

Title I: News You Can Use

News and Information for Families of Title I Schools in Leon County



Panel Participants answer questions from parents at Hartsfield Elementary

Left to Right: Dr. Christopher Small, Deputy Mike Wallace, Ms. Cynthia Edwards, Dr. Rhonda Flanagan, Assistant Superintendent Gillian Gregory, Ms. Christie Henry, and Pastor Clarence Jackson

What Is Title I?

Title I, Part A is a federal program designed to provide children with significant opportunities to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps. Title I, Part A funding is awarded through a grant and is allocated under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. Here in Leon County, public schools with a 75.01% or higher of free and reduced lunch students are eligible to receive Title I funding.

See page 5 for a complete list of Title I schools of Leon County.

Hartsfield Hosts Parent and Family Engagement Conference

Hundreds of families went to Hartsfield Elementary on Saturday, January 26th, for their Annual Parent and Family Engagement Conference. The initiative hopes to bridge the gap between schools and the community.

Families were engaged with workshops, vendors, and a discussion panel in order to learn how to be more involved with their child's education.

Principal of Hartsfield Elementary, Rhonda Flanagan, said, "Our mission here is really to empower our parents, to enlighten them with the wonderful workshops that are being presented, to connect them to the resources that are right here in their community."

The large number of families at the event and positive feedback from the attendees show the community wants to be involved and assist their children in developing at school and at home.



I am so proud of the work that is taking place in all Leon County Schools. This year, our Title 1 Program will be serving a total of 23 public schools and 12 private schools, in addition to the extraordinary faculty and staff working onsite with our students and families. Moving forward, I am excited to see all the hard work and dedication pay off as we continue to strive for excellence.

~ Rocky Hanna, Superintendent



I am truly honored to be a part of such a great school district. I remain humbled by the excellent work taking place in our schools county wide, and in all programs and departments assisting those schools in providing the best education for our students, and support for their families. I would like to thank everyone in advance for their continued efforts in the future.

~Gillian Gregory, Assist. Superintendent

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Lincoln Center
438 Brevard Street; 891-4180
Monday-Thursday 7:30 am – 8:00 pm
Friday 7:30 am to 7:00 pm

The Afterschool Development Program - homework assistance and one-on-one tutoring for community youth ages 6 to 14 in the areas of math, science, reading and language arts in addition to FSA preparation (*Monday through Friday - 3:00 to 5:30 pm*)

Summer Enrichment Program - The Lincoln Center provides this six (6) week program in partnership with The Lincoln Foundation and The Riley House. The Summer Enrichment Program strives to continue developing students' academic skills in math, reading, science, and computer programs. Field trips to museums as well as historic and recreation sites provide a diverse opportunity for the students to expand their academic learning and social skills. *Limited space available.*

LeVerne F. Payne Community Center
450 West Fourth Avenue; 891-3930
Monday - Friday: 2:00 - 8:00 pm

The LeVerne Payne Community Center is located in the Frenchtown neighborhood of Goodbread Hills.

The Center offers an after school program for neighborhood children, providing tutoring, homework help, computer access, and a variety of interesting games, classes, dance step team, arts and crafts, nutrition, music, and tennis lessons. The Center also hosts camps for Spring Break, Winter, and Summer.

Jack L. McLean Community Center
700 Paul Russell Road; 891-2505
Monday - Saturday: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

The Center offers tutoring/homework assistance on Mondays from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Delta Kappa Omega Chapter Tutoring Program**
BL Perry Branch Library
2817 South Adams St., across from the main Post Office
Every Saturday 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Smith-Williams Service Learning Center
2295 Pasco Street; 891-1860
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

This program provides afterschool enrichment for K-5th grades students. While the primary emphasis is on academic enhancements, youth also enjoy arts and crafts, cultural awareness, music, performing arts, and other exciting venues of personal expression.



Chaires Launches zSpace!

An innovative learning experience has launched at Chaires Elementary, a Title 1 school in Tallahassee, Florida! zSpace's hands-on technology has our students, of varying academic levels, excited to learn complex math and science content while gaining confidence as learners. At Chaires, we have twelve stations set up as a 3-D lab experience. Each virtual reality station allows up to two students to engage in STEM based learning while using an interactive stylus and 3-D glasses to manipulate real world models that they wouldn't be able to investigate, dissect, or see up close in a regular classroom setting. For example, students were able to dissect the Earth and discover the many layers of the atmosphere in a lab setting. This is so exciting for our Title 1 students! It's the key to their academic engagement and success!

