

TITLE I NEWSLETTER

The Parent Connector



WALTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
"In Pursuit of Excellence"

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JUST BE THERE!!!



Here are some ideas on how you can **Be There** for your child. These ideas can be adapted to any age group. Please visit www.bethere.org/parent-place/parent-tips for more tips to use.

- While eating dinner, ask your teen a question to stretch his/her imagination, such as "If you were the smartest person on earth, what would you use your intelligence to do?"
- In the grocery store, tell your child he/she may pick out three items to take home, but they must contain less than 10 grams of sugar each.
- When driving in the car, ask your young child to find the letters of the alphabet in signs you pass. With the teenager, ask them to help you calculate how many miles per gallon you're getting with each automobile you drive.
- At the ATM or bank, help your child determine how long it would take to save \$ 2,000 if you put \$5 in a savings account each week. Ask your child what he/she would do with that saved amount?
- When making a salad for dinner, let your child choose the ingredients.
- While shooting hoops or playing cards, ask a caring question, such as: "How did recess go today?" Or, "How was your science test?"
- Read a story to your child. Before you get to the end, ask your child how he/she thinks it will end. Or, if the main character walked through your door today, what would you say to it?
- As a surprise - leave a caring note in your child's lunchbox or under his/her pillow that says you are proud of your child and love him/her.

Did You Know.....



.....About our PARENT RESOURCE CENTERS?

All Title I schools have a Parent Resource Center which is usually located in the Media Center. You can check out books and other resources to help you engage with your child's education. A free computer is also available for your use. Be sure to check the Parent Resource Bulletin Board and flyers for Title I information, upcoming parent events, parenting and homework tips, as well as community resources.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - Holiday (Labor Day)
- 9 - WCSD Board Meeting
- 10 - Progress Reports—Q1
- 24 - GHSWT

OCTOBER

- 13 - School Holiday
- 14 - WCSD Board Meeting
- 15 - Report Cards—Q1
- 15 - PSAT
- 20-24 - Fall Intercession

NOVEMBER

- 6 - District Title I / CLIP / FLP

English Learner Parent Meetings

(EL Program)

- Sept. 4 @ Walker Park E.S.
5:00—5:30 PM
- Sept. 4 @ Monroe E.S.
5:30—6:00 PM
- Sept. 16 @ Bay Creek E.S.
6:00—8:00 PM
- Sept. 23 @ Youth E.S.
6:00—8:00 PM

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

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.

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How Parents Can Support the CCGPS Reading Standards

The Common Core State Standards are national standards that say what K-12 students are expected to learn in Math and English language arts. For older students, the standards expand to include literacy in history/social studies, science and technical subjects. A couple of basic ways parents can support their child's learning are listed below:

Key Ideas and Details

What it means: Students will be encouraged to carefully read many books and texts. In these texts, your child will be working to understand what is happening, summarize key events or points, and recall details important to the story or topic.

How parents can help: After a story is shared, talk about important story elements such as beginning, middle and end. Encourage your child to retell or summarize what they have read.

Range of Reading

What it means: Students will be working to compare and contrast details from stories, describing key ideas using details in non-fiction (informational) text, and telling how two texts on the same subject differ.

How parents can help: For younger students, encourage your child to describe how the illustrations within a book support the story. For older students, have fun reading different versions of the same fairy or folk tale. Talk about the similarities and differences between the two books. Then switch to non-fiction and read two books on the same topic. Compare the information in each and again focus on similarities and differences.

GEORGIA MILESTONES

For the 2014-15 school year, Georgia will begin rolling out new assessments aligned to the CCGPS. The new assessments will be used to gauge how well students are mastering the standard and, ultimately, how ready students are to succeed in college and careers. Parents are encouraged to read more about this new assessment in the under "Parents Guide To New Tests In Georgia" on the GADOE website under Assessment Resources. A Spanish version is available also on the website.

"In 100 years, it won't matter what sort of house I lived in, what my income was, or what kind of car I drove; but the world may be a different place because I was there to help in the life of a child." — Anonymous

District Title I Parent Coordinators

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Department of Exceptional Education

September 9: Navigator Team Meeting

The Bridge of Georgia

October 14: Navigator Team Meeting

The Bridge of Georgia

October 28: Navigator Team Meeting

The Bridge of Georgia

November 8: Family Fun Day &

Resource Fair - *Hammond Park*

December 13: Jingle Jog - *Downtown*

Loganville

- We have a new **Parent Mentor!** Tonya McCullohs is available to assist parents with locating information and resources; provide confidential support for parental concerns and questions; provide information on the special education process of referral, evaluation and placement.and so much more. Contact her at (770)266-4532 or tonya.mccullohs@walton.k12.ga.us.
- The mission of the **Walton County Navigator Team** is to support families that have children or young adults with disabilities through a statewide volunteer parent network. Their goal is to provide families with comprehensive resources, increased access to education, advocacy and local resources that meet their specialized needs. Please come join us!
- The 9th Annual **Jingle Jog** is just around the corner, so mark your calendars now for

DEES NEWS

December 13th! Come out and be a part of either the Fun Run or the 5K.... or just come out and cheer them on! Holiday Vendors will be in the Loganville High School cafeteria for your Holiday shopping convenience. We still have openings for Sponsors, so don't be shy! Be a part of something great for our kids as this is the only fundraiser for the local Stone Soup Summer Camp and supports so many kids in being able to have a quality and super fun camp experience.

- Please let us know if you need special assistance (such as child care) so that you can participate in your child's IEP meetings.
- For more information and resources, please visit the Exceptional Education Department's section on the Walton County School District website: www.walton.k12.ga.us