



# LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS TITLE I

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BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

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### WELCOME

Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year! The progress made by Title I Schools in the past year highlighted the importance of "Building Strong Foundations." The teamwork shown by families, schools, and communities had a positive impact on student success. This year, our theme is "Anchoring into a Successful School Year: Going for Gold." We remain dedicated to supporting our students and providing them with the tools they need to thrive.



We encourage you to make the most of the resources and activities offered by the Title I Office and your school. We encourage students to get involved in an extracurricular activity at school. We encourage parents to connect with their child's teacher and other school personnel throughout the semester. Look for upcoming events such as our Fathers in Education Day, Free Eye Exams and Glasses, and the Math of Cooking event! Stay connected by visiting our website, Facebook page, and Parent Resource Room.

Let's work together to make this school year a successful one!

April Knight, Director  
Title I

### WHAT IS TITLE I?

Title I, Part A, provides resources that help children gain a high-quality education and the skills to master the Florida Standards. Title I provides additional resources to schools with economically disadvantaged students. These resources may provide additional teachers, academic materials, professional development, parent workshops, and other activities designed to raise student achievement. The Leon County School District implements a schoolwide model providing schools with greater needs access to services for all students.

### BACKPACK FAIRY

More than 945 backpacks were donated to the Title I Office for schools for the 2024-2025 school year!

What a way to kick off the school year! This is the fourth consecutive year Costco has teamed up with Title I to provide backpacks to Title I Schools. This year, they donated over 380 backpacks to elementary, middle, and high schools.

Additionally, Costco provided over 180 backpacks to Astoria Park as well as a \$500 gift card to support positive behavior incentives for students.



Thank you, Costco, for supporting our schools!



Thank you, Movement Mortgage, for year two of supporting the Title I Backpack Fairy event. The team donated 385 backpacks filled with school supplies! Elementary, middle and high school students benefited from this initiative.

## PREPARING FOR BACK TO SCHOOL? FIVE TIPS FOR PARENTS

As we enter the back-to-school season, parents may be curious about how their children are feeling about going back to school. Some students have mixed emotions – feeling hesitant about losing their free time but looking forward to seeing friends and learning new things. It is crucial for parents to help their children have a positive school experience. Below are five (5) tips that can assist in supporting your child succeed this year:

- Set a positive example by demonstrating enthusiasm for education and the learning process. Begin early and maintain a positive attitude towards school to encourage a love of learning in your child.
- Stay connected with your child's teacher and school community by participating in volunteer opportunities, attending parent and family engagement workshops, or staying up to date through newsletters and emails. Show respect and speak highly of your child's teachers to foster a positive relationship.
- Address any anxiety your child may have about school by offering reassurance and support. Promote open communication about their feelings and assist them in developing coping strategies.
- Be prepared to problem solve if your child encounters academic challenges. Seek outside support such as tutoring if necessary and be open to considering changes that may benefit your child's learning environment.
- Stay engaged with your child's school experience by asking about homework, classroom activities, and how you can support learning at home. Effective communication and encouragement are vital for a successful school year.

<https://www.myfloridaprepaid.com/collegeterminology/preparing-back-school-five-tips-parents/>

**"Behind every child who believes in themselves is a parent who believed in them first."**

**Matthew Jacobson**



## TITLE I SCHOOLS

Apalachee Elementary	Pineview Elementary
Astoria Park Elementary	Rickards High
Bond Elementary	Riley Elementary
Fairview Middle	Ruediger Elementary
Ft. Braden School	Sabal Palm Elementary
Godby High	Sealey Elementary
Griffin Middle	Second Chance
Hartsfield Elementary	Springwood Elementary
Nims Middle	Success Academy
Oak Ridge Elementary	Woodville School

### LCS Title I

#### Parent Resource Room

WHEN:	AVAILABLE RESOURCES:
Monday - Friday (by appointment)	Title I information
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Computer access
<b>WHERE:</b>	Books
Title I Office - Howell Building	Educational Games
3955 W. Pensacola Street	Manipulatives
<b>CONTACT:</b>	
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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## OPEN HOUSE

- \*Thursday, August 29, 2024**
  - Elementary School Sites
- \*Thursday, September 5, 2024**
  - Middle School Sites
- \*Monday, September 16, 2024**
  - High School Sites

**\*Check with your school for specific Open House information.**

## PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**

- Fathers in Education Day  
@ Ruediger Elementary School

**Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**

- Character Counts Workshop  
@ Hartsfield Elementary School

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**

- Forensics Breakout Room Edition  
@ Rickards High School

LCS TITLE I  
PRESENTS  
**FATHERS**  
IN EDUCATION DAY

**FEATURING:**

- ROCKY HANNA  
SUPERINTENDENT  
LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS
- DR. MARCUS NICOLAS  
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
DISTRICT 5
- DARRYL JONES  
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
DISTRICT 3
- BO WALKER  
TEAM CAPTAIN  
ALL PRO DADS

**Fathers and father figures play a vital role in a child's life.  
Join us for a fun-filled experience with your children!  
DELICIOUS FOOD, EXCITING GAMES, AND LIVELY INTERACTIONS!**

**RSVP Today**

Ruediger Elementary School  
September 25th @ 6:00 p.m.

## DEADLINE TO APPLY: SEPTEMBER 27TH



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tableta / computadora

**PADRES APLIQUEN AHORA!**

- Estudiantes de la Florida
  - De bajos ingresos
  - Pre-K hasta el 12° grado
  - Reaplique cada año escolar
  - 6-12 semanas de tiempo de procesamiento
- Heiken **NO** comparte información con ninguna otra agencia.



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**PARAN ENSKRI KOUNYE A!**

- Elèv nan Eta Florid la
  - Revn ki ba
  - Pre-matènèl rive nan filo
  - Ou kab enskri ankò chak ane lekòl
  - 6-12 semèn tan pwosesis
- Heiken PA bay lòt ajans enfòmasyon pèsònèl elèv yo.



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**PAIS APLIQUEM AGORA!**

- Estudantes da Florida
  - Baixa renda
  - Do pré-k ao 12°
  - Reaplicar todo ano letivo
  - 6-12 semanas de tempo de processamento
- Toda informação so aluno é mantido confidencial e não compartilhado com nenhuma outra entidade.

