GCMS School District

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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.

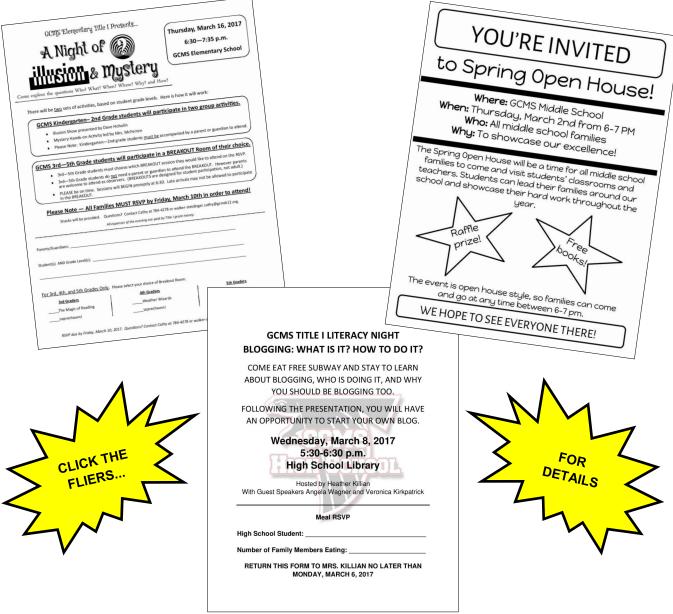


DID YOU KNOW?

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



- * 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

