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# Parent Resource Newsletter



**Hello Parents...**As you know, Parent/Teacher Conferences are soon approaching. This year; conference days are scheduled for either **Monday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, (5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)** or on **Tuesday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, (9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)**. You may have already set up a conference day and time with your child's classroom teacher.

At the November Parent/Teacher conference; you will also have the opportunity to meet and conference with your child's **Title I Teacher** during those days/times before, after or along with your child's classroom teacher. If you wish to know the **overall academic progress** of your child in Title I or need more information regarding the Title I program; Title I teachers will be available to speak with you.

Look for information coming home soon in your child's school take home folder letting you know when your schools Title I Teachers will be available. Your Title I Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and sharing information regarding Title I and your child's Title I progress.

## Tips for a Successful Parent Teacher Conference

Parent-teacher conferences present an excellent opportunity to find out how your child is adjusting to the new school year and to get to know his/her teachers.

*Here are some general hints on how to have a successful conference.*

- **Talk to Your Child** - Ask your child if there is anything that he would like you to discuss with the teacher.
- **Be Prepared** - Jot down everything that you want to talk about at the conference.
- **Be On Time** - Arrive promptly or a few minutes early.
- **Start Off on the Right Foot** - Begin with positive comments about the teacher or classroom.
- **Stay on Track** - Avoid lengthy discussions of topics that are not related to the purpose of the conference.
- **Listen to What the Teacher Has to Say** - Be open-minded to suggestions from the teacher.
- **Stay Calm** - Keep your emotions under control.
- **Tell Your Child What You Discussed** - Take notes about what has been discussed to share with your child.
- **Show Gratitude** - Express appreciation for the conference.

Resource: Read more at FamilyEducation:  
<http://school.familyeducation.com/slideshow/parents-and-school/>

## WHAT PARENTS CAN DO Helping Your Child Succeed in School

### After the Teacher Conference

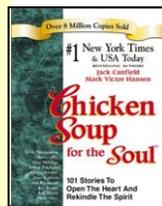


- **Contact the teacher** about any questions you didn't have time to ask.
- **Follow up.** If the teacher brings something to your attention that needs to be addressed with your child, take steps to put the plan in motion, whether it's helping with organizational skills, getting extra help, or addressing a social issue.
- **Update your child.** Start with the positive things his/her teacher had to say, then fill him/her in on any concerns you and the teacher discussed. Explain how you can all work together to ensure your child has a successful year.
- **Keep in touch.** Once an action plan is in place, try to determine how you'll follow up with the teacher in the weeks and months ahead. Will it be through written notes, a phone call, or another conference? And it's not a bad idea to inform your child that you're keeping in touch with their school. "When a child knows parents and teachers are regularly working together, the child will see that education is a high priority requiring commitment and effort," according to the National PTA.

*Keep in mind you and your child's teacher has the same goal in mind: To help your child succeed in school.*

Resource: <http://www.thelearningcommunity.us/resources-by-format/tips-for-parents/parent-teacher-conferences>

## Did You Know ?



**National Chicken Soup for the Soul Day** is observed each year on **November 12**.

"Changing The World One Story at a Time" is the mantra of *Chicken Soup for the Soul* creators Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen. When publishers repeatedly turned down their

first book, Jack and Mark vowed they wouldn't give up, and if they ever got a chance to publish it, they would find ways to "give back." Today, over \$6.5 million has been given away in charitable donations from book proceeds.

**Chicken Soup for the Soul Day** is a celebration of who you are, where you've been, where you're going, and who you will be thankful to when you get there! Send in your true stories of inspiration, laughter, or comfort! Or, observe this day and celebrate you using **#ChickenSoupForTheSoulDay** to post on social media.

For information: Contact: Chicken Soup for the Soul Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 30880, Santa Barbara, CA 93130.

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Web: <http://www.chickensoup.com/>.

## TITLE I NEWS

### Getting to Know Your Title I Staff at Holden

We would like to start this November newsletter introducing you to some familiar faces here at Holden working in our Title I program. We will continue then throughout the school year to highlight new Title I staff members.

