

Annual Title I Parent Meeting

Scott Lake Elementary

August 29, 2019 5:30 pm

Welcome to our Annual Title I Parent Meeting. I am Jackie Thomas and I am Scott Lake's Title I Parent Facilitator. We are so glad that you came and are looking forward to partnering with you this year in our adventures in learning. Our meeting tonight will be brief, but I wanted to highlight some Title I facts and the benefits Scott Lake receives as a Title I school. Before we begin and if you haven't already done so, please take an evaluation form and complete it as we go through the information. We are always looking for ways to improve and we value your input and suggestions. At the end of the presentation, please turn the form into your child's teacher.

Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools. The federal funds provide supplemental resources and services to schools with a high poverty rate, to schools that have migrant students and families, and/or to schools serving neglected and delinquent children and youth.

The federal funds are distributed to the state education agencies based on U.S. census poverty data. The state then sends money to school districts based on the number of families that receive free and reduced lunch or are a part of the direct certified community eligibility program. Finally, the districts identify eligible schools that are within their counties and distributes the funds to the local schools who qualify.

Title I's goal is to have schools and parents join forces to help students be more successful in school while giving parents a voice in their child's education. The program also provides tools and resources for families to help their students academically at home.

Of the funds that Scott Lake receives, a minimum of 1% of the school's funds is reserved for parent & family engagement as required by law. We spend these funds on student agendas so we have a daily means of home/school communication. All teachers use the agendas on a daily basis to communicate with parents about school news, academics, and behavior, so it is a good practice to check them daily. The remaining funds are used for additional support staff, planning days or training for teachers, and additional curriculum resources.

Our district adopted curriculum that teachers use is Go Math, Reading Wonders, and STEMscopes for science. Supplemental materials such as Engage NY and Being a Writer for grades K-2 are also used to enhance the curriculum. If you have questions about the resources your students use, please contact your child's teachers and come out to our Curriculum Family Night on December 17th.

The main assessments that Scott Lake uses to track the progress of our students is STAR Early Literacy, STAR Reading & STAR Math. This is given three times a year. Smarty Ants Reading is new this year for grades K-2 and Istation Reading will continue to be used for grades 3-5 as a more frequent monitoring piece. Freckle Math is also new this year and will be used as the more frequent monitoring piece for grades K-5. Students are considered proficient at the 50th percentile. 4th and 5th grades will also have quarterly science assessments to monitor their science progress in preparation for the FSA Science Assessment. Proficiency for the science quarterlies is at 70%. And of course, end of year assessments include FSA Reading and Math for grades 3-5, and Science for grade 5. Students are considered proficient when they score a level 3. However, for grade 3 Reading, if a student scores a level 2, they will pass to 4th grade. For students that need additional academic assistance, teachers provide Tier 2 and Tier 3 services during small groups in reading, math, and science. For more information about Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), please speak with your child's teacher.

For the 2018.2019 school year, Scott Lake maintained a grade of B. Here is a breakdown of the points earned. Each block is worth 100 points. When all the points from each section are added together, we earned a total of 380 points out of 700 which means that we earned 54% of the total points possible, equaling the grade of B.

Each year, the district and the school creates a parent and family engagement plan that outlines the plans for engaging families throughout the school year. Parent input is also provided for both the district's plan and the school's plan assuring the end product is a joint effort in meeting the needs of our students and families.

The Teacher, Parent, Student Compact is another document that is created with the input and suggestions of parents and families and outlines the expectations and responsibilities that the teachers, the parents, and the students have in the education process. You should have had a compact come home during the second week of school. If you did not, please contact your child's teacher. You will also hear about this document during parent/teacher conferences.

As you have heard me mention several times during this presentation, we are always looking for parent input and help. Here are several ways that your families can support the school and your child's learning adventure. We send out notifications when it's time for the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and the Compact to be revised, but any time you have suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are here for you and your family and we need your help and support.

Mark these dates on your calendar. We are in the process of planning some informative and engaging nights for our families and look forward to seeing you there!

Our Title I Information listed here may be found on the school's website or in the school's front office. Materials are being updated and will be available soon.

Thank you for coming tonight! I will be in the media center if you have any questions about tonight's presentation, and if not, you can always reach me at the school during school hours should the need arise. Don't forget to fill out and turn in the evaluation form. We value your input. This presentation will be available on the school's website soon for reference in both English and Spanish. Again, thanks for coming and enjoy the rest of your evening.