

CRCT Parent Workshops

Despite getting off to a somewhat tumultuous start due to weather concerns, the annual Title I CRCT Parent Workshops were a huge success.

The workshops were held at Paul West Middle School and Mimososa Elementary School. Parents attended workshops on reading skills, math concepts and games, science preparation, social studies concepts, and study skills. Each workshop was designed to help parents prepare their students for success on the CRCT.

The workshops were facilitated by the Fulton County's School Improvement Instructional Coaches and transportation was provided for those who needed it.

Workshops will be implemented again next year, so look for more information in the next edition of Title Talk.



Parent Resource Center Open House



Resources available for parents' use

New and Improved Parent Resource Room

The Parent Resource Room has been restructured to better meet the needs of the parents and students of Fulton County. At the Parent Resource Room, there are a number of resources to assist with at-home learning.

Parents can find books about children's literature, hands-on projects, and curriculum support for science, reading, math, and social studies. There are materials to help children learn to read, as well as ideas for activities to do with children, such as: crafts, games, songs, cooking, and traveling.

Parents are also provided internet access, books, computer software, educational games, pamphlets, and other tools. These items may be checked out on an as-needed basis.

G.E.D. Program for Parents

The G.E.D. Preparatory Program is off to a wonderful start as parents of Fulton County Title I students who are working on a high school equivalency have been encouraged to attend.

The preparatory class is free of charge and is a computer-based program which gives practice in core skills associated with success on the G.E.D.

This year's program saw a dramatic increase in enrollment with a total of 17 parents taking advantage of this opportunity.

Upon completion of the preparatory courses, parents are encouraged to take the G.E.D. assessment. To date, one parent has completed the preparatory program and has successfully earned his G.E.D.

(See page 4 for information on the first parent to receive a G.E.D. after participating in Title I's Preparatory Program.)

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Title I to Host One-day Science Camps During Summer School

Exploring Math, Art, and Science in Summer School

A Fulton County Title I Program coming to your school this summer!

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June 3 – June 25, 2008

Your child's natural curiosity will be nourished through hands-on science experiments that answer the WHY questions asked about science. During this one day science camp, students will conduct experiments using simple materials, make observations, build models, increase vocabulary, and compare and discuss results, all while learning about math, art, and science.

Each student will receive a certificate of completion and reusable science materials with instructions for further use.

*Chemistry *Light & Color *Math *Magnetism *Electricity *Aerodynamics



Elementary Summer School Sites

2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

June 3, 2008	Brookview —College Park, Hapeville, Mt. Olive (ESY), Harriet Tubman
June 4, 2008	Bethune —Heritage
June 5, 2008	Gullatt —Lewis, S.L., Love T. Nolan
June 6, 2008	Renaissance ES —Randolph, Stonewall Tell, Seaborn Lee
June 9, 2008	Parklane —Conley Hills, Hamilton Holmes, Oak Knoll
June 10, 2008	West, Evoline C. —Campbell, Liberty Point, Oakley, Palmetto
June 11, 2008	Hillside —Esther Jackson
June 12, 2008	Woodland —Dunwoody Springs, High Point, Spalding Drive
June 13, 2008	Hembree Springs —Mimosa

**If the school name is in boldface, the one-day science camp will be held in that building for Title I students only.*

Middle Summer School Sites

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

June 16, 2008	Bear Creek MS
June 17, 2008	Camp Creek MS
June 18, 2008	McNair MS
June 19, 2008	P.D. West MS
June 20, 2008	Renaissance MS
June 23, 2008	Sandtown MS
June 24, 2008	Woodland MS
June 25, 2008	Sandy Springs MS

Summer Resources for Parents

Grades K – 5

READING



Street Smarts – Put reading skills to practical use. Gather bus and transit route maps and schedules to a special place in your area—the zoo, a museum, a football stadium. Let your child plan a trip for friends or family, figure out the travel time required, the cost, and the best time to make the trip.

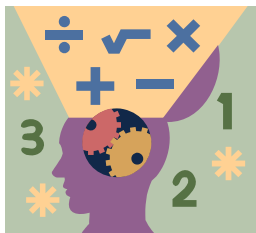
WRITING

Picture Stories – Develop imagination and creativity. Have your children select four or five pictures from magazines and newspapers and put them together to tell a story. Ask your children to number the picture—1, 2, 3, etc. First, ask them to tell the story the pictures in numerical order. For variety, have your children rearrange the pictures and tell a new story using this different arrangement.