Returning this year to Holden as our **Title I Literacy Coach** is **Mrs. Kristin Garner**. Mrs. Garner has been with Kent City Schools for 14 years. She first started her teaching right here as a Title I tutor at Holden. She then moved on to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grades at Walls. This will be her second year here as Literacy Coach at Holden. She is a graduate of Kent State University where she received her Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education, a Master in Reading Specialization and a Master in School Counseling. She states, "I always wanted to be a teacher and work with children ever since I can remember." What she likes most about the Title I program is being able to help struggling readers, working with the teachers in a different way, providing support to them as well as our tutors. The person who has had a positive influence in her life is her husband Matt. "He is a huge support for me in my life and in all that I do." Kristin and her husband currently live in Kent and are expecting their first child early next year. Mrs. Garner is a wonderful mentor to both our returning and new Title I Tutors and we appreciate all that she does for Holden School.

Also, returning to Holden starting her 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a **Title I Reading/Math Teacher** is **Mrs. Jeanne Smith**. Mrs. Smith has been a Title I Teacher the last six years both at Franklin and Holden. She retired in 2006 from Kent Schools with 23 years of service; and at the time was a classroom teacher for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Franklin. We are so happy she returned and continued her teaching in the Title I program.

Thanks to Kristin and Jeanne and their work and successes with our Title I Holden students and staff. We hope you have an opportunity to meet with them this year.

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We have an excellent staff serving our Title I students. They come from diverse backgrounds in education and bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to Holden. We can't wait to share with you more information and facts about **other** Holden Title staff members and the work they are accomplishing with our students. These persons serve as liaisons between the Title I education program and our parents. We hope by getting to know them better; it helps in building a strong foundation for parental involvement. Watch for future Title I Connection newsletters with information and facts on our Title Staff here at Holden School.

### Site Review

#### **Resources available for Parents and Families:**

Website for learning and fun—for kids and parents together--This month's website to see is:

#### **ABSOLUTELY FOR THANKSGIVING**

<http://www.theholidayspot.com/thanksgiving/index.htm>

A child-friendly site for Thanksgiving information and fun. Sections include: Hilarious Jokes, History & Origin, Games!, Delicious Recipes, Screensavers & Wallpapers, Greeting Cards, Community Board, Crafts, Round the World, Letter Heads, A History of Turkey, Thanksgiving Poll, Thanksgiving Quiz, and much more.

## Kids' Corner: Crafting for the HOLIDAY

### Thankful Turkey Craft - (found on Pinterest)

It may be a tradition in your family to reflect on what you are thankful for during Thanksgiving time. This turkey kid craft is a great way to celebrate Thanksgiving and express those things for which you are thankful. Make this a family activity for extra fun.

#### Supplies:

- Brown card stock or construction paper
- Orange card stock or construction paper
- Multi-colors of card stock or construction paper
- Feathers
- Wiggle eyes
- Red Tissue paper
- Glue Stick
- Black Marker Pen



#### Instructions:

1. Trace a circle on brown paper using a Tupperware bowl or lid. Cut it out for the body of the turkey.
2. Choose 5 different colors of paper and make a template for feathers. Trace & cut-out the feathers.
3. Using a glue stick, glue the feathers on the back of the body by fanning out the feathers.
4. Write what you are thankful for on the feathers.
5. Cut out a triangle for the beak from the orange paper and glue on the body. Glue wiggly eyes to the body and a small piece of red tissue paper next to the beak for the gobbler/wattle.
6. Glue feathers to the back of the paper feathers.

### *Here are the 2016-2017 Title I Contacts for our Title Program at your School:*

#### **Literacy Coach; Mrs. Rachel Yohn:**

Davey School (330-676-7409)  
Longcoy School (330-676-8379)

#### **Literacy Coach, Mrs. Kristin Garner:**

Holden School (330-676-8400)  
Walls School (330-676-8300)

#### **Parent Involvement Coordinator,**

Ms. Pam Bose: All Schools (330-676-7425)

#### **Federal Grants Coordinator, Mrs. Karen**

Rumley, Director of Instructional Program:  
All Schools (330-676-7600)



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Happy Thanksgiving! Success