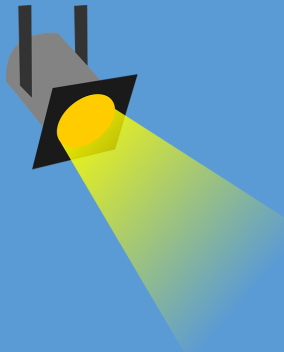


# PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EVENT SPOTLIGHT



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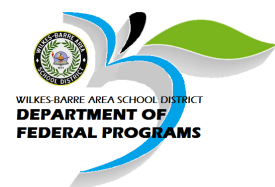
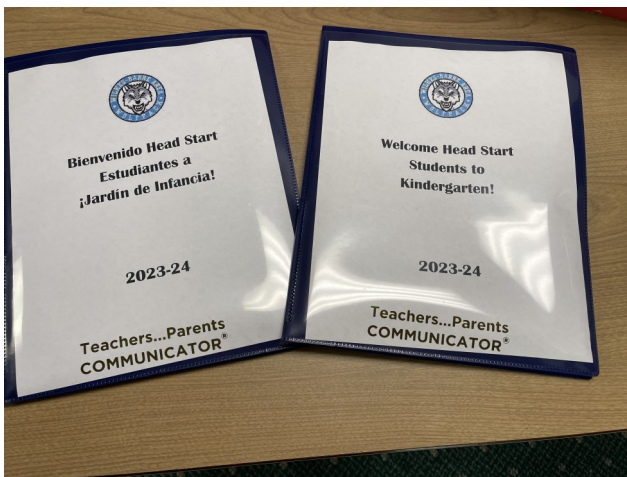


# Wilkes-Barre Area Federal Programs Holds Annual Head Start Parent Transition Meeting



On Thursday, April 11, 2024 Wilkes-Barre Area Title I Coordinator/Head Start Liaison Sandy Atherton and Heights Elementary School Title I Coach/Parent Liaison Kristin Lauivara met with families at the Head Start Center on Beekman Street to discuss the transition process from Head Start to Kindergarten.

The presentation included information on how to register their child for kindergarten, curriculum, school readiness, an introduction to PA Kindergarten Learning Standards, district dress code, special activities, transportation, Kindergarten orientation dates, and parent and family engagement event opportunities in their child's elementary school. Parents received bilingual folders which included the Transition PowerPoint, readiness packet, Title I information, Channing Bete Parent Handbooks, as well as a book and pencil for their child. Parents were encouraged to take an active role in their child's transition to the kindergarten setting and had time to ask questions. A Kindergarten Readiness Wolfpack bag was raffled off to families.

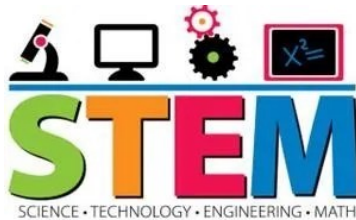




## Dodson at Mackin Elementary School Holds Parent & Family Engagement STEM Event!



On Wednesday, March 25th, 2024 Dodson Elementary at Mackin School recently held a Title I Parent and Family Engagement event . The event coincided with their STEM Night and Wolfpack University activities. Students and parents had the opportunity to engage in some fun and educational activities while learning about their programs and initiatives. Parents had the opportunity to visit our Title I Parent Resource Center and learn about the Title I program, policies, and explore some resources that they can use to help their child be more successful in school. The event was organized by Mr. Mendola, Principal and Mr. Caprari, Title I Parent Liaison/Reading Coach. A large number of students and parents attended the event as well as teachers that shared interesting and creative STEM activities.





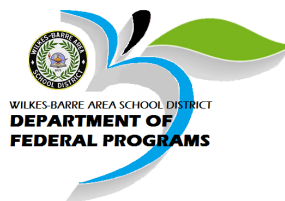
## G.A.R. Memorial Middle School Holds Multi-Cultural Parent & Family Engagement Event!



On Saturday, April 6th, 2024 G.A.R. Memorial Middle School held a Multicultural Parent and Family Engagement Event. The event was hosted by the Wilkes-Barre Area Federal Title I Programs and Diversity Committee to help promote respect for other people's cultures and celebrate our differences.

Current Wilkes-Barre Area School Board member Arthur Breese as well as a few Wilke-Barre Area students were guest speakers. They spoke about their experience with the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and our area's cultural diversity.

The event also included cultural dancers, student projects representing different countries and food from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. Parents had the opportunity to visit the Title I Parent Resource Center and learn about the Title I program, policies, Parent Advisory Council and explore some resources that they can use to help their child be more successful in school.





Check out our website for more resources! [www.wbasd.k12.pa.us/federalprograms.aspx](http://www.wbasd.k12.pa.us/federalprograms.aspx)