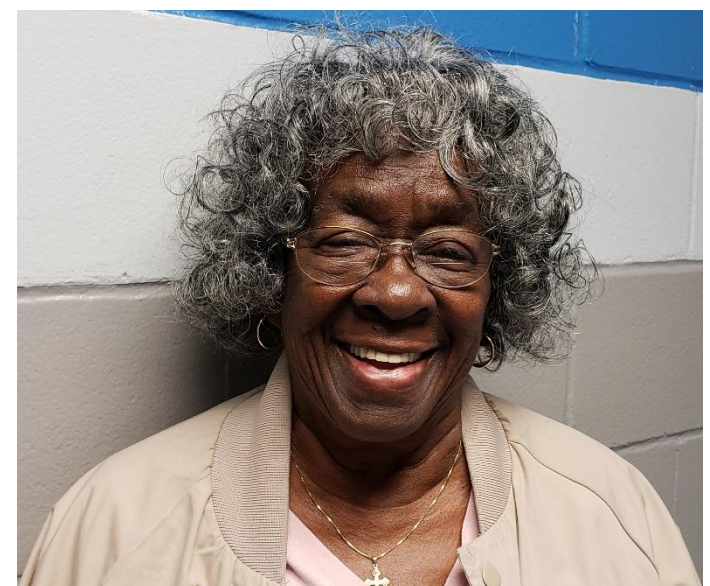
Foster Grandparent Highlight

Elder Care Services, Inc. and Leon County Schools have been partnering with the Foster Grandparent Program since 1983. This federal program supports senior citizens volunteering in classrooms to nurture and assist with literacy and social development of the students. There are currently 26 Foster Grandparents volunteering at 13 Title I schools in Leon County.

This edition spotlights a long-serving Foster Grandparent: **Ida Sampson**.

Years and Schools Served: Grandma Sampson has been a Foster Grandparent in kindergarten classrooms for 15 years: 14 years at Astoria Park Elementary and one year at Riley Elementary.

Favorite thing about being a Foster Grandparent: "I love working with the children and making sure they get what they need to know, like teaching them to write their name and learn the alphabet and numbers. But the most important thing I love are the hugs."



Grandma Sampson

Academic Enrichment at Leon County Schools

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program is a free program offering both after-school and summer programs to students at the school sites listed below:

Elementary School Sites

- Astoria Park Elementary
- Apalachee Elementary School
- Bond Elementary School
- Hartsfield Elementary School
- Oak Ridge Elementary School
- Pineview Elementary School
- Ruediger Elementary School
- Sabal Palm Elementary School
- Springwood Elementary School

Middle School Sites

- Cobb Middle School
- Fairview Middle School
- Griffin Middle School
- Nims Middle School

High School Sites

- Godby High School
- Rickards High School

If you are interested in more information on the CCLC program, contact the school site.

100th Day of School Celebration



Students at Sabal Palm Elementary Celebrate the 100th Day of School with Superintendent Rocky Hanna, Principal Anicia Robinson, and Ms. Nancy Taylor

Parent's Corner: Reading with Your Child

Reading with your child has numerous advantages and children are never too young to benefit from reading. Parents need to dedicate time for reading every day. Here are some quick tips to get the most out of the time you spend reading with your child:

- Sit next to your child so he or she can see the book.
- Talk about the pictures.
- Let your child turn the pages.
- Show your child the cover page. Explain what the story is about.
- Run your finger along under the words as you read.
- Make the story come alive. Create voices for the story characters.
- Ask questions about the story. What do you think will happen next?
- Let your child ask questions about the story. Talk about familiar activities and objects.
- Let your child retell the story.
- Repeated readings of favorite books are beneficial in developing fluent readers (even if it is memorized).

Family Story Time

Enjoy literature, culture, books, music, rhymes, storytelling and your community. For children and their families.

LEROY COLLINS LIBRARY



Cost: Free
 Location: 200 W. Park Ave
 Time: 11:00 am- 11:30 am
 Dates: Every Saturday
 *Lego Club meets every Saturday at 2:00!

