



Falcon Flyer

WHAT IS TITLE I?

Parents and families will often see the label “Title I” used on flyers and announcements sent home from the GCMS Schools. The phrase “Title I” actually refers to Title I, part A of the Elementary and Secondary Schools Act. Title I funds are allocated by the federal government to schools with high percentages of low-income families in order to ensure that all children are given the support needed to meet challenging standards.

On average, approximately 40% of the families who reside in the Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley community qualify as low-income. This average has steadily increased over the past five years as the demographics of the community have also evolved. There are many ways in which school districts may choose to expend their Title I funds for the purpose of improving student learning.

The GCMS School District has always recognized the significance of parent involvement to student learning. Teachers and staff know that educating the children of our community needs to be a partnership between schools and families. Students learn best when there is a firm bridge of support between home and school.

Therefore, the GCMS School District has dedicated some of its Title I allocation to building on that school-to-home bridge. Title I sponsored family nights are an opportunity for all parents and students to engage in fun and meaningful learning experiences together in each building. If you haven’t had the chance to attend a Title I Night in one of our buildings, this month is your chance! The Middle School Open House is March 2, the Elementary School’s Night of Illusion and Mystery is on March 16 and the High School Literacy Night is March 8.



Proud to be a
Title I School

DID YOU KNOW?

The GCMS School District has a Title I Parent Coordinator at each of the buildings:

- ES: Cathy Walker-Steidinger, Deb Hohulin, and Evon Frederickson
- MS: Elizabeth Maske
- HS: Heather Killian, Erica Kostoff

UPCOMING TITLE I FAMILY NIGHTS

GCMS Elementary Title I Presents...

A Night of Illusion & Mystery

Thursday, March 16, 2017
6:30—7:35 p.m.
GCMS Elementary School

Come explore the questions Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How!

There will be two sets of activities, based on student grade levels. Here is how it will work:

GCMS Kindergarten—2nd Grade students will participate in two group activities.

- Illusion Show presented by Dave Hohulin
- Mystery Hands-on Activity led by Mrs. McFerren
- Please Note: Kindergarten—2nd grade students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to attend.

GCMS 3rd—5th Grade students will participate in a BREAKOUT ROOM of their choice.

- 3rd—5th Grade students must choose which BREAKOUT session they would like to attend on the RSVP.
- 3rd—5th Grade students do not need a parent or guardian to attend the BREAKOUT. (However parents are welcome to attend as observers. (BREAKOUTS are designed for student participation, not adult.)
- PLEASE be on time. Sessions will BEGIN promptly at 6:30. Late arrivals may not be allowed to participate in the BREAKOUT.

Please Note — All Families MUST RSVP by Friday, March 10th in order to attend!

Snacks will be provided. Questions? Contact Cathy at 784-4278 or walker_standinger.cathy@gcmsk12.org.
All expenses of the evening are paid by Title I grant money.

Parents/Guardians: _____
Student(s) AND Grade Level(s): _____

For 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades Only. Please select your choice of Breakout Room:

3rd Graders	4th Graders
<input type="checkbox"/> The Magic of Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> Weather Wizards
<input type="checkbox"/> Leprechauns!	<input type="checkbox"/> Leprechauns!

RSVP due by Friday, March 10, 2017. Questions? Contact Cathy at 784-4278 or walker_standinger.cathy@gcmsk12.org.

YOU'RE INVITED to Spring Open House!

Where: GCMS Middle School
When: Thursday, March 2nd from 6-7 PM
Who: All middle school families
Why: To showcase our excellence!

The Spring Open House will be a time for all middle school families to come and visit students' classrooms and teachers. Students can lead their families around our school and showcase their hard work throughout the year.

Raffle prize!

Free books!

The event is open house style, so families can come and go at any time between 6-7 pm.

WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!



GCMS TITLE I LITERACY NIGHT

BLOGGING: WHAT IS IT? HOW TO DO IT?

COME EAT FREE SUBWAY AND STAY TO LEARN ABOUT BLOGGING, WHO IS DOING IT, AND WHY YOU SHOULD BE BLOGGING TOO.

FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION, YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO START YOUR OWN BLOG.

Wednesday, March 8, 2017
5:30-6:30 p.m.
High School Library

Hosted by Heather Killian
With Guest Speakers Angela Wagner and Veronica Kirkpatrick

Meal RSVP

High School Student: _____
Number of Family Members Eating: _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO MRS. KILLIAN NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017



- * March 2: Middle School Open House Sponsored by Title I
- * March 8: High School Literacy Night Sponsored by Title I
- * March 14: End of Quarter 3
- * March 16: A Night of Illusion and Mystery-Title I Family Night at the Elementary School
- * March 20-24: Spring Break
- * April 3-April 12: PARCC Testing at the Elementary School
- * April 5: Official SAT Test for Juniors
- * April 12: Illinois Science Assessment Testing at the High School
- * April 14: Good Friday- No School
- * April 17: Easter Monday- No School
- * April 18-28: PARCC Testing at the Middle School
- * April 19: Illinois Science Assessment Testing for 5th Grade
- * April 26: Illinois Science Assessment Testing at the 8th Grade

