



TITLE ONE/PTSO NEWS LETTER

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DR. KIM FINCH, EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

FAQ: ELL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Martin Luther King Day	Jan. 19
B-Ball: 9th Grade: at Pearl Cohn	Jan.20 @ 3:30
B-Ball: at Overton	Jan. 22 @ 5:30
B. Ball: v. Hunters Lane (H)	Jan .23 @ 5:30
SAT Tutoring	Jan. 24
B. Ball: 9th Grade East Lit (H)	Jan 26 @ 3:30

SIP TIME AGAIN

- * Parents, it is time to revise Stratford High School's School Improvement Plan . If you would like to help, please contact Simyka Carlton at 262-6730, ext. 1608.
- * In Feb of 2009 the following two workshops will be offered: CPR and First Aid Training and parenting classes. For more information, contact Simyka Carlton at 262-6730 ext. 1608 or ask for flyers.

¿Si yo tengo una conferencia escolar, junta o reunión en la escuela, puedo pedir un/una interprete/ traductor(a)?

Las escuelas no tienen juntas o conferencias sin proveer un/una traductor(a) para los padres que no hablan inglés. Tenemos un procedimiento en el cual las escuelas proveen traductores, si los padres necesitan sus servicios. Si usted necesita ayuda y no hay un traductor disponible, por favor hable con la oficina escolar y pida que se comuniquen con la Oficina de ELL para estar seguros que habrá un/una interprete/traductor(a) presente.

¿Si yo recibo correspondencia de la escuela y otros documentos en inglés, como puedo pedir que sean traducidos?

El Sistema Escolar tiene pólizas y documentos que han sido traducidos en español, curdo, somalí, árabe, vietnamés y farsi. Por favor, pida que su escuela le provea con copias de las traducciones. También tenemos paraprofesionales bilingües en los centros de ELL que pueden ayudarlos.

If I have a conference, s-team or an IEP meeting, how can I get a translator?

Schools do not hold parent meetings without providing non-English speaking parents with a translator whenever possible. There is a procedure in place that allows for schools to provide translators for parents needing this service. If you need assistance at a meeting and a translator is not in attendance, please ask the school to contact the ELL office to arrange services for you at 259-8400.

Source: <http://www.mnps.org/Page50.aspx>

Title I Information

As you may recall, during our "First Annual Meeting," we elected to remain school wide in our approach to the use of Title I funds. This means all students are now eligible for any services offered through Title I. Please make sure your child has been enrolled in SES tutoring and that he or she is attending available sessions.



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Nashville Alliance for Financial Independence has created a Financial Stability Resource Guide. The guide lists free or affordable asset-building resources. Some of the things offered are: free tax preparation, credit repair, financial education, homeowner and buying education classes, foreclosure prevention, employment, small business, how to create a banking account and much more. For more information call: (615) 780-2444 or visit: <http://www.nashvilleafi.org>



WELCOME THE NEW DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS



Dr. Jesse Register will officially take the reins and become the Director of MNPS Jan. 15, 2009. Dr. Register. Dr. Register had a challenging job ahead but assures the district: "My goal as director will be to help develop the potential that exists in the district and the community. I think with some time, hard work, a unified and common vision and an intense focus on improving student achievement for all students, we can turn this district into one of the best in the country."

Source: mnps.org

PARENTING TIPS ...

Raising kids today is arguably harder than ever before. But, there are some ways to help ease the stress and strain of raising your little ones and prevent behavior problems through good parenting.

1. Establish "together time" Establish a regular weekly routine for doing something special with your child -- even if it's just going out for ice cream
2. Don't be afraid to ask where your kids

are going and who they'll be with. Get to know your kid's friends -- and their parents -- so you're familiar with their activities.

3. Eat together often. Meals are a great

time to talk about the day and bond.

4. Be a better listener. Ask and encourage questions. Ask your kid's input about family decisions. Showing your willingness to listen will make your child feel more comfortable about opening up to you.

5. Don't react in a way that will cut off further discussion. If your child says things that challenge or shock you, turn them into a calm discussion.

Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation.
C. Everett Koop

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Parents, you have the right to view your child's teacher's qualifications. To access teacher certification via the internet complete the following steps:

1. go to: <https://www.k-12.state.tn.us/tcertinf/>
2. click search
3. type in the teacher's name to learn teacher's status.

If you have any questions or have problems accessing the website, please contact Simyka Carlton at 262-6730 ext. 1608.

DISTRICT'S NEW PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

MNPS has revised the Parental Involvement Policy. If you have not seen a copy of the draft please contact Simyka Carlton at 262-6730 ext. 1608