FT BRADEN BRANCH LIBRARY

Cost: Free
 Location: 16327 Blountstown Highway
 Time: 11:00 am- 12:00 am
 Date: Every Saturday; Lego Building Included!

BARNES AND NOBLE

Cost: Free
 Location: 2415 N Monroe St
 Time: 11:00 am
 Date: Every Saturday

BOOKS-A-MILLION

Cost: Free
 Location: 3521 Thomasville Rd.
 Time: 2:00 pm
 Date: Every Saturday

Kids' Free Day at Challenger Learning Center

Dates: March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, and July 20
 Times: 10:15 am - 12:30 pm

The third Saturday of every month is Kids' Free Day at the CLC! At 10:15am, students will participate in interactive activities, science demonstrations, and a FREE IMAX or Planetarium show for kids 12 and under (with a paying adult). These activities may include a Chemistry Magic Show presented by members of FSU Chemistry & Biochemistry, a presentation by the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering or CLC education team, and/or a presentation by a community partner.

CLC also has a free planetarium show the first Saturday of every month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Free Events Around Tallahassee

Family Program at Museum of Florida History

When: Saturday, March 9, 2019, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Museum of Florida History, downtown Tallahassee

Join the Museum of Florida History **every month, on the second Saturday**, for a free hands-on activity exploring the great history and heritage of the Sunshine State!

Carrabelle Culture Crawl

When: Saturday, March 23, 2019, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Location: Carrabelle, FL

The Carrabelle Culture Crawl is a free celebration of amazing art, music, history, food, and fun in the heart of downtown Carrabelle. For more information, contact Tamara Allen at Carrabelle Cares at 850-697-2141 or carrabellehistorymuseum@gmail.com.

Springtime Tallahassee



Music Festival on Kleman Plaza

When: Friday, March 29
6:00 pm - 10:30 pm
Location: Kleman Plaza

Springtime Tallahassee Festival

When: Saturday, March 30, 2019, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Location: Downtown Tallahassee

Saturday begins with the Grand Parade featuring over 100 entries followed by the famous Jubilee in the Park showcasing hand crafted items, Children's Park, and local entertainment stages in Downtown Tallahassee.



19th Annual Worm Gruntin' Festival in Sopchoppy, FL

When: Saturday, April 13, 2019, 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
Location: Sopchoppy, FL

Kicks off at 8:00 am with a 5K Race followed by a full day of craft vendors, musical entertainment, food and games including worm gruntin' contest, horseshoes contest, hula-hoop contest, and other miscellaneous fun. The evening culminates with the Worm Grunters' Ball with a GREAT MUSICAL HEADLINER this year! Grab a friend and a lawn chair and come join the fun!

29th Annual Carrabelle Riverfront Festival

When: Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Location: Carrabelle Riverfront

This fabulous street festival is filled with unusual and colorful arts & craft vendors, a pet parade, educational folk life and maritime exhibits and activities, fun children's activities, a vintage car show, local seafood vendors, traditional fair foods, Tate's Hell and Back 5K Run/ Walk, and festive music and live entertainment like the famous Fishy Fashion Show.



19th Annual Chain of Parks Art Festival

When: Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Location: Downtown Tallahassee Chain of Parks

A fine art festival with over 170 artists displaying their original works of art, live entertainment, delicious food offerings, children's art activities, community partners and much more!

March of Dimes March for Babies

When: Saturday, April 27, 2019, Registration 8:00 am, Start 9:00 am
Location: The Pavilion at the Centre, 2415 N. Monroe St

3 miles of nothing but fun and purpose! There will be entertainment for the whole family including performances from youth groups from Leon County Schools, face painting, food trucks, bouncy houses and much more.

Kidsfest 2019

When: Saturday, May 4, 2019, 10:00 am - 3:00 p.m
Location: Cascades Park

Area businesses and community organizations will be providing children's hands-on activities. There will be games, arts and crafts, and bouncers.



