

GES Title I Tips

A Family Resource Newsletter

Parent & Family Engagement = Student Success



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Welcome Back!

Welcome GES families! I want to take a moment to introduce myself as the Title I Parent Involvement Coordinator here at Graysville. My name is Marissa Watson and I am very excited to work with you this year. Our goal is to empower parents and families to play a role in your child's education by making sure that everyone possesses the tools needed to make the 2021-2022 school year a success.

While teachers play a critical role in teaching knowledge and skills, children's attitudes toward school and their habits of studying, reading, and learning are largely developed at home. You are your child's first teacher! Studies have linked family engagement with higher student grades and test scores, more positive attitudes and behaviors, and improved school environments.

Here are a few ways to engage in your child's learning:

- Ask about their day
- Establish routine homework habits
- Support school and Title I events
- Regularly communicate with your child's teacher

We pledge to work tirelessly on behalf of your children. Please join us in this pledge so that our students can be successful in the 2021-2022 school year!

Sincerely,
Marissa Watson

Please note for the time being, large meetings will be held virtually online. Thank you for your understanding!

Mark Your Calendars

*Important Dates & Events
You Don't Want to Miss!*

- Aug. 9 - First Day of School
- Aug 23-27 - Virtual Title I Annual Parent Meeting (*details included in this newsletter*)
- Aug. 26 - Virtual Parent Orientation (*details from your child's teacher*)
- Aug. 30-Sept. 3 - Virtual Volunteer Orientation
- Sept. 2 - Fall Pictures
- Sept. 6 - No School
- Sept. 13 - PTO Meeting @ 6pm

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Title I Interpreted - What does it mean to be a Title I School?

Title I is part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). It provides financial assistance to schools to meet the needs of at-risk students. The goal of Title I is to provide instructional service and activities that support students in meeting the state's challenging performance standards. ALL students benefit from being in a Title I school!

Family Engagement Focus



Parents are a child's first teacher!

GES Teachers are highly qualified. Parents have the right to request teacher and paraprofessional qualifications. For more information, please contact the school office.

This new section of the newsletter will offer tips and information on how to more fully engage in your child's education. While parent involvement and parent engagement look very similar they are actually quite different. The key difference is the PARTNERSHIP formed between families and schools. Your child's education does not stop at the end of the school day. We want parents and teachers to work together to maximize student learning. This year at GES we will host the Family Academic Support Team (F.A.S.T.) meetings to continue to assist families in becoming more engaged and to strengthen the communication between parents and teachers. Please join us in committing to partnering together this year!

Eduspeak Decoded

What is a PLC?

PLC stands for Professional Learning Community. A PLC is a group of educators who continually work together to share ideas and enhance their teaching practices to create a learning environment where all students reach their fullest potential. Graysville Elementary participates in the PLC process as a way to provide our students with the best possible education.



YOU ARE INVITED!

**GES Title I Annual Parent
Virtual Meeting**

August 23rd-27th



Learn how Title I impacts your child and our school!

Please scan the QR code to view the Annual Meeting Presentation or visit the school website.

Documents have been sent home with your student and are available on the school website under the Title I Section. Please be sure to complete the online evaluation at the end of the presentation.

Thank you!
GES Title I

Volunteer News

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Orientation will be hosted online for parents who are interested in volunteering at GES. **Please note that in-person Volunteer Orientation will no longer be held.** Please view the orientation presentation on the school website under the Title I tab in the Meetings & Events section.

IMPORTANT INFO

Please sign-up for the Title I Parent & Family Engagement Remind. On your smartphone, text @gestitle-1 to 81010 or enter @gestitle-1 into the app.

This will be used throughout the year to communicate volunteer opportunities and Title I Events!

For the 2021-22 school year, GES received \$138,990 in Title I funds. 67% of these funds are spent on salary for our Academic Coach. 20% of these funds are spent on the salary for our Parent Involvement Coordinator and for Parent Resource Workroom supplies. 13% of these funds are used to purchase technology resources for our students. We have purchased leases for the following computer programs: IXL ELA, IXL Math, Flocabulary, Dreambox, Class Kick, & Reading Eggs. If you would like to provide input or have any questions on how Title I funds are being spent, please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Sholl, or our Parent Involvement Coordinator, Marissa Watson.