



Parent Resource Newsletter



Hello Parents...As you know, Parent/Teacher Conferences are soon approaching. This year; conference days are scheduled for either **Monday, Nov. 20th, (5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)** or on **Tuesday, Nov. 21st, (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 have the opportunity to also 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 have 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 ? LET'S TALK TURKEY !



"Gobble, gobble, gobble...." The return of wild turkeys to appropriate habitats is truly a success story in the field of wildlife conservation," say wildlife biologists. The animal nearly disappeared in the 19th century. After being wiped out from New England in the 1800's, the birds now have stormed back and are venturing into cities... and not everybody is giving thanks.

As turkeys are spreading farther into urban areas; they're increasingly clashing with residents who say they destroy gardens, damage cars, chase pets and attack people. Say wildlife biologists, "Turkeys don't really mean to harm people — it's just tied to their social dynamics within the flock". "They lose perspective that humans are humans and turkeys are turkeys. They just want to assert dominance over anything." Experts say much of the problem can be blamed on residents who leave out food for turkeys, which entices flocks to settle in and helps them survive winters. Some communities now have banned feeding of turkeys.

As Americans sit down to dinner this Thanksgiving, the centerpiece for their celebratory dinner, will most likely, be turkey. The turkey's position as the most American of feathered creatures - **Ben Franklin**, after all, thought it a most "respectable bird" than the Bald Eagle - makes it a fitting entree for one of the most American of holidays.

TITLE I NEWS



Getting to Know Your Title I Staff at Holden

We would like to start this November newsletter introducing you to familiar faces here at Holden that support our Schoolwide Title I initiative. We will continue then to highlight more support staff throughout the year. Below are a few:

Returning this year as our **Title I Literacy Coach** is **Mrs. Kristin Garner**. Mrs. Garner has been with Kent Schools for 15 years. She first started teaching right here at Holden School as a Title I Tutor, moving on then to teach 3rd and 1st grades at Walls. This will be her third year as Literacy Coach. 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. What she likes most about the Title I is being able to help struggling readers, working with classroom teachers in a different way... providing support to them as well as our Title tutors. Kristin and her husband Matt currently live in Kent. They are new parents and welcomed their daughter, Everly in February 2017. Mrs. Garner is a wonderful mentor to our returning and new Title I Tutors as well as support to our entire classroom teaching staff. We appreciate all that she does for them and Holden School.

Also, returning to Holden starting her 4th year as a **Title I Reading/Math Teacher** is **Mrs. Jeanne Smith**. Mrs. Smith has been a Title I Teacher the last seven 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 3rd grade at Franklin. We are so happy she returned and continued her teaching in support of our Schoolwide Title I program.

These teachers at Holden are highly qualified and our students benefit from their wealth of knowledge. We hope you get to meet them personally as our school year continues.

*We have an excellent staff serving our students who need that extra support. 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 Support 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 I Support 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:

RED TRICYCLE (www.redtri.com) is a website that believes the best memories are created when families do fun things together and every day is an opportunity to create new stories. Their mission is to help every parent feel like a rock star by inspiring them to do fun things with their kids. Check out their Thanksgiving edition:

13 (Nearly) Effortless Ways to Keep Kids Busy on Thanksgiving
www.http://redtri.com/thanksgiving-games-for-kids/ - Thanksgiving is all about family, friends and serious OMG food prep. So to help you keep your focus on that turkey that needs basting, they rounded up easy-peasy activities, crafts and games your crew can play. From pumpkin tic-tac-toe to DIY butter, they have got something for everyone.

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

- Paper roll (toilet paper size)
- Colored paper (Red, blue, yellow, orange, green, and purple cardstock was used, but construction paper works too).
- Googly eyes
- Glue



DIRECTIONS

1. Cut feathers from your colored paper. Six feathers were used in the example.
2. Glue feathers to the back of your paper roll.
3. Cut a gobbler from red paper and a beak from orange paper and glue them to the front of your paper roll turkey. Glue googly eyes above the beak and gobbler. Another option is to draw a face on your paper roll turkey with a marker.
4. Now take a piece of paper (8x11) is ok. Write one thing you are thankful for. Roll your paper like a magnifying glass and stuff it inside the paper roll tube. Place turkeys around your dinner table as a place card holder. Before the meal, remove your rolled paper, taking turns reading what you are thankful for.

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:

- Schoolwide 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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