February is

Parent Leadership Month

This month, tap into ways you can make a difference at your child's school.

Be sure to attend your school's quarterly Connection Team Meetings

Each Title I school calls upon its school Connections Teams, comprised of parents, administrators and staff to review and monitor its School Improvement and Parent Involvement Plans each quarter. All parents and stakeholders will have the opportunity to participate in the team's work and/or to offer written or oral suggestions about the School Improvement and Parent Involvement Plans. The team review and analyze data to assess student growth instructional practices. Feedback from Connection Team meetings will be used to guide the ongoing school improvement process.

Connection Team Meeting Dates "PLUG IN" at your school and be a part of continuous school Improvement!

> BHS February 18, 2014 5:30 p.m.

BMS February 11, 2014 5:00 p.m.

HMS February 13, 2014 5:00 p.m.

EKE February 13, 2014 1:00 p.m.

JJE Please refer to school website

JWE Please refer to school website

> **PSE** March 18,2014 9:00 am & 5:30 pm

WBE February 3, 2014 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Spotlight on Parent Engagement Parent Leadership Month

http://parentresources.ga.schoolinsites.com Dr. Cheryl Guy 229-243-6847

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February Calendar of Parental Involvement Events

JJE PTO Math, & Technology for Parents February 4, 2014—6:30 p.m.

PK Registration (Register at zone elementary school) February 11, 2014 8:30-2:30 and 4:30-5:30

JWE PTO February II, 2014—5:30 p.m.

Integrating Art & Math at Home February 12, 2014 9:00 — 11:00 a.m. District Parent Resource Center

HMS – Helping your Student with Editing: Writing Workshop February 13, 2014—8:30 a.m. HMS PTO February 13, 2014—5:30 p.m.

PSE PTO February 13, 2014—6:00 p.m.

Presidents Day—No School Monday, February 17, 2014

Parent Volunteer Training February 18, 2014 9:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. District Parent Resource Center

Autism Awareness Group Topic-The Latest Research February 19, 2014 –12:00 p.m. Gilbert H. Gragg Library WBE PTO February 24, 2014—6:00

The Secrets to Becoming an Effective Parent Leader (see workshop description below) February 27, 2014 9:30-11:30 p.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m. District Parent Resource Center



STUDENT GROWTH MODEL

Information will be shared this month at each school's PTO meeting that will provide stakeholders with information about Student Growth Model Reports that will be distributed to parents the first week of March. The GSGM provides information on a student's academic progress during the previous school year. A Student Growth Percentile describes how much a student grew during an instructional year relative to academically-similar students.

Additional parent workshops will be offered in March. Look for dates in next month's newsletter!

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The Secrets to Becoming an Effective Parent Leader

Equipping parents, grandparents and caregivers with the information they need to be effective leaders and partners in their child's school.

If you want to make a difference in your child's school, but are unsure where to begin, this informational session is a great place to start. In addition to helping you make sense of all the school documents, phrases and abbreviations educators use such as, STEM, SIP, PIP, CCRPI, SGP, AR, ILEARN and more, parent leadership secrets will be revealed that are sure to make you view family engagement in a whole new way.

You will not want to miss this workshop!

Don't forget to check out the Parent Resources website at: http://parentresources.ga.schoolinsites.com/ And to download the DCBOEPI mobile app for Android and Apple compatible devices. Stay "Plugged In" with up to date information and resources!