



# Parent Resource Newsletter



**Hello Parents...**As you know, Parent/Teacher Conferences are soon approaching. This year; conference days are scheduled for either **Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, (5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)** or on **Tuesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</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 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 WALLS**

We would like to start this November newsletter introducing you to familiar faces here at Walls in our Title I program. We will continue then to highlight more Title I 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 as a Title I Tutor at Holden School, moving on then to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 program is being able to help struggling readers, working with the 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. We appreciate all that she does for them and Walls School.

Also returning to Walls is **Mrs. Misty Wilson** (*formally Betliskey*); a **Reading/Math Title Teacher**. She is a graduate from Walsh University where she received her reading endorsement and a graduate from Kent State University where she received her Master of Arts in Teaching. This will be her second year at Walls. What she liked most about being an educator in the Title I program is watching kids "get it". "It is very rewarding, seeing things click, especially after they've been struggling with the content and it finally makes sense to them", says Misty. The most important things she hopes students will learn in her classroom are the variety of strategies and ways she presents to solve math problems, decode unfamiliar words or understand text and become more fluent. With these strategies in their back pockets, she hopes her students will be able to approach problem areas with confidence. Mrs. Wilson is a mother to 18 month old daughter Norah. She and her husband David live in Stow. When not teaching, she enjoys spending time with her husband, daughter and dog. She also enjoys hiking, fishing and binge-watching TV shows. We are happy to welcome back Mrs. Wilson to our Title I program here at Walls. We hope you have an opportunity to meet with her this year.

These teachers at Walls 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.

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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 Walls. We can't wait to share with you more information and facts about other Walls Title staff members and the work they are accomplishing with our students. Watch for future Title I Connections newsletters.

**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](http://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/](http://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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