GARNER ELEMENTARY

Tiger News

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

February, 2015

10th
5th Grade Media Night
5:00—6:30pm

12th
School Advisory Council Meeting
8:30am

13th
Father Daughter Dance 6:00pm-8:00pm—Garner Ballroom

16th
President's Day—No School

18th
Early Release—Dismissal at 12:15pm

23rd—27th
Interim Reports distributed

27th
Donuts with Dads 7:15am—7:45am

Bell Schedule
7:40 First Bell
7:45 Tardy Bell
2:45 Dismissal

Gates
The school is gated. Entry and exit of the school will only be through the Front Office after 7:45 a.m.
Dismissal gates close at 3:15 p.m.

Emergency Forms
Please make sure that you review and correct your child's emergency card then return it to school. Also, please update phone numbers if they change during the year.

Principal's Corner

Dear Families,
The New Year has been filled with a lot of exciting activities! *DRUMBEAT* has begun for a select group of students to engage kids in learning new ways to build relationships and conflict resolution skills. I have also partnered with *Auburndale High School* and we have launched a big brother program pairing high school students with our elementary male students. Hopefully, our youngsters will learn goal setting and aspire to do their best in elementary, middle, and high school by being around positive male role models.

On January 29th, I held a Curriculum Night for grades 3-5 parents. Information regarding Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) was reviewed. If you were not able to attend, please stop by the main office for details. March 2nd will be the first day of FSA testing for grades 4 and 5. It is of great importance that the kids are focused and do their best. Students will compare passages and write about the topic. The kids will either have an informative or opinion task. FSA reading and math testing will continue for grades 3 and 4 the week of March 23. Testing will continue April 14-24 for students in grade 5 as they will test on the computer.

Please encourage the children to read and practice basic math facts daily for homework in grades Kindergarten through fifth. Student comprehension of math facts and literature will help them greatly in math, reading, and science.

Yours in Education,
Dr. Richardson

Coaches' Corner

We, Ms. Giles and Mr. Larrousse, are assigned to Garner Elementary as the Reading Coach and Math Coach, respectively. Our job is to work with teachers to improve academic instruction. We assist teachers in understanding the new Florida State Standards, lesson planning, as well as modeling best practices within the classroom.
We are fortunate to work with the dedicated faculty of Garner Elementary in helping them create a positive learning experience for your child.

It was great sharing the new Florida Standard Assessment (FSA test) information at Curriculum Night for the parents/guardians of our 3rd—5th grade students.

We are busy working with teachers and students to implement Garner's interventions programs in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics. These groups will be reviewing previously taught standards in preparation for the FSA test.
~Ms. Giles & Mr. Larrousse

Careers on Wheels

Garner Elementary hosted Careers on Wheels on Friday, February 6th. This event introduces our primary students (Pre-K to 2nd grade) to see and learn about various types of vehicles used for a wide range of purposes. Our students got the opportunity to understand how the vehicle is used, the type of equipment housed in the vehicle, and any other information as to how the vehicle is important for a career.

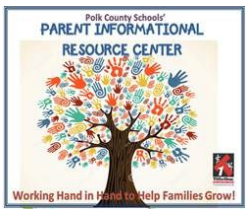
Special thanks to:
Bright House, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Jenkins Automotive, All Children's Hospital and Mr. Adams for participating in this year's event!

Title 1 News

The Title 1 Department of Title 1 has made the Annual Title 1 Parent Involvement Survey available online from now until March 27th. This survey is available in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole, with additional languages available upon request. Parents will choose the school name from a list and choose the grade level. For each page, parents will choose their answer for each row. After completing he final page, parents will receive a confirmation message on the screen with a link to complete another survey if they have more than one student.

Survey Link:
http://goo.gl.9rZymF

Parent Informational Resource Center (PIRC)



The Parent Informational Resource Center (PIRC), located on the campus of Garner Elementary School, will be available throughout the summer! The center will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am — 2:00pm. Please stop by on the following days to learn all about the exciting workshops and information that the PIRC has to offer:

June 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
July 2, 7, 9, 21, 23, 28, 30
August 4, 6, 11, 13, 18

Quote of the Month

"Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know."

~Daniel J. Boorstin

Please encourage your child to read at least 30 minutes each day, incorporating 2 stories or articles. Children should be able to compare and contrast various components of the stories/articles. Some questions you may ask: Who is the story about? Where is the story taking place? When is the story taking place? What is the story about? Why did the author write this story?

Let's not forget about Mathematics:

Grades K-2: Addition and Subtraction drills at home are a plus

Grades 3-5: Multiplication and Division