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Parent Resource Newsletter

Parent Tips for School Success

Start the new school year with strategies for academic success

How you start the school year can determine how well the rest of the year will go. Here's how to make sure your child gets off to a great start this year.

- **Review school safety.** Talk to your child about the importance of following school rules. Also talk about ways to be safe when riding the school bus or walking to school.
- **Get to know your child's teacher.** When parents and teachers are on the same team, kids do better in school. Once you've met face to face, you'll find it easier to ask a question or share a concern about your child.
- **Set goals.** Students who do best in school have both short- and long-term goals. Whether it's earning an A in math or preparing to become a veterinarian, your child needs goals to keep him on the right track.
- **Settle into a routine.** Kids thrive on predictability. So have a regular time for homework. Set—and stick to—a regular bedtime. Plan a morning routine that gets everyone out the door on time.
- **Don't overschedule your child.** Give him time to unwind after school—especially during the first few weeks.
- **Be genuinely interested** in your child's schoolwork. Ask him about school every day.
- **Insist that your child** give his best effort in school. If your child knows that school is important to you, it will be important to him.

Resource: The Parent Institute; <https://www.parent-institute.com>; Copyright 2015;

Quotes to Inspire

“Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work.”

— **William Arthur Ward** -American author, editor, pastor and teacher.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

Helping Your Child Succeed in School



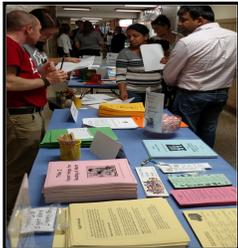
Community Connections & Family Night Held

Thanks to all parents, students and families who stopped by our Title tables during the **Community Connections and Family Night** held Thursday, October 19th at Holden.

Our Title staff was so excited to see all of you and say hello, visit with you and share resources and/or materials geared toward reading and aimed at helping you better enable your child to succeed in school. If you or your child picked up any of the helpful handouts, give-a-way books, strategies, or tips from our Title tables; we hope you enjoyed them and found them helpful.

The Title staff enjoyed meeting with parents and having time to share more information that will help continue your student's growing understanding of Reading.

We know how hard it is to take time out of your busy schedules to spend an evening with us and we appreciate it and **THANK** all for your attendance. We also want to thank you for your daily support and encouragement at home. As always, you may contact us with any questions or to receive any additional material needed to help in your support at home. **Hope to see all of you again in November at our Parent Conferences.**



Holden parents look over materials displayed at our Title I tables.

Did You Know ?



National Make a Difference Day is an annual community service event which is held on the fourth Saturday in October (**this year October 28th, 2017**).

HISTORY: National Make a Difference Day was created in 1992 by USA WEEKEND magazine and joined by Points of Light. Together they have sponsored the largest national day of community service for more than twenty years.

We all have opportunities every day to change the world, whether we're adopting a highway to patrol for litter or volunteering at a local shelter to help the homeless. It's amazing what just a small effort by an individual or group of individuals can do to change the world, or at least their local neighborhood. Millions of people have united in the common mission...to improve the lives of others.

For more information on **National Make a Difference Day**, an "unofficial" national holiday, see:

<http://makeadifferenceday.com/>

TITLE I NEWS

Getting to Know Your Title I Staff at Holden

As mentioned in our September newsletter; Title I is a federal education program that provides funds to help schools and districts improve student achievement through *additional instruction for students, and educational materials and activities* that help parents support their children's education.



Our funding has provided us with an excellent staff serving Holden students in additional instruction in **Reading** and in **Math**. They come from diverse backgrounds in education and bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to **Holden**. Our teachers/tutors are "highly qualified," certified and knowledgeable about the subject matters they teach. If your student has worked in Title I in the past; you may have met some of these fine hardworking teachers. If you are new to Holden or to Schoolwide Title I, then we can't wait to share with you more information and facts about our **Holden** Title staff members and the work they are accomplishing with our students. These persons serve as liaisons between the our education programs and our parents. We hope by getting to know them better; it helps in building a strong foundation for parental involvement.

If you did not have a chance to meet during Open House night or our Community Connections Night, here are the following Holden Title I teachers/tutors who work with individual and/or groups of students' primarily in **Reading and Math**. They are:

Mrs. Kristin Garner – Our **Title I Literacy Coach**. Mrs. Garner is starting her third year as Literacy Coach at Holden. She has been with Kent Schools for 15 years.

Mrs. Jeanne Smith – A **Title I Reading/Math Tutor**, returning to Holden for her fourth year here as Tutor; however, she has been with Kent Schools and teaching for 28 years.

Miss Kelsey McConnell – Starting her second year to Holden as a **Title I Reading/Math Tutor**; however, Kelsey is not new to Kent Schools. She is starting her fifth year at Kent Schools.

Mrs. Jeanie Wills – Starting her third year at Holden as a **Title I Reading/Math Tutor**.

Mr. Emmet Drugan – Starting his second year as a **Title I Reading/Math Tutor** at Holden; however, Emmet is not new to Holden Schools working in special education prior to Title I.

These teachers/tutors are dedicated to your child's success. We hope you take the opportunity to meet or talk to them throughout this school year. Watch for future Title I Connection newsletters where we will share more information and facts on our Title I staff and our Title I program here at **Holden**.

Site Review

Resources available for Parents and Families:

Check out this website: Discovery Education- (<http://www.discoveryeducation.com/parents>) offers a wide variety of **free family resources** that you can trust to provide high quality, relevant material for you and your children. Take a look at their **family activities/ contests** and a wealth of other resources that are vetted by Discovery Education and uniquely designed with parents in mind.

Kids' Corner: Make a Difference

Remember October 28th is **National Make a Difference Day**.

How can you celebrate?

The ways to celebrate are limited only by your imagination, and your willingness to contribute your time and efforts to changing the world. You and your family can start celebrating by alerting people on social media to the upcoming opportunity to make a difference, (use **#MakeADifferenceDay**) to post on social media and then it's time to get truly ambitious.

Help organize a food drive for your local Food Banks to help the hungry and the needy, approach businesses for donations to homeless and domestic violence shelters. Members of your family can even volunteer with your local blood bank or at a free clinic to help sign people in. There are hundreds of opportunities for those interested in changing the world, to get involve...and dozens of organizations you can contact to help you get involved.

Remember, making a difference doesn't have to involve a grandiose gesture, it can be as simple as buying a coffee for a co-worker who's looking down, or walking groceries out to the car of an elderly shopper, or buying lunch for your shut-in neighbor. You can even donate your old clothes and blankets to shelters to help people get back on their feet and stay warm. 😊



Here are the 2017-2018 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)

Family Engagement 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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