

GES Title 1 Tidbits...

A Family Resource Newsletter

Parent & Family Engagement = Student Success

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Family-School Compacts

Our 2019-2020 Family-School Compacts for Achievement were sent home earlier this month. These grade-level specific documents serve as an agreement between teachers, students, and parents for the entire school year. The compacts outline how students, parents, and teachers will work together to make certain that all of our students achieve grade-level standards. Each year our Family-School Compacts are jointly developed through grade-level meetings with teachers and students, and through parent feedback gathered during the Fall Survey and at our Fall Parent Advisory Council meeting, where we vote to approve yearly changes. I encourage you keep your student's compact handy and refer to it to learn more on how our school is striving to meet our annual goals, how you can use specific strategies at home to help your student succeed, how to best communicate with your child's teacher, and what your child can do at home to ensure they are staying on task in the classroom.

Signature sheets went home with each child and those who return them by October 25th will receive a special treat! Please help your child earn this reward by signing and returning the signature page. 100% participation is very important!

Feedback is greatly appreciated and will be gathered throughout the year, so please feel free to contribute at any time by contacting me or filling out one of our comment cards located in the Parent Resource Workroom.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE 100% PARTICIPATION! Please sign and return your child's signature sheet by OCTOBER 31st!

Thank you!

Title I Fall Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Thank you to all who attended the annual Fall PAC meeting. Your contributions and attendance were greatly appreciated. Congratulations to your 2019-2020 District Advisory Council Representatives – Tricia Blair, Tonya Diaz, and Velvet Lopez! Thank you ladies for being willing to serve!

Important Events You Don't Want to Miss!

- October 7th @ 6:30 PM - Title 1 Parent Advisory Council Meeting
- October 25th – Family-School Compact Signatures Due
- October 26th - GES PTO Fall Festival
- November 1st – Box Top Collection
- December 12th @ 5:30PM - Christmas Around the World: A Title I Literacy Night

- December 18th & 19th – Glow and Grow Parties

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Parent Resources

Parent Resources are available in the Parent Resource Workroom.

- 25 Ways Parents Can...Read with Children
- Internet Safety and Responsibility for Students
- What Parents Can Do at Home to Help Students with Math
- Teaching Children Responsibility for Their Learning & Behavior
- Studying for and Taking Tests
- Getting Organized for Schoolwork & Homework
- Ways Busy Parents Can Help Children Succeed in School
- Ten Ways to Help Your Child Deal with Peer Pressure
- Dealing with the Tough Issues...Bullies
- Helping Children with Attention Deficit Disorders (ADD & ADHD)
- It's Never Too Late to Get Involved
- Seven Habits of Highly Responsible Students

Volunteer News

Volunteer Recognition

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped Nurse Jenny with the Hearing and Vision Screenings!

Angie Bejar Holly Clemmons Shirley Kilgore Page Lee Velvet Lopez Cynthia Martin

Kathy McGrew Linda Wilson

We had a record number of volunteers at the APEX Fun Run! Thank you to all the parents and families who showed up to support your runner and our school!

Please sign-up for the Title 1 Parent & Family Engagement Remind. On your smartphone, text @7ekdkd2 to the number 81010.

I will use this throughout the year to communicate Volunteer Opportunities and Title 1 Events.

Volunteer Opportunities

GES loves Volunteers! The following volunteer opportunities are coming up! Please contact Marissa Watson, at mwatson.ges@catoosa.k12.ga.us, if you are interested in being a part of these events.

- GES Fall Festival – October 26th 10 AM – 2 PM
Contact your Room Mom or Teacher to see how you can help!
- Santa Store set-up December 5 & 6
- Santa Store shop keepers December 9-13

The Santa Store gives our students the opportunity to holiday shop for their family and friends. We will need lots of volunteers to man the store during all school hours!

Title 1 Budget

For the 2019-2020 school year, GES received \$132,192 in Title 1 Funds. Seventy percent of these funds are spent on salaries for our Academic Coach. Twenty-two percent of these funds are spent on the salary of the Parent Involvement Coordinator and for Parent Resource Workroom supplies. Eight percent of these funds are used toward purchasing technology resources for our students. We have purchased leases for the following computer programs: IXL Math, IXL ELA, Flocabulary, Reading Eggs, and Spelling City. If you would like to provide feedback or have any questions on how Title 1 funds are being spent, please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Sholl, or our Parent Involvement Coordinator, Marissa Watson.