



# Title I Connections

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## Parent Resource Newsletter

Parent Tips for School Success    Parent ENGAGEMENT = School Success!

### “Parent Workshops: Getting Families Involved”

One of the best predictors of academic success is the extent to which families encourage learning at home and involve themselves in their child’s education. When parents are engaged in their children’s school lives, students have the home support and knowledge they need to not only finish their assignments, but to develop a lifelong love of learning! WBASD Title I teachers are committed to helping develop this and encourage parent engagement day in and day out of the classroom. We are always looking for creative ways to nurture this community built partnership.

The Parent & Family Liaisons in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District are in the process of planning upcoming Math and Reading Workshops at your child’s school. These workshops are formal opportunities for parents/guardians to learn about the types of math and reading skills your child is learning in the classroom, activities that can be used at home, and strategies to help them when taking assessments.

**\*\*Please check your child’s school website, folder & Google Classroom for dates and information\*\***

Until then, check out some of these helpful websites:

<https://www.colorincolorado.org/article/how-let-school-know-about-your-concerns>

<https://www.colorincolorado.org/parent-tips-reading-your-child>

<https://www.understood.org/articles/en/why-its-important-to-partner-with-your-childs-teacher>

### Read Across America Week March 1-5



Suessville.com—play games, explore his collection of books and discover more about your favorite characters.

<https://www.earlymoments.com/dr-seuss/the-life-and-times-of-dr-seuss/> - learn more about the life of “Dr. Seuss”

<https://www.history.com/news/9-things-you-may-not-know-about-dr-seuss>—take an inside look into the person Dr. Seuss was. Learn 9 new things you might not have known about him!

### What Parents Can Do: Be involved!

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

**VIRTUAL PARENT CONFERENCES ARE COMING UP-No School**

- *March 15th—Elementary*
- *March 16th—Middle School*
- *March 17th—High School*

### Title I News for Parents

#### Parent-Teacher Conference Week

Parent conferences will look different again this school year as they are virtual. The WBASD Title I teachers are looking forward to sharing information about your child’s progress, and learning from you what we can provide to continue to support learning. Feel free to call the school to set up a virtual meeting!

The 2021-22 School Compact, which was developed with input from our families, will be shared by our Parent & Family School Liaisons during conferences and can be found on the District website. The Compact outlines how the school staff, students and families will work together to support student success. Please feel free to access your school’s Liaison’s Title I Google Classroom with the codes below!

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Kistler—fyzcqh

Heights -pj4nkg

Dodson at Mackin—pgrkfs

Solomon Elem.—tl4nqnh

Solomon Middle School—74xcxpw

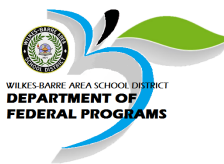




# DODSON AT MACKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILD READING SKILLS!



Student Council members at Dodson Elementary School at Mackin have been working hard and helping the younger students in grades K, 1, and 2 with Reading skill development. Tutors offer guidance and build on classroom curriculum goals to help students show improvement. Title I Reading Coach & Parent Liaison Michael Caprari manages the Student Council and provides schedules, activities and rewards.



Students at Dodson Elementary School at Mackin were recently treated to Ice Cream as a reward for showing improvement and growth on their Middle of Year Dibels Assessment. Pictured are students from Mrs. Kelly's Kindergarten class enjoying their ice cream.

Mr. Caprari, Title I Reading Coach & Parent Liaison organized the event.







## Solomon/Plains Middle School Hosts First Annual Holiday Drive-Thru Event



To kick off the holiday spirit and winter break, The Title I Team consisting of Mr. Rosengrant, Title I Math Teacher/Parent Liaison and Mrs. McLaughlin, Title I Reading Teacher hosted the Solomon-Plains Middle School 1st Annual Holiday Drive-Thru. Students and their families "drove through " the event, got to meet and speak to their teachers, and received both Reading and Math Packets to complete over Christmas break to keep their skills fresh in their mind since PSSAs are right around the corner. The students also received a special treat at the end! Special thanks to Mrs. Heffron, Mrs. DeMellier, Mrs. Ney and Mrs. Engle for their help and preparation before and during the event!





# DAN FLOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES

## “READ ACROSS AMERICA” WEEK!

February 28 to March 4, 2022



Dan Flood Reading Coach & Parent Liaison Mary Jo Petlock recently set up a week long list of events to help build the love of reading in their students. Guest readers from the community shared their love of reading by visiting classrooms, reading and completing literacy activities.



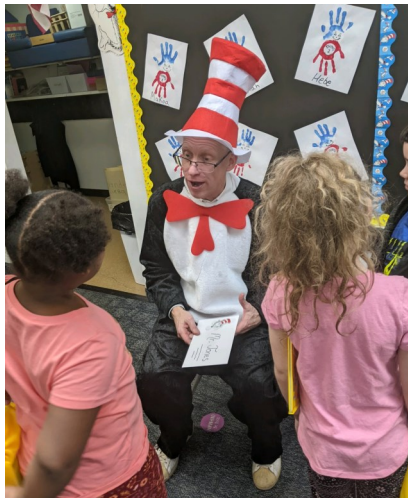
Guest Reader Dolphus Teart shares his love of reading at Dan Flood!



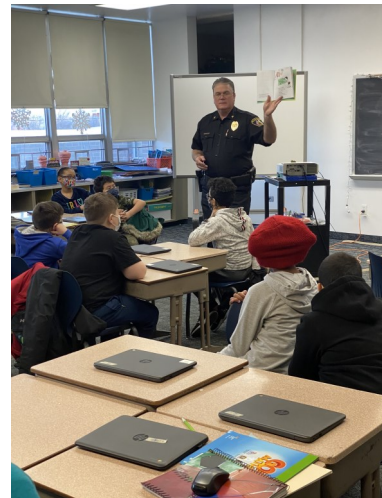
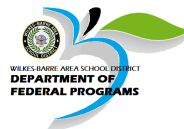
Title I District Coordinator Sandy Ather-ton reads “Snezy the Snowman” to Mrs. Dolan’s first grade class.



Mr. Allen Stout reads to Mrs. Ohrin’s Kindergarten class!



Mr. Bill Jones, President & CEO of the United Way of Wyoming Valley reads to Mrs. Brewster’s Kindergarten Class!



Mr. Joseph Coffey, W-B Chief of Police reads to Mrs. Griffith’s 4th Grade Class!





## Solomon-Plains Elementary School Hosts



### Title I Parent & Family Engagement Stuff a Stocking Event!

On Wednesday, December 15, 2022 Solomon-Plains Elementary School hosted a “Stuff a Stocking” walk through event. Students and their families were invited to walk through and stop at a variety of stations. They gathered fun items such as books, hot chocolate, candy canes, cookies, educational card games, puzzles, Scholastic news magazines, math and reading fun packets, Title I material packets for parents, and more. The families were also encouraged to join the Solomon-Plains Family Advisory Council and take holiday pictures in front of the winter background drops. It was a wonderful time for our Solomon families to start off the festive holiday season!

