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Leon County Schools Title I Quarterly Newsletter



Title I Director's Message:

The Leon County Schools' Title I Office is committed to supporting an educational model which helps students to acquire resources and opportunities necessary to thrive academically and socially. Our goals are to support parent-family and community engagement, provide ongoing technical assistance, and enhance educational opportunities for students and parents. We invite you to be ENGAGED in school and district initiatives. These activities will EMPOWER you with information and resources to ENRICH the learning experience. In this newsletter, we want to share with you program updates, upcoming events, and resources to support families. Be sure to visit our Title I website and your school's website/social media accounts throughout the school year.

Wishing you much success,

**April R. Knight
Director, Title I Programs**

**GREETINGS FROM
SUPERINTENDENT ROCKY HANNA
AND
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT GILLIAN GREGORY**



I am so proud of the work that is taking place in all Leon County Schools. This year, our Title I Program is serving a total of 23 public schools and 17 private schools, in addition to the extraordinary faculty and staff working onsite with our students and families. Moving forward, I am excited to see all the hard work and dedication pay off as we continue to strive for excellence.

~ Rocky Hanna, Superintendent



I am truly honored to be a part of such a great school district. I remain humbled by the excellent work taking place in our schools countywide and in all programs and departments assisting those schools in providing the best education for our students and support for their families. I would like to thank everyone in advance for their continued efforts in the future.

~Gillian Gregory, Assistant Superintendent



In This Month's Issue



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Title I On the Move

Students Welcomed With Backpacks & Supplies



The Title I Office and Costco welcomed students to the 2021-2022 school year with backpacks and school supplies! Over 300 backpacks were distributed to students. Thank you, Costco, for making sure that our students were off to a great start this school year.



Dads Take Your Child to School

The Dads Take Your Child to School Day initiative serves to highlight and support fatherhood engagement in education by helping schools foster this important connection with fathers and father figures. Research indicates engaging dads, brothers, uncles, father figures, other significant male role models, and male mentors, increase student success in numerous ways. Our LCS Title I workshop provided a platform for fathers and father figures to utilize conversation as a tool in strengthening the relationship with their child. Dads taking their child to school is much more than the physical act. Discussion centered around strategies to support strong communication for successful academic and social outcomes.

DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Time: 9:00 AM



**Dr. Christopher Small, Director
FSU Online Educational Leadership/
Administration Programs**



**Darryl Jones, School Board Member
Leon County Schools District 3**



What does it mean to take your child to school ?



**James Cole, Director
LCS Transportation**

INFORMATION

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID:

896 2830 2639

Passcode: 4w71Cq

Pathways to Entrepreneurship

Education joined with viable opportunities is a clear path to economic stability and generational wealth! The Pathways to Entrepreneurship workshop provided Title I parents and families sessions and resources needed to start or strengthen careers.

Our community partners provided valuable information sessions:

- Adult and Community Education – GED/High School Diploma information session and onsite registration
- Lively Technical College – Career Options information session and onsite registration
- TCC Workforce Development – Career Options information session and onsite registration
- Small Business Development Center – How to start/grow your business and one to one support
- FAMU Federal Credit Union – Credit Score 101/ Funding Options for your business



Pathways to Entrepreneurship

FAMU Federal Credit Union

Easy Financial Strategies

VALUABLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES

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LCS TITLE I PRESENTS

PATHWAYS TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
9:00 AM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION
1000 W. LEYARD DRIVE
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32304

information call 850-413-0441
for courses on site!

START YOUR CAREER
CHANGE YOUR CAREER
START YOUR BUSINESS

USE QR CODE TO PRE-REGISTER



Lively Technical College

The Math of Cooking with Chef Sam Burgess

The Math of Cooking is a workshop to support at-home learning. Parents learn strategies to support the application of math skills in the real world. Students who apply math skills are better prepared to master higher math concepts.

Cooking is a life skill that creates family time! Chef Sam Burgess of Pineappetit was the presenter. He focused on the importance of family, education, and finishing what you have started. He sent a message to families to use what you have to "make it a meal." WTXL ABC 27, Second Harvest of the Big Bend, Register's Meat Market, Walmart, and Godby High School made this event possible. Our sponsors provided enough ingredients for each family to take home. This included 50lbs of shrimp donated by Walmart, enough sausage for 50 families donated by Register's Meat Market, and non-perishable ingredients provide by Second harvest. The show was hosted by WTXL ABC 27 news anchor, Ava Van Valen.

Our families not only left the event with holiday meal ideas but lots of math strategies that can be applied to daily tasks, such as cooking and grocery shopping.



Title I School Spotlight ***Hartsfield Elementary*** ***Creates Environmental Awareness***

Environmental education and awareness for our students is key in order for them to be active participants in addressing present and future environmental issues. To that end, Hartsfield has created a schoolyard habitat for monarchs and other pollinators that has brought the subject of environmental awareness to life and provides for an outdoor, interactive learning environment.

Hartsfield has created the schoolyard habitat/butterfly garden in partnership with National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools USA local staff and with the support of Leon County Innovative Teacher grants. A school-based action team of students, administrators, educators, and community volunteers comprise their "Eco-Action Team." Hartsfield recently submitted an application to the National Wildlife Federation to become a nationally certified Eco-School and have received their notification that they have completed the "Bronze Award" and are now nationally certified! The school plans are to continue their environmental efforts - stay tuned!



