Wayne County Federal Projects Newsletter

January 2015

Parent Teacher Conference

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held at all Wayne County schools from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16,2015 (unless otherwise notified by your school). Parent Teacher conferences are an excellent opportunity to visit your child's school and discuss their progress with their teachers.

Feb.2 In-Service

In-Service sessions at individual schools will be held on Monday, February 2. Students will not be in school this day.

Wayne County Report Card Results

2013-14 School Year

Wayne County students in grades 3-8 scored three A's and a B overall in the state's annual Report Card for the 2013-14 school year.

The Report Card is a comprehensive look at state, district and school-level data for each school year. The Report Card includes demographics, achievement results, accountability progress, value-added data, attendance figures, graduation rates and more.

In four of the subjects assessed for the Report Card - math, reading, science and social studies - Wayne County had a B in reading and A's in the remaining three areas.

The Annual Report Card showed an attendance rate of 96.8 percent for grades K-8 in Wayne County, an attendance rate of 93.6 percent for high school grades, and a graduation rate of 95.8 percent.

The report also reflects that 100 percent of teachers in the Wayne County School System are considered highly qualified. For more information about Report Card results for Wayne County and the state, visit state.tn.us/education/data/report_card.

English as a Second Language Notification

Title III is the portion of No Child Left Behind that serves English as a Second Language Students. Through Title III, students who have a primary language other than English receive instruction in English in a specialized setting.

Tennessee has more than 35 language groups who come from more than 50 countries. For these students, English is not the first language they learned to speak. However, for many of these students, English is the first language in which they have learned to read and write.

ESL classes vary from district to district and from school to school. The purpose of the Title III office in the State of Tennessee is to offer support and guidance in meeting federal and state guidelines set forth to educate this important subgroup in Tennessee schools.

Wayne County Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Wayne County School System not to discriminate on the basis if race, religion, creed, age, color, sex, handicap, or national origin in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

If you are unable to speak English an interpreter will be provided for you upon request.

La Politica de No Discriminacion Del Condado de Wayne

Es la politica del Sistema Escolar de Condado de Wayne de no discriminar a base de raza, religion, credo, edad, color, sexo, devantaja ni a base del origin nacional en sus programas educativos, sus actividades ni en sus politicas del empleo como requerido por el Titulo VI del Acto Civil de Derechos de 1964, el Titulo IX del las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Seccion 504 del Acto Federal de Rehabilitacion de 1973.

Si usted es incapaz de hablar ingles, un interprete sera proveido para usted a pedido.

Smooth the Way for Homework Success

Think it through

Before your children begin, have them make a to-do list. For example: Write a Poem, Read a History Chapter, Solve 10 Math Problems. Then, number the tasks from toughest to easiest and start with the hard stuff. This "save the easiest for last" strategy will help your children finish on a high note, and perhaps even inspire them to get in some extra studying!

Think about time

Ask your children to consider different time slots to get the work done. For instance, they may set aside

a weekend morning or night. Also, many students have time during a study period or after lunch to tackle homework. Encourage your children to complete one assignment at school each day. The more they do then, the more time for fun they will have later.

Think Positive

Help your children see homework as a chance to prove their independence by getting work done on time and by themselves. Boost confidence levels by telling them "Homework gives you a chance to show what you know." And give them a thumbs-up when they complete assignments.



No Child Left Behind Waiver

The Tennessee Department of Education has received a waiver from certain portions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, known as No Child Left Behind. Tennessee was one of 10 states granted the waiver, which was given in February of 2012. The waiver gives Tennessee flexibility to measure progress with state-specific goals and standards rather than using the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) model.