

Cowan Road Middle School Newsletter

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Parent Engagement Corner

Parents,

Reading is a key to success in school for students of all ages. Students who are good readers find it easier to do well in other subjects because so much learning depends on the ability to read. From history to science to geography to math word problems, reading is an important part of learning in every school subject. Please read this month's newsletter to find reading tips to help you and your students at home and be sure to attend this month's parent workshop on the topic of literacy.

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime if you need support or information on how to improve your child's academic performance in school. You can reach me at 770-229-3722 or tara.riggs@gscs.org.

Estimados padres:

Este es un documento importante de la escuela de su hijo. Si ustedes necesitan que traduzcamos esta información, por favor, llamen a Lisa Bates al 770-229-3710 ext.10327.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR-IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

10/15	STUDENT SHOWCASE 6 PM IN THE CLASSROOMS
10/16	REPORT CARD SENT HOME

Academic Tips and Websites to Support Literacy at Home

- Rigorous Curriculum Dialogue (RCD) for Parents: <https://sites.google.com/gscs.org/rigorous-curriculum-dialogue>
- <https://www.brainpop.com>
- <https://newsela.com/>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

*The listed resources are not endorsed by GSCS but are offered as possible tools that families may utilize.

School Designation Status

The Georgia Department of Education uses a method to identify schools that need additional support and improvement. As required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the designations are Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) schools.

CSI criteria:

- Lowest 5% of Title I Schools when ranked according to their three-year College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) average and
- All high schools with a 4-year cohort graduation rate $\leq 67\%$

TSI criteria:

- Consistently underperforming subgroup
- Have at least one subgroup that is performing in the lowest 5% of all schools in at least 50% of CCRPI components

For more information about the designation status of schools, please visit the Division of School and District Effectiveness website at <http://www.gadoe.org/school-improvement/school-improvement-services/pages/default.aspx>.

Student-Led Conferences: What is the Role of the Parent?

During student-led conferences, parents participate as active listeners and as an advocate for their child.

Before the conference:

- Review your child's learning goals for the conference
- Prepare a list of questions for discussion

During the conference:

- Work with your child and teacher to determine the next steps for learning
- Set a date for the next conference to address progress or concerns

After the conference:

- Discuss the long-term value of your child's engagement in learning
- Continue to review new goals and monitor progress by talking with your child and contacting the teacher



FALL FOR LEARNING

K-12 Family Conference

Come learn fun ways to help your child at home!

At the event, parents and students will engage in activities to promote student achievement in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies.

Refreshments and childcare for potty trained children ages 2-3 will be provided.

WHO: K-12 PARENTS & STUDENTS

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12 NOON

WHERE: KENNEDY ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

280 KENNEDY ROAD, GRIFFIN, GA 30223

RSVP: [https://tinyurl.com/G3C\\$2019FallFamilyConference](https://tinyurl.com/G3C$2019FallFamilyConference)

RSVP by October 18.