



# Title I - Parent Connection Newsletter

## Summer 2014



### Calendar

- May 10:** Monroe Farmer's Market opens - Every Saturday from 8:30am - 12:00pm.
- May 16:** Last Day of School
- May 16:** MAHS Graduation at 6:00pm
- May 16:** LHS Graduation at 8:00pm
- May 17:** WGHS Graduation at 9:00am
- May 18:** Spring Fling at Monroe Veterinary Clinic at 823 E. Spring St. from 12:00-3:00pm. Free food, games, pony rides, pet portraits and face painting. 770-266-5331.
- May 22:** Report Cards Issued
- May 22:** Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group meets at River of Mercy Church in Monroe from 12:00-1:30.
- May 26:** Memorial Day
- June 6:** First Friday concert at historic courthouse lawn in Monroe at 7:00pm
- June 20:** Groovin' on the Green in Loganville at 7:30pm
- June 26:** Grandparents Raising Grandchildren monthly meeting
- July 4:** Independence Day
- July 18:** Groovin' on the Green in Loganville at 7:30pm
- July 24:** Grandparents Raising Grandchildren monthly meeting
- August 1:** First Friday Concert at historic courthouse lawn in Monroe at 7:00pm
- August 11:** First Day of School



### Memorial Day May 26, 2014

A day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

Para una traducción de esta información, póngase en contacto con Eleanor Scott, Coordinador LEP (Limited English Proficiency) (770) 266-4486 correo electrónico: [escott@walton.k12.ga.us](mailto:escott@walton.k12.ga.us)

### Summer Learning for Children

- Research about how much children lose ground over the summer is well documented. Parents and guardians can encourage their children to have a summer of fun *and* learning with these great websites. Check them out!
- ReadWriteThink.org:** Some ideas to build reading and writing skills are: (1) watching TV with the sound off and closed captioning on; (2) reading directions for how to play a new game; or (3) helping with meals by writing up a grocery list, finding things in the grocery store, and reading the recipe aloud for mom or dad during cooking time. Visit this website for more ideas!
- PBSkids.org/zoom/activities:** Encourage your child to become an active citizen. Kids who participate in community service activities gain not only new skills but self-confidence and self-esteem. Resources from ZOOM can help them get the most out of helping others this summer.
- Schoolfamily.com/10829-geocaching-101:** Everyone loves a scavenger hunt! Get in on the latest outdoor craze with geocaching, where families search for hidden "caches" or containers using handheld GPS tools (or a GPS app on your smart phone). Try a variation on geocaching called earthcaching where you seek out and learn about unique geologic features. Find more details about geocaching plus links to geocaching websites at this site.
- Kidsgardening.org:** Watch a garden grow and build research, reading, and writing skills. Encourage your child to write questions and observations in a summer garden journal. This website offers great ideas and activities for playing in the dirt!
- Dadcando.com:** This wonderful site is full of crafty ideas that bring fathers and kids together. Make a wizard's wand, paper planes, spaceships, and quirky things like an origami cowboy shirt (think Woody from "Toy Story") — mostly from inexpensive or recycled materials.
- Kids.nationalgeographic.com:** This site offers great nature videos, activities, games, stories, and more.
- CoolMath4Kids.com:** Take a trip through an amusement park of math and more at this extremely interactive math website.
- Smithsonianeducation.org/students/smithsonian\_kids\_collecting:** Learn how to start your own collection and see what other kids collect.
- Paleogeology.si.edu/dinosaurs:** Learn about dinosaurs! Questions and answers with the top 10 myths about dinosaurs, a virtual dig, behind the scenes tours, and more from the National Museum of Natural History.
- ReadingRockets.org:** Launching young readers! This site offers strategies, lessons, activities and ideas designed to help young children learn to read and become better readers.



School-wide Title I Schools in Walton County School System are: Atha Road Elementary, Harmony Elementary, Carver Middle School, Loganville Elementary, Monroe Area High School, Monroe Elementary, Walker Park Elementary, Walnut Grove Elementary, Walnut Grove High School, and Youth Middle School. Targeted Assistance School in Walton County: Loganville Middle School.



### **FISH - TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

FISH is in need of pre-teen and older volunteers to assist with the daily (9:00-11:00am) lunch program. Call FISH at 770-207-4357 (Main office #) for more information. F.I.S.H. - Faith in Serving Humanity



### **Got a Newspaper? You've Got Learning**

Just a few pages from your newspaper can be turned into lots of early learning activities. Here you'll find "letters and words" activities for the youngest, plus fun writing prompts and tips on how to read and analyze the news for older kids. Grab your child and let's get learning with a newspaper!

