

Griffin High School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ April Fool's Day 4/1
- ◆ Credit Recovery 4/4
- ◆ Credit Recovery 4/11
- ◆ Credit recovery 4/18
- ◆ Spring Break 4/20 – 4/24
- ◆ No credit recovery 4/25
- ◆ April 1-17 End of Pathway Assessments
- ◆ Parent Workshop M.A.D Talent Night 4/28 5:30 pm
- ◆ Mid-term Report 4/29

Parent Involvement Corner

Are you monitoring your student's academic progress?



Each parent has an account on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Access the site by clicking on the "Infinite Campus Parent Portal" link of the GSCS homepage

Capitalizing on Teachable Moments At Home

Did you know that there are many educational resources and tools available in your own home? You can use simple teaching strategies at home or anywhere you go with your children by putting simple techniques and creativity together. It is important that parents practice patience with their children in order to capture these teachable moments. These are some ideas of what parents can do with their children every day, during the commute to and from school and on the weekends:

To increase math skills:

- Allow your child to help you with dinner by measuring some of the ingredients
- Read food labels in the grocery store and practice cost comparison
- Identify highway signs and traffic light signals (stop, yield, go) and test your child for accuracy

Plug-in science and chemistry lessons:

- Teach your child the importance of sorting clothes before washing them happens when you do not separate the clothes
- Play games together that promote higher level thinking skills such as chess or checkers

Such practices will help keep children engaged and excited about learning and thus increase their academic achievement.



Estimados padres:

Este es un documento importante de la escuela de su hijo. Si ustedes necesitan que traduzcamos esta información, por favor, llamen a Pearla Hodo al (770) 229-3710 ext. 395.

Encouraging Your Child to Read

Kids say that their biggest reason for not wanting to read is because they cannot find any books that interest them. Of course, this is not because there is a lack of books on the market, but rather it is likely due to a lack of exposure. Often times, the only contact a child has with a book are the textbooks that they use in school, which they associate with work. Although educators try their best to encourage reading, the bulk of the responsibility of igniting a child's love for reading lies with the parents. Countless studies have been conducted on how children learn to read, and yet the myth still exists that reading is a natural process that students just 'catch' on to. However, the fact remains that the only way for a child's reading to improve is to practice and read more! As a parent, you can take your child to the library or bookstore and let them wander the aisles. Introduce them to subjects that they never knew of. Whether it is science fiction, biographies, or even poetry– find out what interests them and pile it on! And remember to be a good reading role model. Children mimic their parents. If they see you constantly reading, they are more likely to read themselves. To find books your kids will love try Readkiddoread.com or Oprah.com Kids Reading List!

Become a Parent Leader and School Partner

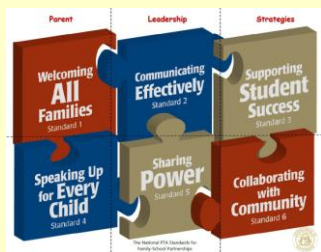
There are several reasons parents are motivated to become partners and leaders in education. Many want to help other parents overcome challenges similar to their own and are eager to volunteer. Some want to become parent leaders as a way of giving back to the school community that supported them during their childhood. Others want to help the school develop effective and responsive programs and services that will increase student achievement. Although you may not see yourself as a parent leader or school partner, your input is needed and invaluable. Some ways that you can seek to take on a leadership role at your child's school could be:

- Show initiative and do not hesitate to ask for assistance in helping your child succeed
- Ask questions about the mission, policies and guidelines of the school Share ideas for activities, fundraisers or other projects
- Encourage other parents to take advantage of various opportunities the school may offer

These are just a few examples of how parents can partner with the school and become leaders. The most important thing is to get involved and stay connected because parents are their child's first teacher.

PARENTS, DID YOU KNOW...

You can learn more about the National PTA Standards for FamilySchool partnerships by visiting, http://www.pta.org/files/EducationNation/National_Standards.pdf



Encourage Your Student to Get More Out of what they Read

When your student is reading, ask them to focus more on the what than on the how.

Read Carefully

When your student is reading things for school, encourage them to check for questions at the end of the chapter or book. Bolded points and questions might give them guidance on what to look out for.

Take/Make Notes

Encourage your student to *take* notes on what they are reading, and if something of interest catches their eye, tell them to *make* a note of it. It is great for them to have questions and talking points on what they have read.