Imagination Fountain Shows at Cascades Park

When: Evening Fountain Shows: Every Friday, Saturday, & Sunday 8:00 - 9:30 p.m., every 15 min

Leon County Title I Schools Contact Information

Name	Principal	Address	Phone
Elementary			
Apalachee Elementary	Jennifer Ricardo	650 Trojan Trail, Tallahassee, FL 32311	(850)488-7110
Astoria Park Elementary	Marsha Sanders	2465 Atlas Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850)488-4673
Bond Elementary	Patrick Wright	2204 Saxon St., Tallahassee, FL 32310	(850)488-7676
Chaires Elementary	Michele Prescott	4774 Chaires Cross Road, Tallahassee, FL 32317	(850)488-5977
Ft. Braden K-8	Jimbo Jackson	15100 Blountstown Hwy., Tallahassee, FL 32310	(850)488-9374
Hartsfield Elementary	Rhonda Flanagan	1414 Chowkeebin Nene, Tallahassee, FL 32301	(850)488-7322
Oak Ridge Elementary	Jasmine Smith	4530 Shelfer Road, Tallahassee, FL 32305	(850)488-3124
Pineview Elementary	Carmen Connor	2230 Lake Bradford Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32304	(850)488-2819
Riley Elementary	Taita Scott	1400 Indiana Street., Tallahassee, FL 32304	(850)488-5840
Ruediger Elementary	Sally Stephens	526 W. 10th Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850)488-1074
Sabal Palm Elementary	Anicia Robinson	2813 Ridgeway Street, Tallahassee, FL 32304	(850)488-0167
Sealey Elementary	Demetria Clemons	2815 Allen Road, Tallahassee, FL 32312	(850)488-5640
Springwood Elementary	Tina Austin	3801 Fred George Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850)488-6225
Woodville K-8	Lisa Mehr	9373 Woodville Hwy., Tallahassee, FL 32305	(850)487-7043
Middle Schools			
Fairview Middle	Scott Hansen	3415 Zillah Street, Tallahassee, FL 32302	(850)488-6880
Griffin Middle	Zelena O'Banner	800 Alabama Street, Tallahassee, FL 32304	(850)488-8436
Nims Middle	Kelvin Norton	723 W Orange Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32305	(850)488-5960
High Schools			
Godby High	Desmond Cole	1717 W Tharpe St., Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850)617-4700
Rickards High	Doug Cook	3013 Jim Lee Road, Tallahassee, FL 32301	(850)488-1783
Special Sites			
Second Chance	Richard Richardson	860 Blountstown Hwy., Tallahassee, FL 32304	(850)488-2087
Success Academy	Richard Richardson	860 Blountstown Hwy., Tallahassee, FL 32304	(850)488-2087
Charter Schools			
Governors Charter	Amy Reynolds	4351 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32317	(850)391-5259
TSMAS	Ahmet Temel	3434 N Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850)681-7827
Private Schools			
Achieve Academy	Adriane Peters	661 West Brevard St., Tallahassee, FL 32301	(850) 765-0022
Bethal Christian Academy	Cheryl Bouyer	406 N. Bronough St. Tallahassee, FL 32301	(850) 521-0216
Capital Preparatory	Kristal Franklin	2811 Industrial Plaza Dr., Tallahassee, FL	(850) 402-9711
Franklin Academy	Margaret Franklin	2303 Old Bainbridge Rd, Tall, FL 32303	(850) 322-2860
John Paul II Catholic High	Joanna Copenhaver	5100 Terrebone Dr. Tall, FL 32311	(850) 201-5744
Kingdom Life Prep	Otis Young	324 Adams St. Tallahassee, FL 32301	(850) 692-3205
The Learning Center	Beth Spear	1717 Hermitage Blvd., Tall, FL 32308	(850) 325-6301
Rise Academy	Tamika Jenkins	1375 Cross Creek Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32308	(850) 309-1500
Trinity Catholic School	Stephanie Bechtol	706 E Brevard ST. Tallahassee, FL 32308	(850) 222-0444
Unity Child Care Development	Carlos Collins	2555 N Monroe St. # 12 Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850) 629-4959
University Ministries International School	Joseph Brown	2640 Old Bainbridge Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32303	(850) 383-0494
Havana Leadership Academy	Lillian Johnson	112 E. 9th Ave., Tallahassee, FL	(850) 539-1315



