



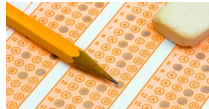
Title I Connections

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Parent Resource Newsletter

Parent Tips for School Success Parent ENGAGEMENT = School Success!

PSSA TESTING—PARENT TEST TIPS!



Preparing for testing—Note the test dates on your home calendar, schedule appointments on non testing days.

Testing Day

- See that your child is rested and eats breakfast.
- See that your child arrives at school on time and is relaxed.
- Encourage your child to do their best work possible.
- Remind your child to listen carefully to all directions and to ask questions about unclear instructions.

Parent Strategies for Reducing Test Anxiety

- Discuss the test openly and in a positive way.
- Have realistic expectations of your child’s performance while encouraging his/her best efforts.
- Emphasize as long as they did their best and tried their hardest, you are proud of them!

Try some of these test taking strategies:

1. Find key words in the questions
2. Predict the answer before looking at the answer choices
3. Eliminate answers you know are incorrect
4. Don’t leave a question blank...take your best guess in the end
5. Use the scratch paper to write out the problems
6. Read charts and maps with a Detective Eye!

Websites to Help Your Child Prepare for PSSA’s

<https://www.time4learning.com/testprep/pennsylvania-standardized-test-prep/> - A snapshot of what PSSA’s are about and how to prepare.

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/parents-guide-standardized-testing> - A parent’s guide to understanding standardized testing.

<https://learn.khanacademy.org/> - Khan Academy is a free personalized resource for all ages tackling math, science, history, economics, and more.

<https://www.mathplayground.com/> - More than 425 math games, logic puzzles, and brain workouts for students to practice their math skills.

<https://reading.ecb.org/index.html> - Into the Book is a free reading comprehension site that focuses on reading strategies teachers work on everyday.

What Parents Can Do: Be involved!

**Please check your child’s school calendar for specific dates for events.*

- April 5th—Elementary In Service
- April 6th—Middle School In Service
- April 14th, 15, 18th –No School
Easter Vacation
- PSSA TESTING WINDOW
April 25th—May 13th

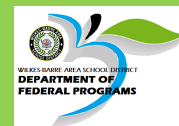
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WBASD TITLE I WEBSITE INFO

Visit the WBASD website at:

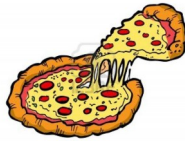
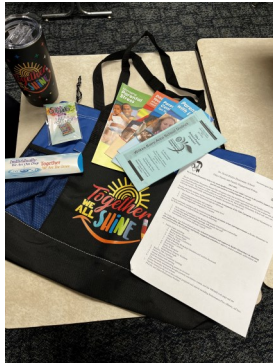
www.wbasd.k12.pa.us

1. Choose “Families and Students”
2. Choose “Title I Resources”
3. Select topic on left side you want to view:
 - Click Parent Information...leads to School-Parent Compacts—each compact contains expectations for the school, parent, and student in Title I.
 - Click Parent & Family Engagement...leads to school policies—this policy gives you information about how parents can become more involved in their child’s Title I Program.
 - Top right click “Title I Connections Newsletter” —which allows you find helpful information on your child’s school and ways we can partner with your for student success!



Kistler Elementary School holds Title I “Lunch with the Liaison”

On Friday, March 18th, 2022 Title I Parent & Family Liaison Keli Shanahan held a “Lunch with the Liaison” event at Kistler Elementary School. Ms. Shanahan was joined by Mrs. Torna and Ms. Winder who are Parent/Grandparents to students at Kistler. The families enjoyed lunch from Domino’s Pizza while discussing Kistler’s Title I Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Advisory Council form, and the Channing Bete “Managing Parental Stress” pamphlet. Also discussed was the upcoming Parent and Family Engagement event Multicultural Night. Mrs. Torna and Ms. Winder were given a canvas “Parent Tote” filled with a drink container and pen in appreciation for taking time to come to Kistler to share ideas and to discuss ways we can support student achievement. In addition, they went home with a folder filled with Channing Bete pamphlets, Kistler Compact, PFE policy and a survey for today’s meeting. We look forward to meeting again!

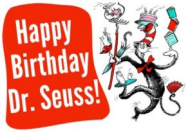


Kistler Elementary School Enjoys “Mary Had a Little Lamb”

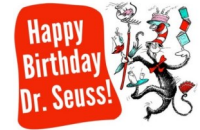


On March 8th, 2022 Learning Support teacher Mrs. Staniorksi brought her 7 week old lamb, Cookie to Kistler Elementary School. Principal Farmer Fini read the book “Mary Had a Little Lamb” to students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. Title I Coach Keli Shanahan provided students with extension activities about the lamb and life on the farm. The students loved how soft and fluffy cookie was while practicing their reading skills at the same time. Many students expressed that they wish they could have a lamb as a pet!



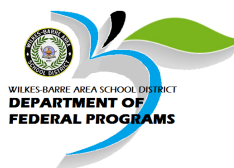


Dodson Elementary at Mackin School



Celebrates "Read Across America" Week!

Dodson Elementary at Mackin School recently celebrated Read Across America Day on March 4, 2022. School and community leaders visited the school to read to students and share experiences about how reading is important in their lives. Students had the opportunity to dress in creative ways during this week to show their joy and love for reading. Students were also treated to a sweet treat to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Mr. Mendola, Principal, Mrs. Walker, Head Teacher and Mr. Caprari, Title I Reading Coach helped organize the event. Pictured are some of our readers that visited the school for Read Across America.





Solomon-Plains Middle School Hosts



Title I Math Event to Celebrate “Pi Day”

On Monday, March 14th, 2022 Title I teachers and students at Solomon-Plains Middle School participated in the 1st Annual “Pi the Teacher” Event. Days leading up to the event, students purchased tickets in their lunch period to select their favorite teacher they wanted to “Pi”! Throughout the day, students participated in several different Pi Day activities in their math classes such as enjoying some actual Pie, measuring Pizza on a sheet while coloring/drawing their own, and watching Pi Day Videos! Students also worked on ExactPath activities that were geared toward “Pi Day”. Our fundraising goal was to raise at least \$314.00 in honor of Pi Day which was surpassed by \$70.00. All money raised from the event is being donated to the local charity Diamond City Sports, where the majority of our students at SMPS participate. Our very own, Mr. Khalife, Principal at SPMS, participated in the event along with Title I Math Teacher/Liaison Ed Rosengrant!

