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STUDENT ADDRESS VERIFICATION

Per *LCS Policy 5112, the parent/legal guardian of students transitioning from 5th to 6th grade and 8th to 9th grade must provide a primary and a secondary proof of address to be enrolled at their new school.



PLEASE SUBMIT THESE DOCUMENTS TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THEIR SCHEDULE.



Director's Message

Greetings,



As baseball fans would say, we are well into the "ninth inning" of the 2023-2024 school year. Everyone has put forth their best effort to ensure that our learning communities continue to flourish. Let's finish the school year strong by focusing on what works and what we as a team can do to improve student achievement. The Title I Office strives to support the whole child. We will continue to provide support to schools, students, and families through services such as free vision exams and enriching academic field trips. As we prepare for the upcoming school year, please note the following:

- Complete Spring Title I Parent Survey
- Enroll your kindergartener
- Complete the Student Address Verification
- Contact your child's teacher. Ask, "What are the most important skills that I can help my child with during the summer break? How can I help my child succeed?"
- Attend school events. This helps to build relationships with teachers, staff, and other families.
- Continue to talk with your child about school. Emphasize the importance of your child's education.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

April Knight, Director
Title I Programs

SUBMITTING YOUR ADDRESS VERIFICATION IS EASY!

Go to your FOCUS Parent Portal account and follow the steps to fill out the form and upload two proofs of residency.

Please note: As a 5th & 8th grade parent, if you try to log into your FOCUS Parent Portal, you will not be able to access any of your student's information until the Address Verification is complete.

If you have an extenuating circumstance, please email lcsadmissions@leonschools.net and they will assist you in making sure you are in compliance.

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED?

ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION

- Primary Proof (Pick ONE): Homestead exemption, mortgage deed, lease, current rental agreement, or property tax record

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- Secondary Proof (Pick ONE): Current electric bill, (must be dated within 30 days; an activation notice is acceptable), vehicle registration, government mail (excluding a voter's registration card or driver's license)



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STUDENT PROMOTION TO NEXT LEVEL When students are promoted to the next level, from elementary school to middle school or middle to high school, the parent/legal guardian must provide current proof of residence in order to obtain a schedule prior to promoting to the next level.

Whirlwind of STEM

The Title I Office has continued to partner with Florida A&M University's College of Agriculture and Food Science to host Mobile STEM Labs at our Title I schools. The Stars of Apalachee and the Pioneers of Ft. Braden assembled a mini wind turbine and had a "whirlwind" of a time at the STEM Lab held at their school. After discussing various STEM careers, students shared the types of energy they've either heard about or learned about.

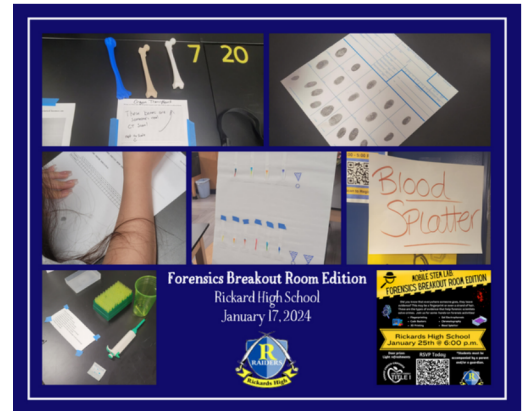
After a mini lesson on the different types of energy, families were tasked with assembling a mini wind turbine. Each family assembled their mini wind turbines and were able to test them out! They were encouraged to determine if the blade angle or the blade length would make the turbine spin faster. Families were provided with materials to practice at home.



Mobile STEM Lab - Forensics Breakout Room Edition



The Rickards Raiders pretended to be sleuths at the Mobile STEM Lab - Forensics Breakout Room Edition. Before going to different work stations, families were provided with information about forensic science and how it's used in various careers and real world situations. Families were able to identify the different types of fingerprints and create their own fingerprint card, investigate different color pigments in markers to see how they separate over time, explore blood splatter patterns that can be made from different angles and heights of impact using fake blood, learn about the process that goes into 3D printing, discover how to separate human DNA using the analytical technique called gel electrophoresis, and analyze different types of codes and the code busting process. Over 100 participants in grades K-12 enjoyed hands-on activities. Kudos to the Rickards High School Science Department and students who developed each activity for the event.



Women and Girls in STEM Mentoring Event

Over 100 Leon County Title I students attended the Women and Girls in STEM event sponsored by FAMU, FSU and TCC. This year's theme was "Take a Leap: Being Courageous in STEM." Students were provided the opportunity to apply skills, engage in hands on activities, and connect with mentors in STEM fields. We hope that this event increased knowledge and encouraged students to think about various career paths in STEM!



PARENT CORNER

END OF THE YEAR TIPS

The end of the school year is a busy time filled with activities, events, appointments, deadlines, and celebrations. During this time, it's easy to lose track of routines and become stressed. Staying engaged and focused can be simple if you plan with some fun tips in your toolbox!

Check out these **End of the School Year** tips that can be used to make the transition from school to summer smooth and fun!

