan Me



FALL 2023 PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

**LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS
TITLE I OFFICE
IS SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK.**
*You may click on the link or scan the
QR code to complete the survey.*

Parents, guardians, and caregivers are invited to
complete a survey about Title I Programs at your
child's school. The feedback from the survey will be
used to support your child's educational experience.

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SPANISH

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CREOLE

https://www.papersurvey.oi/s/titlei_fall23_ht



SWAHILI

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ARABIC

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The survey administration period is
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 through
Friday, November 3, 2023.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS

Fairview Middle School



Fairview Middle School is known for their Pre-International Baccalaureate Preparatory program that serves students from across the Leon County School District. What people may not know is that Fairview has an amazing Arts program! The band program prepares students to compete at both the district and state level. Students have competed in All-State concert, jazz competitions, and All-District concert and jazz competitions.

Last school year, Fairview's Jazz Music Performance Assessment (MPA) received an overall rating of "Superior", Concert MPA for Red Band (advanced) rated "Excellent" and Concert MPA for the Blue Band (advanced) rated "Straight Superior." Fairview students find great pleasure in collaborating with James S. Rickards High School students and performing within the community. Community events have included the Southwood Winterfest and The Annual Disney performance.

"When words fail, music speaks!" Fairview is proud of its band instructor, musicians, and their parents for all they have done to build and promote Fairview's band program! This is just the beginning! Kudos to the Fairview Falcons.

Griffin Middle School



Griffin Middle School has added a twist to their Critical Thinking course for sixth graders. This course teaches students how to think outside the box using organizational skills and how to apply what they learn to real-world scenarios. Students have worked on keyboarding skills. This skill is useful in other subjects. Other subjects may require electronic submission of assignments. The keyboarding skills learned help students to not only type faster, but also use other functions that allow them to check grammar and spelling. Students will also learn how to use a variety of digital tools, create presentations using PowerPoint, and design flyers using Canva. Students will apply what they've learned by designing a flyer about a career they researched. To enhance learning, students will dive into [The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens](#). This book provides a step-by-step guide to help students get from where they are now to where they want to be in the future. Prior to Winter Break, students will create a cookbook. Each student will choose a country and research one of its holiday traditions. Students will include information on a traditional dish best representing the county. Recipes will be compiled into a cookbook. Kudos to the Griffin Tigers!

Nims Middle School



R. Frank Nims Middle School wanted to try something different for their scholars this year. Instead of parents having to scurry around to find the latest trends in clothing, Nims decided that it was best for their school to become a full uniform school. The uniform colors are: yellow, black, and white shirts, and black and khaki bottoms. Students may wear any color combination. With the support of parents and community members, Nims has seen an increase in daily attendance. The decision to become a full uniform school has helped to create a leveled playing field among students by reducing peer pressure and to instill a sense of school pride and community spirit. Students still have the ability to express their individuality by choosing the color variations and adding accessories to their uniform. The school year has gotten off to a great start! The school anticipates that their students will continue to focus more on academics and making positive choices. Overall performance will continue to grow! Kudos to R. Frank Nims Middle School, where the motto is "The Future Begins Here!"