



Parent Resource Newsletter



Hello and Welcome Back!

The **Title I** staff would like to welcome you and your family back to school. We are committed to making this school year the best for your children. We encourage you to remain involved in your child's education, both inside and outside of the classroom. Your involvement will help your sons and daughters be more successful now and in the future.

Teachers play a critical role of teaching knowledge and skills, but children's attitudes toward school and their habits of studying, reading and learning, are largely developed at home.

Studies have consistently linked parental involvement with higher student grades and test scores, more positive student attitudes and behaviors, and improved school environments.

There are many ways to be involved with your child's learning. This includes not only establishing routine homework habits but also:

- Supporting school and Title I extra-curricular activities.
- Attending parent-teacher conferences.
- Communicating with your child's teacher regularly, by writing notes, telephoning the school, etc.
- Keeping your child's teacher informed about events in your child's life which may affect his/her performance at school.
- Discussing with your child's teacher and parent organizations other ideas for parent involvement.
- Joining local and national school/parent organizations.
- Volunteering at the school.

So again, welcome back. We pledge to work tirelessly on behalf of your children enrolled in the Title I program. Please join us in this pledge so that our Title I children can be successful in the **2009-2010 school year** and beyond.

QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ??

What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federal aid program for elementary, middle, and high schools. It serves millions of children in elementary and secondary schools each year. Through Title I, the Federal government gives money to school districts around the country based on the number of low-income families in each district. Each district uses its Title I money for *extra educational* services for children who are experiencing difficulty with reading and/or mathematics in order that they may be successful in the regular classroom.

Which students can get Title I help?

Students are selected for participation in the Title I program based on their performance on tests, class work, and recommendation from parents and/or teachers. The Title I and classroom teachers work together to plan instruction that will best meet the student's academic needs.

What will Title I do for my child?

The Title I program will provide your child with **extra educational assistance** beyond the regular classroom. The program generally offers:

- small group instruction,
- additional tutors,
- extra time for teaching Title I students the skills they need,
- a variety of supplementary teaching methods,
- special attention to meet individual needs, and
- additional teaching materials which supplement students' regular instruction.

If my child is in Title I, how can I help?

Parents... are an integral part of the Title I program in that the support given by the parent in helping their child is an essential component to student success.

As parents, you can influence the success of your child in school more than any teacher or federal program. By becoming an active participant in the Title I parent involvement plan at your school, you will:

- Serve as a role model, showing your child that you support his/her education.
- Assure that you are aware of your child's educational progress; thereby demonstrating how important that progress is to you.
- Teach your student that your input at the school is appreciated and that you support its efforts.

TITLE I NEWS

Once a month, your child will bring home a copy of our **Title I Connections Newsletter**. This Parent Resource Newsletter will contain Title I information as well as tips for learning. It is provided through our Title I Parent Involvement program. This *monthly* newsletter was developed to involve our Title I parents as partners in the education of your children and to provide information about methods you can use at home to complement your child's instruction. Its' purpose is to give busy parents practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and effective parenting.

Included in the newsletter, we let you know of important upcoming dates and usually you will find an activity calendar or learning tip. This activity calendar or tip is designed to provide parents with interesting learning activities which can be completed at home with your child. Please feel free to contact us if you ever have any questions regarding information in the newsletter. As newsletters are prepared and sent home, a copy of the newsletter can also be found on our Title I school web sites located under www.kentschools.net. Please check the site regularly for updated newsletters! We hope you enjoy our newsletter and we look forward to sharing some great information!

Parent Permission Forms:

The Title I assessment and notification process was completed in the spring at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. If your child qualified for Title I Reading or Math services, you should have received a Parent Permission Form. Some of the forms have been signed and returned. If you have not completed the form, please do so at your earliest convenience and return it to school with your child. If you are new to Kent City Schools, you probably have already received the Parent Permission Form. Please return as soon as possible to help determine if your child has qualified for the Title I program.

Site Review

Resources available for Parents and Families:

Throughout the school year, we will be providing you web addresses to some interesting parent sites. We feel that each one provides a tidbit of great information. Feel free to browse through these links. Let us know what you find to be the most valuable! We also hope to provide a list of these websites on our Title I website for you to view. For now, our first website to share is:

Ohio PIRC - Want more information to support your child's learning? See: <http://www.OhioPirc.org> - Ohio Parent Information Resource Center; a non-profit parent information and resource center operated by the Columbus Urban League and in partnership with the Columbus Public Schools and funded by the U.S. Department of Education, office of Innovation and Improvement.

Important Dates and Events to remember:



Title I Fall Conference Days: Conferences with your Title I teachers will be held the week of October 19th. Title I teachers will be contacting you to schedule a day and time.

Title I "Everybody Counts" Family

Math/Literacy Night: To be held **Wednesday, Nov. 4th, 2009**, a district-wide Title I Family Night event will be held at Davey School. More information will follow soon! Mark your calendars.

Here are our 2009-2010 Title I Contacts:

Davey School – Consultant, Mrs. Jeanie Hiestand (330-676-7462)

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