- ✓ **Create a Countdown Calendar.** With the last day of school quickly approaching, it can be easy to let some assignments and deadlines slip away. You can keep yourself and your child on track by creating a countdown calendar. Have your child mark all of the upcoming tests, activities, and events. With a countdown calendar, you can plan celebrations and family time while your child remains on track with their schoolwork.



- ✓ **Celebrate Accomplishments.** End-of-school year assignments, exams, projects, and other deadlines can be stressful for your child. As you get closer to the last few days, take the time to celebrate their accomplishments and the hard work they've put in. Spending time with your child can give them the confidence boost they need to finish the 2023-2024 academic year strong.



- ✓ **Don't Fall Out of Routines.** It can be easy to lose sight of the working routines that keep your child moving and grooving, from classes to homework to extracurricular activities. If you start slowing down, your child will too. A change in routine may cause your child to miss critical due dates, forget to complete coursework, or feel stressed and disorganized.

Keep your routines on schedule so you and your child can keep powering through until the last day. Ensure your child gets the proper amount of sleep each night, so they can keep a positive attitude, stay focused, and feel their best every day. Make sure your student dedicates the time they need to complete all the work they need to.



- ✓ **Take Time to Reflect.** Reflection offers an excellent opportunity to determine where your child excelled and where they still need to improve. You can make this an activity your child does alone, or you can sit down with them and discuss their feelings about the school year. Address what they could have done differently this year or things they enjoyed that they would like to do again.

You can also make this a fun activity by asking your child to write a letter to themselves and give advice they wish they had received when they started the year. This strategy can be an excellent way to address any basic concerns and encourage your child to move into the next grade with a new perspective.



PARENT CORNER

CURRENT EVENTS

April 10th - May 17th

Spring Parent and Family Engagement Survey

Use QR Code or request paper copy from school.

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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The survey administration period is
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 through
Friday, May 17, 2024.



PARENT PORTAL: REPORT CARDS



We are approaching the end of the fourth nine-week grading period! **Friday, May 24th is the last day of the grading period. Report cards will be available in the Focus Portal.** 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 FOCUS Communications module, and commit to attending at least one (1) school event to kick off the new school year! 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's teacher to ask for tips that will help with at-home learning.



SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS

Fort Braden School



Celebrating Student Success- As one of Leon County's two Pre-K through 8 schools, Fort Braden has the unique opportunity of being able to see Pioneers grow, learn, and evolve over more time than a typical stand-alone elementary or middle school. At Fort Braden, celebrating student's growth and success is one of the main focuses. From perfect weekly attendance to earning honor roll at the end of each nine weeks, and from earning monthly Positive Behavior points to demonstrating learning gains on state progress monitoring assessments throughout the year, Fort Braden is always looking for ways to reward the accomplishments and hard work of their students! Student rewards vary depending on the grade level and the celebration; they include special treats at lunch time, social time excused from class, pizza parties, Pep Rallies, Student of the Month and so much more! They take pride in the growth and accomplishments of students and take the opportunity to recognize their achievements regularly!

Godby High School

Building Communities- Amos P. Godby High School held its first annual **Godby Girls Night Out!** This student-stakeholder one of a kind event was held on February 29th. The purpose of this event was to empower, encourage, and foster unity among young ladies and female role models within the school's community. Activities included an engaging keynote speaker, performances by current and former students, a dance-fitness class, a financial wellness class, a vendor fair, a panel discussion with guest speakers, and a fellowship dinner.

Each young lady was encouraged to invite one female adult guest to join them – this could be a mother, aunt, grandmother, or positive female adult influencer in their life, though not a requirement to attend. Inspiring activities provided a fantastic opportunity for participants to connect, learn, and grow together. Godby believes in the importance of building a supportive community, building capacity in and among female stakeholders and providing spaces for meaningful conversations. Kudos to Godby on a successful event!



Ruediger Elementary School



Academic Competition-Ruediger Elementary School students are showing up to math competitions and rocking it! The Ruediger Mathletes 2023-2024 team consisted of 145 students. These students recently competed in the Mini Mu competition hosted by Cobb Middle School. During this Saturday event, the students completed 2 math tests. As a result, students were ranked by grade level. Kudos to the Ruediger Math Department for the time and energy put into preparing the students. We hope that these students will continue to soar and share their math knowledge.



Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program

Thank you to the Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program serving more than 400 Leon County Title I students. The Florida Heiken Vision Program provides no-cost eye exams and glasses for eligible children. If the student needs a prescription, the student will be able to pick out frames on site, have the frames delivered to the school, and copy of the prescription will remain at the school in the event that a replacement pair is needed. Program information was provided to all Title I schools. Parents were required to complete applications to determine eligibility through the Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program. The Title I Office worked with Florida Vision to distribute information and coordinate student appointments.

This program reduces the barriers families may encounter such as scheduling, transportation, or cost associated with vision care.



THANK YOU



PRINCIPALS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, & ALL SCHOOL PERSONNEL

FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR!



WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO

 AND WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH 