MATH

A Trip to the Supermarket – Plan ahead by asking your child to choose a dish to prepare for a meal—a pudding, a salad, a sandwich. Have your child check to see what supplies are on hand and then make a shopping list. At the supermarket, let your child select the food on the list. First, your child should decide which items are the best buys and then make selections. Also, have your child write the price of each item on the list and if possible, figure the total, checking the prices against the sales receipt.



SOCIAL STUDIES

History Time Line – Record history at home. Stretch a roll of shelf paper along the floor. Use a ruler to make a line about three feet long.

Ask your children to fill in the important dates in their own lives, starting with their birth. Those familiar with U.S. history can fill in major dates since the founding of our country. Display these finished time lines in a special place for all to see.



For more activities such as these, visit the U.S. Department of Education website.

Water/Beach Safety

Now that school is almost out, you may be planning a vacation near water (i.e. beach, or local swimming pool). To ensure your child's safety, refer to the following guidelines:

- ★ Teach your children to swim.
- ★ Always obey pool rules.
- ★ Never pretend to be drowning.
- ★ Swim in areas with a lifeguard present.
- ★ Heed weather conditions.
- ★ Set water safety rules for the family.
- ★ Do not allow your children to swim unsupervised.
- ★ Swim at a depth that is safe for you.
- ★ Swim with a buddy.

Parenting Skills Checklist

Are you using good parenting skills? Answer these easy questions and see. . .

1. I am consistent, firm, and fair when I discipline my child.
2. I teach my child to identify choices and make independent decisions.
3. I establish family routines that include meals and study time together as well as other activities.
4. I display my child's school work on a wall, refrigerator, or bulletin board.
5. I teach my child to respect other adults and authority.
6. I make sure my child knows the rules and expectations in our household.
7. I teach my child to tolerate differences in others.
8. I help my child when he or she is having difficulty in school.
9. I hug and show affection to my child daily.
10. I stress the importance of education by daily reading, checking homework, and participating in teacher conferences, open houses, and volunteering time or resources.
11. I know my child's teachers and stay in contact with them.
12. I set the example of hard work and personal responsibility.
13. I see that my child has sufficient rest and nutrition daily.
14. I praise my child for his/her good behavior and efforts.
15. I read with my child daily.

*Retrieved from
http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/Involvement/Parent_Family/ParentingSkillsChecklist.shtml*

Education News Parents Can Use

Education News Parents Can Use is a TV service about ways to ensure children's educational success. It is broadcasted live on:

The Learning Channel (TLC)

Channel One

PBS

Dish Network

6/17/08—Community Service & Volunteering



G.E.D. Program

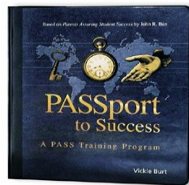
Gabriel Robinson, a former Fulton County Schools' student, said, "As a high school student he became complacent and found himself hanging with the wrong crowd." As a result, he was left without a high school diploma.

After being out of school four years and realizing he was struggling without a diploma or G.E.D., he was glad to hear about the Title I G.E.D. Preparatory Program for Title I parents which was being offered at the Teaching Museum South.

Since enrolling, Gabriel has passed all five parts of the G.E.D. exam in one semester. His scores have ranged from 530 to 660. He contributes his GED success to having completed the computerized review lessons and practice tests in the student workbook. Title I works collaboratively with Peter Gaddis, official G.E.D. Test Coordinator for Fulton County Schools.

PARENTS ASSURING STUDENT SUCCESS

Parents Assuring Student Success (PASS) is an exciting educational curriculum for parents. PASS helps parents improve their ability to enhance a positive attitude toward learning and provide a productive learning environment.



PASS covers seven essential study skills: concentration, listening, time management, note-taking, memory, thinking and reading.

Parent Liaisons will learn how to work directly with parents to assist them in becoming more involved in the activities at their children's school.

Parents are also able to access student support services at their child's school through this comprehensive research-based educational program.

The PASS training is extensive and includes modules that help parents teach their children how to manage time, prepare for and take tests, improve reading skills, manage homework and study textbooks.

To date, thirty-six parent liaisons have completed the PASS Program and more than half have become certified trainers. As trainers, these individuals will implement the training with interested parents at their schools beginning as early as September, 2008.

Contact your student's individual school for more information or contact the Parent Involvement Specialist, Pam Baisden, at 404.669.8217 for more information on PASS training.

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