

GES Title I Tips

A Family Resource Newsletter

Parent & Family Engagement = Student Success



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GES F.A.S.T. Virtual Meeting

What is F.A.S.T.?

F.A.S.T. stand for Family Academic Support Team and is a partnership built between our school, our families, and our students to increase student achievement. Studies have repeatedly shown that parent involvement is the key to improved student success. The F.A.S.T. meeting is an easy way to strengthen this involvement!

When is GES F.A.S.T.?

Tuesday, November 17th students will be sent home with a packet containing all the information you will need to attend this virtual meeting. Teachers have a short presentation recorded for you to watch and review the material at your convenience. This virtual format should prove to be more family friendly in that parents can view at a time and in a place most beneficial to them and allow for additional review.

Why should I attend the F.A.S.T. meeting?

All GES students are taking a new benchmark test this year. The MAP Assessment is new to our district and will be discussed in detail for our parents to better understand the reports that are sent home. This test measures what a student knows and where they need improvement. Students will also share their goals for the school year. By attending this brief meeting, parents will gain insight into their student's academic achievement and learn ways to help with academic progress at home

We hope you will take part in this virtual meeting! Teachers will be available to schedule parent-teacher conferences following the meeting to answer any of your questions. If you have any questions about F.A.S.T., please don't hesitate to contact me.

School Learning + Home Learning = Improved Student Achievement

Sincerely,
Marissa Watson
Parent Involvement Coordinator

Feedback is always greatly appreciated and will be gathered throughout the year, so please feel free to contribute at any time by contacting me or by filling out the Parent Input form located on the GES website under the Title I tab.

Mark Your Calendars

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

- Nov. 2 - PTO Meeting 6pm
- Nov. 2 - Dec. 4 - Canned Food Drive
- Nov. 12-- Turkey Feather Due
- Nov. 17 - GES F.A.S.T. virtual meeting
- Nov. 19- National Family Engagement Day
- Nov. 23-27 - Thanksgiving Break: No School
- Dec. 2 - Progress Reports Sent Home
- Dec. 11 - Box Tops Collection

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Title I Interpreted - *What is my child learning?* Students are taught using the state adopted standards, the Georgia Standards of Excellence. These standards can be reviewed by visiting the GES website, under the Title I tab, in the Parent & Family Resources section or by visiting www.georgiastandards.org.

Home & School CONNECTION[®]

Working Together for School Success

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

Reviewing report cards

Look at your youngster's first report card of the school year as an opportunity to help her succeed going forward. Consider these tips:

- Start by reading the key that explains what the marks or grades mean. Do they indicate how well your child performed or how much progress she made—or both?
- Ask your youngster to tell you about her report card. She's a good judge of what's behind the grades. Also, put any low marks in perspective. Your child has probably adjusted to a lot of changes in this unusual year. Let her know you understand and that she has time to finish the year strong.♥



SAVE THE DATE!

GES Title I

F.A.S.T.

Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, November 17



Documents will be sent home with your student and your teacher presentation will be on the GES Website on November 17th. Please be sure to sign the signature page and complete the evaluation on the back and return to school!
Thank you!

Volunteer News

Volunteer Opportunities

Due to continued safety measures, parent volunteers are not currently allowed in the building and the Title I Parent Resource Workroom is closed to families. However, **if you would like to offer your help with projects that can be worked on at home**, please contact your child's teacher or Marissa Watson at mwatson.ges@catoosa.k12.ga.us. We will keep you posted if safety measures change in the future!

IMPORTANT INFO

Please sign-up for the Title I Parent & Family Engagement Remind. On your smartphone, text @6e7794 to 81010 or enter @6e7794 into the app.

Parenting resources are available to be sent home from our Parent Resource Library. The list of resources can be found on the GES website, under the Title I tab. Please contact Marissa Watson if you would like more information.