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Director's Message



Greetings,
Holidays can be exciting and challenging! Sometimes, children can pick-up on the stress of the adults in their lives. Changes in regular routines and disturbing news stories can leave children concerned about what will happen. Carve out time to check in and connect with your children on a daily basis. Start the conversation with a simple question: "What was the best part of your day?"; "Were there any hard parts?"; "What is something new you learned today?"; "Give a hashtag that would describe each class - you can't use the name of the class in the hashtag."; "What is one thing that you are grateful for today?". Be transparent and share your thoughts. Also, listen to your children carefully. You can actively listen by making eye contact, using non-verbal cues such as nodding, verbal cues such as "I agree with" or "what did you do after that" or minimize interruptions (cell phone/TV). Your active listening lets them know that their thoughts are important to you.

This semester, we hope that you have been able to participate as a partner at your child's school. Thank you to all of our families who responded to the Fall 2022 Parent Survey. We saw a great increase in participation! Congratulations to the following schools who increased participation over the previous school year: Apalachee, Astoria, Fairview, Fort Braden, Godby, Griffin, Hartsfield, Pineview, Rickards, Riley, Ruediger, Sealey, Second Chance, Success Academy, Tallahassee School of Math & Science, and Woodville.

This season, we hope that you are able to make fond memories with your family and step into a refreshing New Year!

Have a safe and enjoyable Winter Break,

April Knight, Director
Title I Programs

Children Need Your Presence More Than Your Presents



While we think our children want the latest game, movie or toy, what they truly cherish is our time. You can't put a price tag on those special memories of you spending quality, uninterrupted time with your children. Those memories will last a lifetime; beyond yours and throughout theirs. So, do what is best for your family AND yourself... practice being joyfully present this season.

Contrary to popular belief, it is possible to be joyfully present with your children while also crossing items off of your holiday "to do" list. Baking your favorite holiday recipes can be a family affair. Your kids will get a kick out of adding their personal, decorative touches to the cookies while you sit back and cultivate their creativity and imagination.





Trunk or Treat with STEM

Trunk or Treat? Sabal Palm students all received science kits to build Ocean Robots. It was an awesome event!

Title I Goes Pink



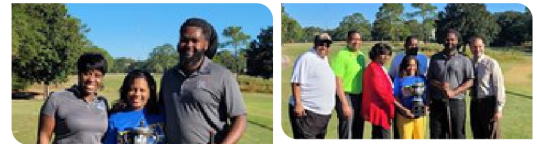
The Title I Office wore pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Pathways to Entrepreneurship

Title I's Pathways to Entrepreneurship workshop brought together those who shared knowledge on various ways that would encourage participants to start their career, change their career, and/or start their own business. Thank you to our partners for encouraging our participants to take the next steps needed to create generational wealth: Office of Economic Vitality, Lively Technical College, Adult and Community Education, TCC Workforce Development Center, Tallahassee-Leon Federal Credit Union, TRIO Educational Opportunity Center, and Career Source Capital Region.



Congratulations to Sealey



The Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce held its annual Title I Golf Tournament at Hilaman Golf Course! Congratulations to Principal Demetria Clemons and the Sealey Superstars for winning the Longest Drive Competition!

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following individuals for being named district finalists in the categories listed below:

School Related Employee of the Year



Allison Tackett
Fairview

Glenn-Howell Distinguished Minority Educator of the Year



Jasmine Sailor
Bond



Kim Sims
Ft. Braden



Tracy Nash
Pineview

Teacher of the Year



Randi Lundgren
Godby



Karlisa Ross
Pineview

PARENT CORNER

WINTER BREAK FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The winter break is almost here, which may mean that school takes a back seat to celebrating and relaxing. Although the break is well-deserved and much needed, it is also imperative that your child does not lose any skills gained during the first semester. Here are some activities that can help your child maintain skills as well as help your family bond during the break.

- ✔ Limit screen time and device usage. Kids have been thrust into the virtual world over the past year and a half, so make sure their eyes, ears and bodies have a break from screens, and they enjoy the simple and fun activities that the holiday season has to offer. Read a book, do some crafts, and play outside.



- ✔ Cook as a family! The holidays are a great time to cook as a family. Traditional family recipes that have been passed down through the generations are always a hit with the kids. Cooking together has several learning opportunities as well, like using recipes and measurements to keep those reading and math skills sharp. Holiday cooking can make learning fun!



- ✔ Host a family game night! Most board and card games require counting, reading, writing and drawing- so it's an excellent opportunity for your child to maintain these important skills. It's also a lovely way to bring the whole family together, have fun and get everyone's brains active and thinking!



- ✔ Find volunteer activities. Search for activities outside your home to serve the community, such as volunteering at a local shelter to wrap presents or deliver or serve meals, help neighbors with their yard, volunteer at an animal shelter, etc. This will provide the family time to socialize with others and help those in need.



- ✔ Try doing a scavenger hunt. Scavenger hunts not only help build critical thinking skills, but they also help families create memories. Ideas for scavenger hunts include but are not limited to: finding things that begin with a particular letter; collecting objects that spell your last name; identifying objects that are a particular color or shape; collecting sticks, pinecones, and leaves to use in a nature craft.



PARENT CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events are listed below.

- **December 14th, 6:00 p.m. @ Godby**
The Math of Cooking
- **January 11th, 6:00 p.m. @ Rickards:**
Mobile STEM Lab
- **January 18th, 6:00 p.m. @ TSMAS:**
Mobile STEM Lab
- **January 25th, 6:00 p.m. @ TBD:**
Wellness Workshop

PARENT PORTAL: REPORT CARDS



We're almost there! **Friday, December 16th will mark the last day of the grading period. Report cards will be available on the Focus Portal January 11th.** Families need a Focus Portal account to access student grades and attendance. Contact your child's school for the parent portal letter which includes your child's name, student ID, and parent portal pin. Then visit <https://leon.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/auth/> and follow the directions that are included on the letter.

STAY CONNECTED

Make sure your contact information is up to date! Join the teacher's Remind, the school's listserv, and commit to attending at least one (1) school event by December 15. Strong communication between school and home are essential! A child's academic performance improves when there is positive communication between parents and teachers. If you haven't already done so, contact your child/ren's teacher to schedule a parent-teacher conference. Ask for tips to help your child at home.

Do you want to know about upcoming Title I events? Scan the QR Code below and subscribe to the Title I Listserv.

Hosted by
Lanetra Bennett

Cooking with
Chef Shac

LCS Title I Presents
The Math of Cooking
Holiday Edition
WEDNESDAY | DEC 14 | 6:00 PM
GODBY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
First 50 Families: Free Holiday Meal-kit!

RSVP Today

Second Harvest
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