Pictured: Marie-Claire Leman and Marney Richards are the two extraordinary volunteers (with the help of others) who have started these gardens and have replanted for three years now. Gardens are outdoor learning opportunities and harvest the vegetables for students, faculty, and staff.

Bond Elementary - Levels Up!

The 2020-2021 school year was faced with great challenges, but one school rose above it all! Through the support of administrators, teachers, support staff, and the community the Bond Elementary Eagles soared high and moved their school letter grade to a "C." While this improvement reflects learning gains across the board, the number of students growing in math stood out! Everyone is proud of this learning community's perseverance and dedication to academic excellence. The Eagles celebrated the accomplishment with a fun school-wide event complete with music, food, fun games, face painting and more! Congratulations, Principal Delshuana Jackson! Keep soaring Eagles!



***CONGRATULATIONS
Bond Elementary School!***

Sabal Palm Elementary

Community Partnership School of the Year



Children's Home Society of Florida held its inaugural Community Partnership School Awards ceremony this school year. We are proud to announce that Principal Anicia Robinson and the Sabal Palm patriots took the top achievement of Community Partnership School of the Year! However, they didn't stop there - Sabal Palm's Community Partnership Coordinator and Director were voted Coordinator of the Year and Director of the Year! This is an amazing accomplishment! The community partnership school focuses on providing students and families with essential resources to support health and wellness, expand learning, strengthen family engagement, and sustain a collaborative leadership between parents, the school, and the community!

CONGRATULATIONS

Sabal Palm Elementary School!

At-Home Learning Partner



ENGAGE. ENRICH. EMPOWER



Children learn a lot from parents, teachers, and peers. Reading Mastery is an essential skill to support academic success. Here are ways you can sharpen your child's reading skills.

Reading Tips

Make It Routine - Find a quiet, comfortable spot that is the go-to reading spot with your child or children.

Ease Into The Book - Get your child thinking! Ask questions about what they think the book might be about before you start reading.

Guide Them, Don't Tell Them - Encourage your child to use reading strategies they have learned at school. If you tell your child every word they get stuck on, this will slow down the road to reading mastery - they will expect you to tell them every time.

Make It Enjoyable - Reading is meant to be an enjoyable time with your child. If you are getting frustrated, take a short break and begin again.

Comprehension Is Important - When they have finished reading the book. Ask a few questions to check for comprehension (What was your favorite part? Why?; What was your least favorite part? Why?). Your child's comprehension is a vital component of them learning to read.

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Tutoring With FEV - It's FREE

Leon County Schools has partnered with Edmentum to provide FEV Tutor! This district-sponsored online tutoring resource will help with homework and coursework this academic year!

Important Information

FEV Tutor is virtual (online).

FEV Tutors offer flexible homework and coursework help options to fit into busy schedules.

Scheduled homework/coursework help sessions are offered Monday - Friday from 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM and on weekends. You can schedule a session with a tutor by clicking here: [Scheduling Form](#).

Students can also request an On-Demand session for homework help at any time 24/7 by logging into Classlink and selecting the FEV Tutor tile to get started.

Students will tell their tutor what they need assistance in by screen sharing, uploading, or emailing our support team.

All help sessions are recorded.

You can access the video's on how to use FEV Tutor here:

[FEV Tutor Dashboard](#)

[How to Share Content with Your Tutor](#)

[Learning Style Options](#)

For more information visit [Academic Services](#)

If you have a Leon County Schools student and need assistance with internet service, contact Eric Clark with The Foundation for Leon County Schools at (850) 487-7241 or clarke4@leonschools.net.

STAY CONNECTED

How to Update Your Parent Contact Information in FOCUS



Are you setup with Parent Portal?

Parent Portal Access: Report Cards, Progress Reports, Attendance

Parent Portal Help Desk 850-487-7524 or
FocusHelp@leonschools.net

Parents with portal accounts will be able to update their contact information in the web portal on FOCUS. Do not use the app - login into a browser using Google Chrome or Firefox.

If you do NOT have portal access or cannot edit your contact information, please contact the school to get the portal PIN to register OR have your contact linked to your portal account. You can also email focushelp@leonschools.net

Login to the portal account using your email and password. All of your children will appear on the main page even if at different schools.

You will need to update the information on each child.

Upcoming Events



Helping Students Cope

Mental Health Awareness

January
25
6:00pm

Register Here



<https://forms.office.com/r/SafvJkxUpS>

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SEALEY ELEMENTARY
2815 ALLEN ROAD

TALLAHASSEE, FL 32312



TMH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER

Contact Mrs. Oliver if you have any question.
850-487-7195 or oliverl2@leonschools.net

Wishing You A Safe and Enjoyable Holiday Season



Title I Team

Chef Sam Burgess delivers lunch to the Title I Team
(from left to right: Chef Burgess - owner Pineappetit, Denise Harrell - Executive Secretary, Latoria Oliver-Mordica - Parent Liaison, April Knight - Director, Terri Messer - Compliance/Private School Finance, Roshni Amin - Private School Liaison, Dr. Tonetta Scott - Research and Evaluation)

Feel free to contact the Title I Office at 850-413-0441