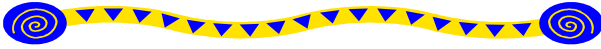


COMMUNICATIONS FROM TEACHERS



- Annual conferences with parent/guardian
- Interim report each grading period
- Report cards every nine weeks
- DIBELS results letter three times a year
- FCAT and SAT 10 score reports
- Daily communication through Agendas
- Weekly communication through Tuesday Folders
- Phone calls as necessary

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- *Title One School
- *Kaplan Spell Read Program
- *School-wide Math Program (Math Facts)
- *School-wide Writing Program (Write Reflections)
- *Accelerated Reader (AR) Program
- *Progressive Technology Program (school web-site, 2 computer labs on campus, model technology classroom)
- *Music/Art/PE programs
- *ESE Classes as well as Inclusion
- *Gifted Education Program
- *Safety Patrols
- *Extended Learning Program (tutoring)
- *Recognized as an "A" school
- * Recognized as a school achieving AYP (adequate yearly progress) according to Federal guidelines
- *Fully accredited ESE Pre-K Program
- *Peer Helpers & Pride Leadership

We welcome and encourage your input concerning our Parental Involvement Policy.

Let us know what you think on any meeting evaluation sheet or contact the office at 499-2830

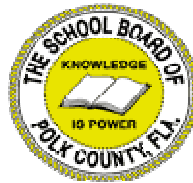


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Parental
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"Partnering with parents for the success of our children."



Working Together to Build Children's Futures at Southwest Elementary



We welcome all Southwest Families! We are pleased that you have become part of our "Learning Community." We want everyone to be involved in all aspects of our school because research tells us that family support is one of the most important factors affecting a child's success in school. It REALLY does make a difference when your child sees you taking an active role in their education. We encourage all parents to get involved in whatever aspect your schedule allows.

At our Open House Night/Annual Title I meeting in September, you'll have the opportunity to meet the teachers and learn how our school operates. You will also find out how you can become involved. The PTA Board will be available for the intake of members. A brief overview of what a Title I school is will be given in which you will learn our goals and advantages of being a Title I school. We encourage you to come and participate because when we work together, we can build a bright future for all of our children.

How Can You Get Involved?

- Sign up to be a Polk County approved volunteer (in the office or online)
- Help in classrooms or on field trips.
- Help your child get the most from studying.
- Get to know your child's teachers, counselors and administrators.
- Become familiar with your child's lessons and learn our school policies.
- Take part in school activities.
- Show your child that you value education.
- Join the PTA or SAC.



Services and Resources

- Parent workshops will be offered at flexible times to help with understanding the curriculum, testing, and how to help your child at home. Be on the lookout for dates and times.
- Translators will be provided for any meeting if we are pre-notified.
- We will try our best to make accommodations for parents if we are given advance notice.



Ways to Communicate Needs and Suggestions

- School-wide Agendas
- School Visits/Phone Calls
- PTA Meetings
- SAC (School Advisory Council)
- Surveys
- Use our web site to send an e-mail
- Parent Conferences
- Drop by the school office anytime.

What is Title I?

Title I is a federally funded program. Its purpose is to assist schools in improving student achievement through effective instruction, professional development, and family involvement. Funds are allocated to schools based on the number of free and reduced lunches served. Schools, along with their SAC, develop a school plan including how funds will be used.

