Welcome to The Parent Post! This newsletter is published four times per year and sent home with students being served with Title I funds at Douglas County schools. These schools include Annette Winn Elementary, Beulah Elementary, Bright Star Elementary, Burnett Elementary, Chestnut Log Middle, Eastside Elementary, Factory Shoals Elementary, Lithia Springs Elementary, North Douglas Elementary, Stewart Middle, Sweetwater Elementary, Turner Middle and Youth Villages - Inner Harbour Campus. For more information, please visit dcssga.org or contact Patti Sullivan at (770) 651-2118 or email patti.sullivan@dcssga.org

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Summer Reading

We have all spent a lot of time at home over the past few months and as the school year comes to an end, time for relaxing and enjoying the summer is here. However, children will need to keep their reading skills sharp, so they’ll be ready for the next school year, whatever that will look like. Here are some fun reading activities that you and your child can work on together this summer:

- Issue a family summer reading challenge. Challenge all members of your family to establish a reading goal for the summer. Make sure to do a weekly check-in to see where everyone is at. Reward the winner with a special prize!
- Form a virtual family book club or a book club made up of your child’s friends. Be sure to include family and friends that live out of state. What a great way to stay connected over the summer!
- Act out scenes from books that you have read – make it an evening theater and dress up in your fanciest clothes!
- Have a word of the day by looking up a new word in the dictionary. You can make this a part of breakfast every morning. Make sure to use the word several times throughout the day
- Read in different areas of your home. Maybe on the front porch or in the backyard in hammock.
- There are many word games that you can play on your phone, tablet, or computer. Games such as Wordscapes, Words with Friends, word searches, crossword puzzles, etc. You can also play board games like Scrabble or Boggle.
- Cooking is a great way to read (and practice math)! Have your children read the recipe while you cook.

However your family relaxes this summer, enjoy being together. Be safe, stay healthy and have fun!
Dear Parents,
Happy Spring! The 2019-2020 school year has been very different from any other school year. There are a lot of things to celebrate and learn from. We have to look at all of the positive things that our students have learned thus far. During this time of quarantine, students are engaged in more digital learning than ever. Our ESOL students especially have to learn remotely with their homeroom teachers, their content area teachers, and their ESOL teachers. All teachers, especially the ESOL teachers do a phenomenal job of working with their students in the areas of reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is the state-funded language instruction educational program for eligible English learners (ELs) in grades K-12 in Georgia public schools. The intent is to increase both general English language proficiency and academic language proficiency in content-area subject matter.

During Digital Learning, EL students and teachers face unique challenges. The Douglas County School System ESOL program will provide specialized training and on-going support for both ESOL and mainstream teachers, school administrators, and support staff. The goal is to equip all school personnel to work effectively with English Learners using both digital and hard copy resources.

During this time of remote learning ESOL students should work closely with their ESOL teacher to provide resources to help.

**Elementary/Middle School Supports**
- During Remote Learning, the ESOL Department at each school has distributed learning packets based on the above listed lessons for students who do not have Internet at home.
- ESOL Teachers in grades K-12 will use the Lexia (Core 5; K-5th) (PowerUp 6th-8th), Flocabulary (K-12), and Nearpod (K-12) platforms to assign lessons to students.
- If students have Internet, they should be doing the lessons provided by the ESOL teacher (K-12). ESOL packets are only for students who do not have Internet at home.

**High School Supports**
- ESOL students will use plans directly prepared by their ESOL teachers.

If schools have questions or need support, please contact:
- The ESOL Teacher at the respective school
- Cher Algarin, ESOL Specialist (770) 651-2147 or cher.algarin@dcssga.org
- Dr. Karen Stoutmire, Executive Director of Federal Programs (770) 651-2106 or Karen.stoutmire@dcssga.org

Thank you and stay safe and healthy!

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**Resources for Parents of English Learners!**

The Douglas County School System has posted new resources for parents of English Learners on our website. Our goal is to provide effective outreach to parents of our English Learners and to assist them in being involved in their child’s education. Please visit https://www.dcssga.org/ or scan this QR code to access the website with the resources listed.
Your Input is Needed!

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Lexia Tips
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Stop Summer Learning Loss with these Education Apps

Animal Math Games
free; ages 4 and up; Amazon, Google Play (Android), iOS

Math Ninja:
free; ages 9+; iOS, Google Play (Android)

Stack the States™:
$2.99, ages 9 and up; Google Play (Android), iOS

Mad Libs:
free; ages 9-11; iOS

Duolingo:
free; ages 4 and up; Google Play (Android), iOS

Khan Academy:
free; ages 5 and up; Google Play (Android), iOS

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You do not have to be enrolled in Summer School to receive meals!
Open to all children 18 and younger
NO Enrollment, NO Cost!

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Summer Feeding Locations 2020

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