**Letters and Words:** Have your child cut out the letters needed to spell his first and last name. Have him glue these onto a piece of paper. Ask your child to find capital and lower case pairs of letters. Glue the pairs onto a piece of paper. Ask your child to find and cut out all the words in headlines that she can read. Paste them on a piece of paper and practice reading them together.

**Writing:** Cut out a few pictures from the paper. Ask your child to write a caption for each one. Compare their caption with the paper's caption. Talk about ways captions help readers understand one small piece of the story. Ask your child to circle all the ads they can find in the paper. Discuss what makes a good advertisement and what does not. Discover what types of words and punctuation are often used in ads, and how those are tools writers use to capture a reader's attention.

**Understanding the News:** Help your child understand the structure of the newspaper. Sort news stories into international, national, and local. Point out other sections such as sports, food and entertainment. Talk about the difference between fact and opinion. Then, read one of the articles from the newspaper. Are there facts in the story? Are there any opinions? How can we tell the difference? What sorts of words are used for each? Within which section are opinion stories usually found? Choose an interesting and age-appropriate story from the newspaper. Read the story with your child. After reading, ask your child if she can answer the "who, what, where, when, and why" questions about the story.

Visit the Walton County School District website at [www.walton.k12.ga.us](http://www.walton.k12.ga.us) for school updates and scheduled "Back to School" Open House events.

**Local Fun** - Visit our Parks and Recreation website for a calendar of events, camps and activities for summer fun here in Walton County. [www.waltoncountyga.gov/parks](http://www.waltoncountyga.gov/parks)

You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,  
to pick up a book and read to a child.

Dr. Seuss

### **ART CAMP**



The Monroe Art Guild will offer Art Camp this summer for students ages 5-8; 9-12; and 13-17. The camp will run for 7 weeks with 16 sessions from 9:00am-12:00pm OR 1:00-4:00pm. Cost is \$105.00 per student which includes all supplies. Call 770-207-8937 or visit the website at [www.monroeartguild.org](http://www.monroeartguild.org) for more information.

### **On Stage Workshops for Kids**

On Stage is hosting three youth workshops this summer. Opportunities are available for children ages from kindergarten through 12th grade in acting, singing, choreography and behind the scenes work. All workshops are designed to be age-appropriate and each session culminates towards free public performances at the end of the week. Contact Marc Hammes at [mhammes13@gmail.com](mailto:mhammes13@gmail.com) or contact On Stage at (318) 389-2216 for information on costs, dates, and registration forms. [www.onstagewalton.org](http://www.onstagewalton.org).

### **Homelessness doesn't go away with the end of a school year - McKinney-Vento**

If your family lives in any of the following situations:

- 1 - In a shelter;
- 2 - In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation;
- 3 - In a car, park, abandoned building or bus or train stations;
- 4 - Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship.

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act. If you believe your children may be eligible, contact Gina Meadows, Homeless Liaison at 770-266-4508 to find out what services and supports may be available. There may also be supports available for your preschool-age children.

### **The Smartest Card - Get it! Use it! @ your Library!**



The four libraries in Walton County offers exciting and enriching programs during the summer for children AND just think about all those marvelous books waiting to be read!

**O'Kelly Memorial Library:** 363 Conyers Rd., Loganville  
770-466-2895

**Monroe-Walton Library:** 217 W. Spring St., Monroe  
770-267-4630

**W. H. Stanton Library:** 407 W. Hightower Trail,  
Social Circle; 770-464-2444

**Walnut Grove Library:** 1000 Walnut Grove Parkway,  
Loganville - 678-342-9758

### **Permissive Transfer Option Available May 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014 Walton County School District**

Parents or guardians may elect to send a child to another public school in the same school district as long as there is classroom space available. If parents/guardians elect to exercise this choice option, the parents/guardians assume all costs associated with transporting the children to and from the selected school. Students who transfer to another school using this option may, at their election, continue to attend such school until all grades of the school are completed. After that time, the students will be required to return to their home school. Please visit [www.walton.k12.ga.us](http://www.walton.k12.ga.us) for the complete guidelines and for a list of possible school choices. Contact Gina Meadows at 770-266-4510 or [gmeadows@walton.k12.ga.us](mailto:gmeadows@walton.k12.ga.us) for more information.