Monica - 10th grade

Amos P. Godby High School Artwork



Grace - 10th grade

KIDS EAT FREE DEALS IN TALLAHASSEE

Monday

4 Rivers Smokehouse- one free kid's meal with the purchase of one adult entree
Azu- kids under 8 eat free with adult meal purchase when dining in
Barberitos- kid's eat free after 4pm
BurgerFi- kids under 12 eat free with adult meal purchase when dining in
Coosh's- kids eat free with adult meal purchase after 5pm
Dairy Queen- 1 free mini blizzard with the purchase of 2 mini blizzards
Island Wing Company- kids eat free after 5pm
Little Italy- kids 10 and under eat free spaghetti with adult meal purchase when dining in
Smash Burger- kids eat free after 4pm
Vertigo- kids eat free with purchase of each adult meal



Tuesday

Beef 'O' Brady's- kids under 12 eat free with adult meal purchase when dining in
Cabo's- kids eat free after 4pm with adult meal purchase
Cinco de Mayo- kids eat free after 4pm with adult entree purchase
Denny's- kids 12 and under eat free with every adult purchase
Hurricane Grill & Wings- kids 12 and under eat free with adult meal purchase
Peppers- kids 10 and under eat free with adult meal purchase after 5pm
Red Elephant- kids eat free with adult purchase starting at 4 pm
Ruby Tuesday- kids eat free with adult purchase 5 pm to close

Wednesday

Barberitos- kids eat free after 4pm
Moe's- kids eat free with purchase of adult meal and beverage
Pappas Diner- kids eat free with adult Purchase 3 pm to 8 pm
Vertigo- kids eat free with purchase of each adult meal

Thursday

319 Wine and Cheese- kids 12 and under eat free with adult entree purchase 4pm – 9pm
Hopkins' Eatery (Lake Ella Plaza)- kids eat free 5pm – 9pm
Wharf Casual Seafood- kids under 8 get one free kids meal with adult entrée purchase

Friday

319 Wine and Cheese- kids 12 and under eat free with adult entree purchase 4pm – 10pm

Saturday

319 Wine and Cheese- kids 12 and under eat free with adult entree purchase all day
Sonny's Bar-B-Q- kids 10 and under eat free with reg. priced adult meal purchase
Village Inn- kids 12 and under eat free with adult meal purchase

Sunday

319 Wine and Cheese- kids 12 and under eat free with adult entree purchase 10am – 2pm
Barberitos- kid's eat free after 4pm
Dreamland BBQ- kids eat free with each adult entree purchase
Hopkins' Eatery (Capital Circle)- kids eat free all day
Japanika Steakhouse- kids hibachi chicken free w/ purchase of adult hibachi after 3pm
Los Compadres- kids eat free with adult entree purchase
Madison Social- one free kids meal with each adult entree purchase
Melting Pot- kids 12 and under eat free with adult entree purchase

**Please call ahead to verify all offers.*

Astoria Park Elementary Art

Division of School Improvement, Testing and Accountability



Our School Improvement Team is comprised of extraordinary staff who work to serve our administrators, teachers, students, and families. Our dedicated, hardworking school staff are doing an amazing job bringing enthusiasm and creativity to their classrooms. This year has been phenomenal and we are excited for the future!

~ Giselle Marsh, Director

Title I Department



We hope that you have enjoyed our first issue. We look forward to highlighting the amazing things that are taking place right here in our Title I schools. We are very excited about supporting all of our schools and look forward to expanding our community partnerships. Stay tuned as we have some exciting initiatives on the horizon. Special thanks to all of our LCS internal departments that help to support our Title I District Office. Your work is truly appreciated. Lastly, I'd like to take a moment to introduce our dynamic Title I Team. You all truly make a difference! Please see below. ~ Ashley Scott, Program Coordinator

- Ms. Mae Alcantara
- Mr. Barnard Lance
- Mr. Kelley Dekle
- Ms. Stacey Guess
- Ms. Denise Harrell
- Dr. Robin Krause
- Mrs. Brenetta Lawrence

- Mrs. Terri Messer
- Ms. Amber Mitchell
- Mr. Sean Oliver
- Mrs. Monica Robinson
- Mrs. Crystle Rudd
- Mrs. Ava Williams

Interested in joining the LCS Title I Advisory Council? Please email us at title1advisorycouncil@lcs.com for upcoming meeting locations, dates, and times.



Zikeria – 5th grade



Rihanna - 4th grade



Roana - 3rd grade