

GHS December 2014 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

- ◆ 12/06 SAT Test
- ◆ 12/11 PTSO 5:30
- ◆ 12/15 Parent Workshop 6:30
- ◆ 12/17-12/19 Final Exams
- ◆ 12/22-1/02 Christmas Break
- ◆ Credit Recovery
 - 12/8
 - 12/15
 - 12/20

Last month our third parent workshop of the year was held. We discussed Teen Growth and Development. If you missed the workshop but would like the information presented, please contact Theresa Tolbert at 770-229-3752 ext 121 or at theresat.tolbert@gscs.org.

In November's workshop Nurse Youngblood brought light to many issues that caused students to perform poorly academically. Many warning signs are there, just make sure not to ignore them. Remember, you are your child's 1st line of defense. Stay alert!

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Mr. Chris Lokey, Asst. Principal/Fine Arts
Mrs. Pamela Davis, Asst. Principal/Freshman
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Parent Involvement Corner

Parents,

It is hard to believe it is almost the end of 2014! We often think of health, finances or our career when making New Years Resolutions. This year, consider making parent involvement part of your resolutions. Boost your involvement in your student's education by reading to your child every day, volunteering at school and attending parent workshops aimed at increasing student achievement.

It is easy to get involved. Try some of these tips to get you started:

- Act as a classroom helper
- Mentor or tutor students
- Help to plan and chaperone in-school events
- Organize or assist with a specific club or interest group (if you have an interest in an activity that isn't currently available to students, offer to

help get a group started – for example, a chess club)

- Help the school administrators prepare grant proposals, letter-writing campaigns or press releases
- Attend school board meetings
- Work as a library assistant, offer to help with story time or offer reading assistance in the school library
- Hold a workshop for students in trade or technical programs
- Volunteer to speak in the classroom or at a career day if you have a field of expertise that you would like to share
- Supervise or judge experiments at a science fair

It is Never too Early to Start Preparing for Standardized Tests

Our December workshop will focus on how to help your student prepare for state and local assessments. Please join us on DATE at TIME in the LOCATION for more information on this topic. If you would like more information regarding the upcoming workshop, or you need to request childcare or transportation, please contact NAME at PHONE NUMBER or EMAIL ADDRESS.

Here are a few tips to help get you and your student started.

Practice: Practicing will help your child feel more prepared. If they feel more prepared, they will be more confident and most likely know more of the answers. Encourage them to do their homework, seek outside sources and take practice tests/questions.

Read: Encouraging your child to read is a great way to prepare for standardized tests. It increases vocabulary and comprehension skills which are important for testing.

Do Not Let Your Student's Brain Get "Snowed Under" Over Winter Break



Even during the winter holidays, learning opportunities for your student are everywhere.

- **Go to a museum.** The best way to get your student excited about learning is to bring them to a museum where they can learn more about their interests. If they are interested in sea creatures, take them to an aquarium. They will be excited to learn more about topics that they are interested in and excited that you are trying to do something specifically geared towards them. At home you can create a crossword puzzle or word search based on things that you and your child saw.
- **Play a game.** There are a lot of educational games out there today that are also fun. Plan a family game night each week during the winter break and if you have the time keep it going through the year. Play games such as Scrabble, where they can learn new words, or games like Trivial Pursuit, where they can learn new facts.
- **Keep a winter break diary.** Have your child keep a winter break diary where they write down all the things that they did during their winter break. This will help them keep up with their writing skills.
- **Read a book, then watch the movie.** Both you and your child could read a book that has a movie made about it. Have your child explain the book with you before you watch the movie and then tell you the differences after you watch the movie. This will help your child with speaking, finding the similarities and differences between things and listening.

College and Career Performance Index (CCRPI)

CCRPI is a comprehensive school improvement, accountability and communication platform for all educational stakeholders that will promote college and career readiness for all Georgia public school students. It is based on a 100% system. There are 3 indicators that make up the score: achievement-70%, progress-15% and achievement gap closure-15%.

School Designation

I am very proud to tell you that Griffin High School has not been given a school designation this year, which means we are continuing to provide a quality education to all of our students. At Griffin High, we take pride in the teaching we provide for our children. Our teachers and staff members work very hard to meet the needs of all students to ensure they achieve at their highest potential.

College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI)

2013 -2014 CCRPI Score

59.1

Sum of Achievement, Progress, Achievement Gap, and Challenge Points

Achievement Points	Progress Points	Achievement Gap Points	Challenge Points		Financial Efficiency Rating	School Climate Rating
			ED/EL/SWD Performance Points	Exceeding the Bar Points		
37.3	16.6	3.8	.9	.5		