

GES Title 1 Tidbits...

A Family Resource Newsletter

Parent & Family Engagement = Student Success

Issue 1

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Welcome Back! Mark Your Calendars!

We are in full swing at GES and I wanted to take a minute to introduce myself as the new Parent Involvement Coordinator at Grayville. My name is Marissa Watson and I am very excited to work with you this upcoming year. Our Title 1 staff wants to make sure that every GES family feels comfortable in our beautiful, new school and possesses the tools needed to make your child's 2019-2020 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. Studies have linked family engagement with higher student grades and test scores, more positive student attitudes and behaviors, and improved school environments.

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

- Establish routine homework habits
- Support school and Title 1 extra-curricular activities
- Attend parent-teacher conferences
- Communicate with your child's teacher regularly
- Volunteer at our school

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 2019-2020 school year!

Sincerely,

Marissa Watson and Rebecca West

Title 1 Annual Meeting – Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting! We hope you enjoyed the presentation and were able to gain more information about our Title 1 program. Please contact Marissa Watson with any questions.

Important Events You Don't Want to Miss!

- Apex Fun Run- September 26th @ 8:45 AM
- PTO Box Top Collection-September 27th
- GES PTO Meeting- October 7th @ 6:00 PM
- Title 1 Parent Advisory Council Meeting – October 7th @ 6:30 PM
- GES PTO Fall Festival- October 26th

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What does it mean to be a Title 1 School?

Title 1 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides financial assistance to the state and local education agencies to meet the needs of at-risk children. The goal of Title 1 is to provide instructional services and activities which support students in meeting the state's challenging performance standards. WE ARE PROUD TO BE A TITLE 1 SCHOOL!

GES Teachers are Highly Qualified.

Parents have the right to request teacher and paraprofessional qualifications. For more information, please contact the office.

Parent Resource Workroom

The Parent Resource Workroom is located in room 302 and is open during all school hours.

Marissa Watson, Parent Involvement Coordinator, is in the Workroom Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Volunteer News

Volunteer Recognition

Mrs. Hardeman and I would like to thank the following volunteers for working to make our Book Fair a huge success!

Angela Amick Velvet Lopez Kimberly Springle
Tiffany Blackwood Amber Lyons Anna St. Laurent
Tricia Blair Cynthia Martin Lindsay Stallings
Holly Clemmons Alison McClung Julie Watson
Stephanie Coots Kathy McGrew Shea Wilkie
Jennifer Crawford Cassie Owens Linda Wilson
Tara Fowler Jessica Pangle Jennifer Wright
Deana Garrard Rachael Ryan
Alicia Goff Whitney Sink THANK YOU, LADIES!!

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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.

- APEX FUN RUN – September 26
- 4th & 5th Grades will run 8:45-9:45 AM
- 2nd & 3rd Grades will run 10:00-11:00 AM
- K & 1st Grades will run 12:15-1:15 PM

We will need lots of Parents to help mark the laps for our runners! This is a great way to tryout volunteering at our school. It is a fun day & your child will love having you there to cheer them on!

- Fall Festival Classroom Booths- October 26th

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.