



Parent & Family Engagement = Student Success

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# Title I Tidbits... A Family Resource Newsletter



## WELCOME BACK GES FAMILIES!

Welcome families and students to the new 2017 – 2018 school year & welcome to Title I! Our Title I staff would like to say hello and welcome you and your family back to a new school year and to Title I. We are committed to making this school year the best for your children, and we encourage you to remain engaged in your child's education, both inside and outside of the classroom. Your participation will help your sons and daughters be more successful now and in the future.

Teachers play a critical role of teaching knowledge and skills, but children's attitudes toward school and their habits of studying, reading and learning, are largely developed at home. Studies have consistently linked parent & family engagement with higher student grades and test scores, more positive student attitudes and behaviors, and improved school environments.

There are many ways to be engaged in your child's learning. This includes not only establishing routine homework habits but also:

- Supporting school and Title I extra-curricular activities.
- Attending parent-teacher conferences.
- Communicating with your child's teacher regularly by writing notes, telephoning the school, etc.
- Keeping your child's teacher informed about events in your child's life which may affect his/her performance at school.
- Discussing with your child's teacher and family organizations other ideas for parent & family engagement.
- Volunteering at the school.

So again, welcome back! We pledge to work tirelessly on behalf of your children. Please join us in this pledge so that our students can be successful in the 2017–2018 school year and beyond!

Sincerely,

*Kami Leonard & Rebecca West*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS... YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THESE EVENTS!

- Title I Annual Meeting, August 22nd @ 6:45pm & 7:45pm
- Volunteer Orientation, August 28th @ 2:00pm & September 6th @ 9:00 am
- Teacher & Parent Partnership Meeting, September 26th @ 6:00pm & 7:00pm
- Fall Festival, October 28th @ 10:00 - 2:00

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If you have any questions or concerns about our school's Title 1 program, please feel free to contact us at any time!

## VOLUNTEERS...WE NEED YOU!

Throughout the year we need volunteers and families like you to help with a variety of things! Some of the volunteer opportunities we have include:

Help in the Media Center	Mentor a student	Volunteer in the Family Resource Center
We are in need of volunteers to help our Media Specialist, Mrs. Hardeman in the Media Center. Your responsibilities would include shelving books, helping students check books in and out, and straightening up for the next day. If you are interested in volunteering in the Media Center, please let us know! We would really appreciate your help! You may contact Kami Leonard at <a href="mailto:kleonard.ges@catoosak12.ga.us">kleonard.ges@catoosak12.ga.us</a>	Would you like to impact a child's life? Do you have 30 minutes a week to spare? Then you should become a Mentor for one of our students! For more information about our Mentor program please contact Jenni Kellerhals, our Mentor Coordinator. <a href="mailto:jkellerhals.ges@catoosak12.ga.us">jkellerhals.ges@catoosak12.ga.us</a>	We are always in need of volunteers to help out in the Family Resource Center! Here, you can make copies for teachers, cut out items that have been laminated, stuff student work folders, and help with upcoming Title I events. If you haven't seen our Family Resource Center, please stop by and check it out! It is located on the Kindergarten hall in room 413!





# How can I help my child **SUCCEED** in school?

Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school.

Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.

Help your child with his/her homework every night.

Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.

Read with your child every night.

Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.

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