

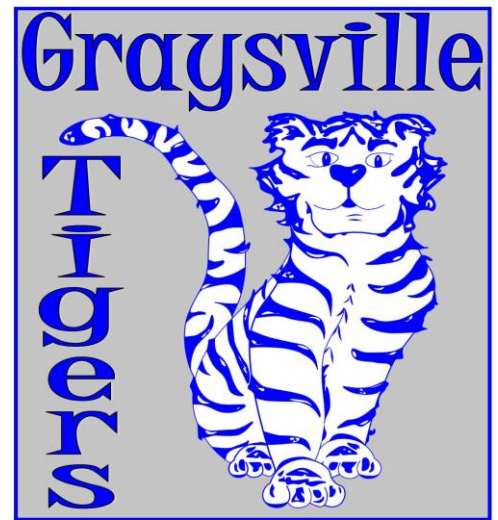
# GES Title I Tidbits...

A Family Resource Newsletter

Parent & Family Engagement = Student Success

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## Title I GA Milestones Online Meeting

The Georgia Milestones Assessment is right around the corner for our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students! This test is important to our students and we want to make sure our GES parents are informed and able to help their child best prepare for the Milestones. We also know you are busy and making an extra trip to the school is not always convenient, so Title I has created an online meeting for our parents! You can attend this Title I event anywhere you have access to a smart phone or a computer by simply entering the link or scanning the QR code below. On the school's website you will find the meeting agenda, the presentation, a sign-in/evaluation form, and a link to all the handouts that are always available through Title I. While this online meeting is geared toward the parents of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, all GES parents are welcome to attend and may find the information beneficial toward their student's future.

Please take a few minutes to view the presentation and complete the evaluation. Your input from the meeting evaluation is valued and helps to guide our Title I program. GES parents expressed in past evaluations that attending meetings at the school was often difficult. Title I heard that feedback and has taken steps to provide even more flexibility for families to participate in Title I. Onsite events and programs will always be a big part of the Title I program, however we are trying out new formats and have most of the Title I information available on the school's website for those who can not attend programs at Graysville. We hope you find this presentation valuable!

GES Website link:

[http://ges.catoosa.k12.ga.us/title\\_i/meetings\\_and\\_events/georgia\\_milestones\\_parent\\_virtual\\_meeting](http://ges.catoosa.k12.ga.us/title_i/meetings_and_events/georgia_milestones_parent_virtual_meeting)



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## Mark Your Calendars!

Important Events  
You Don't Want to Miss!

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup> – Online Parent Meeting for GA Milestones
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> – PTO @ 6pm
- March 9<sup>th</sup> - Yearbook Sale Ends
- March 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – PBIS Reward to UTC Aquatic
- March 12<sup>th</sup> – No School
- March 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – Candy Sale Fundraiser
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – Chorus School Performance
- March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm – PTO Spring Auction
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards Go Home
- March 24<sup>th</sup> – GES S.T.E.M. Night @ 5:30 pm
- March 27<sup>th</sup> – Box Tops Collection Day
- March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Spring Break

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If you have questions or concerns about our school's Title I program, please feel free to contact us at any time!

# Home & School CONNECTION

Working Together for School Success

An excerpt from the March Issue

## Standardized test success

Doing well on a standardized test starts way before your child's teacher says, "You may begin." Boost your youngster's confidence and help her do her best with these tips.

### Focus on schoolwork

The work habits your child uses all year long are the same ones she'll need on test day. Have her keep a list of what she does well when she does schoolwork, such as double-checking math answers or proofreading her essay. The night before the test, she can give herself a "pep talk" by reviewing her list.

### Try a strategy

Let your youngster practice a key test-taking strategy in a stress-free way. Make up imaginary questions like "What is a unicorn's favorite food?" List answer choices, including one that's "right" (A: rainbow sprinkles), one that seems wrong (B: coal), and two that sound possible (C: pasta, D: pizza). While the question isn't real, the strategy is—discard any



obviously wrong answers, then weigh your first instinct against the remaining choices.

### Practice keyboarding

If your child will take tests on a computer, help her work on keyboarding. She might type a story she wrote or email a relative, for instance. She'll practice typing, using special keys (shift, enter), and pointing and clicking the mouse on commands (save, send). *Tip:* No computer at home? Head to the library where she can use one for free.♥

## GES Family S.T.E.M. Challenge Night

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 pm

GES Families are invited to challenge themselves in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math related projects. Families will have the opportunity to compete and learn together. Doors will open at 5:30 pm and will close at 7:00 pm. Come see how many challenges you can complete!



## Volunteer News

### DISTRICT Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Parents are invited to attend the District Advisory Council Meeting. This is a great opportunity to provide your input and learn about transitioning from Elementary to Middle School and Middle School to High School. Space is limited, so please contact Marissa Watson by 4/7 if you are interested in attending! 706-937-3147 x303



### GES TITLE I SPRING SURVEY

The GES Title I Spring Survey is now available for parents! Please take a moment to complete this very important survey. The results help us plan our Title I program and events, and parent input is essential! Students whose parents complete the survey by March 18<sup>th</sup> will receive a special treat!

Please scan the QR code below to take the survey online or you may request a paper copy by contacting Marissa Watson, [mwatson.ges@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:mwatson.ges@catoosa.k12.ga.us) or calling 706-937-3147 x303



Please sign-up for the Title I 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 I Events.

Title I information can be found on our school website at [www.ges.catoosa.k12.ga.us](http://www.ges.catoosa.k12.ga.us).

Please check the website for important dates, upcoming events, instructional videos, and information on how to help your child succeed!