



Title I Newsletter “Growing Greatness”

December 2017/January 2018

Greetings Title I Leaders,

As we approach mid-year, we are excited with the progress that we continue to see with the implementation of your Title I supported programs and activities. Our Title I Leadership team members are equally as excited to continue working with you for the remainder of the school year!

Poverty and Learning: Nine Powerful Practices

In this issue of our communication, we’d like to share a few tips on Nine Strategies that will help raise achievement of students living in poverty.

1. Build Relationships of Respect
2. Make Beginning Learning Relational
3. Teach Students to Speak in Formal Register
4. Assess Each Student’s Resources
5. Teach the Hidden Rules of School
6. Monitor Progress and Plan Interventions
7. Translate the Concrete into the Abstract
8. Teach Students How to Ask Questions
9. Forge Relationships with Parents

The Gift of Education

Educators can be a huge gift to students living in poverty. In many instances, education is *the* tool that gives a child life choices. A teacher or administrator who establishes mutual respect, cares enough to make sure a student knows how to survive school, and gives that student the necessary skills is providing a gift that will keep affecting lives from one generation to the next. Never has it been more important to give students living in poverty this gift.

Payne, Educational Leadership (2008)

Welcome Aboard

Please help us welcome the following staff members to our Title I family:

Ms. Lakeisha Mobley: Title I Clerk Specialist II (replacing Carol Schatzle)

Dr. Merlande Petit-Bois: Assistant Director, Continuous Improvement (Grant Funded - School Improvement Grant)

Ms. Jennifer Hykes: Assistant Director, Community School Models (Grant Funded - School Improvement Grant)



Title I TDEs

We would like to remind our school principals and bookkeepers that all TDE requests (in or out of county) must be received and approved in the Title I office prior to the activity (including on-site activities). TDE forms that come in “after” the activity will be returned for schools to consider an alternate funding source. Thanks for your help.



Summer PD Travel Using Title I and/or UniSIG Funds

To help our schools plan for summer Professional Development, we are requesting that schools share with us their “intent to travel” plans. We ask that schools plan around their school needs and that your Area Superintendents are also aware of your PD travel requests.

Please see the attached *Intent to Travel Form*.

Showcase Spotlight

PCS TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

We would like to congratulate the following teachers, from our Title I schools, who are Outstanding Educator of the Year finalists:

- **Jessica Black**, Bear Creek Elementary School
 - Fourth grade teacher
- **Jessie Boyce**, Tyrone Middle School
 - Mathematics teacher
- **Jennifer Denmon**, Boca Ciega High School
 - Language Arts teacher
- **Jenni Herman**, Pinellas Central Elementary School
 - Second grade teacher
- **Kati Swango**, Bay Point Middle School
 - Mathematics teacher

We would also like to congratulate **Rebecca Jacobs**, of Sexton Elementary School, on her being a 2017-2018 Support Employee of the Year finalist!



The IT Factor PCS Feature Video

Teacher, **Julie Smith** from John Hopkins Middle School shares her love for teaching.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNoSv2lIPTc>

Showcase your school by providing us with positive, innovative, inspiring and encouraging news happening at your school. Please submit your information to Dr. Grant or Ms. Russ

Article sharing: Supporting Families to Support Students
Kelly, Rossen, & Cowan, 2017/2018

PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP



Congratulations to High Point Elementary School Principal, **Michael Feeney**! The Council for Educational Change selected him as a Gold Medallion Finalist for the Leonard Miller Principal Leadership Award.

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- UNISIG PLANNING SHEET – JANUARY 19
- FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS – JANUARY 8-31
- INTENT TO TRAVEL FORM - FEBRUARY 23
- AT LEAST 80% OF PURCHASE ORDER REQUISITIONS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS SHOULD BE COMPLETE
- Title I Parent Involvement Activity Sheets should be uploaded for all parent activities.

We would like to wish each of you a safe and enjoyable holiday season and new year!

Seasons Greetings