

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Nov. 3** - Please vote **YES** on the Renewal Levy

**Nov. 11** - Veteran's Day

**Nov. 19** - Board of Education Meeting at Niles Middle School; 7:00 PM

**Nov. 24** - Parent/Teacher Conferences; 4:30 - 9:30 PM

**Nov. 25** - No School

**Nov. 26** - Thanksgiving

**Nov. 27** - No School



# Title Times

Niles City School District

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## A Note from the Title I Coordinator, Renee Ruman

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Title Times. This newsletter is usually published the first Tuesday of each month beginning this year in November.

Title I has gone Schoolwide in each of the elementary buildings. This means every child is a Title I student. By going Schoolwide, Title I dollars focus on improved student achievement.

The Title I Schoolwide dollars are going to serve all students through the purchase of an on-line leveled reading program called Learning A-Z. You will learn more about this in the future. Title I dollars are used to provide intense professional development to teachers in leveled literacy. They are used to pay supplemental teachers for at-risk students. Also they are used for parent activities and family nights.

The following supplemental teacher assignments have been made for school year 2009-2010:

- **Bonham:** Mrs. Gina Coates and Miss Megan Gray

- **Jackson:** Mrs. Sherry Burkey, Miss Nadyne Dubos, and Mrs. Katie Yost,
- **Lincoln:** Mrs. Jamie Duncan, Mrs. Christine Falleti, and Mr. George Sprague
- **Washington:** Mrs. Rosalba DelGenio, Mrs. Cynthia Gray, and Mrs. Susan Hess
- **St. Stephen School:** Mrs. Stacie Lehman

These teachers are highly qualified teachers who provide push-in and pullout services in Leveled Literacy, Reading Recovery, Reading and Math. If you have questions about any of the services they provide, please call me at 330 652-2509.

*How can parents help students be successful in school?* One proven way is to have parents involved in their child's education.

*What does getting involved in your child's education mean?* It means working with your child's school to ensure the best education. Children benefit greatly when parents take an active role. Research shows students are more likely to do better in school, enjoy learning and school life, improve their skills and attitudes, develop confidence in themselves, and become better prepared for the future. You'll benefit, too, knowing that you're helping your child get the best education possible.

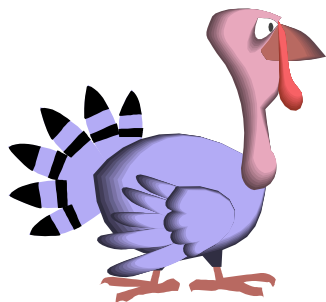
*How can you get involved?* Some ways are:

- Get to know the teachers, principal, curriculum and policies at school.
- Show your child that you value education. Help them study at home.
- Take part in school activities.

Parents will always be their child's first teacher. Title I is here to support you.

Sincerely,

Renee Ruman  
Lead Principal CIP & Title I



## What is Reading Recovery?

Reading Recovery is a highly effective short-term one-on-one intervention for first graders experiencing difficulty with reading. This intervention is most effective with students who need specialized tutoring as a supplement to good classroom teaching. In Reading Recovery, an individual student receives a half-hour lesson each school day for 12 to 20 weeks with a trained Reading Recovery specialist. Reading Recovery's goal is to have the student read within the average range of the class.

The Niles City School District has at least one trained Reading Recovery specialist at each elementary. The specialists are: Gina Coates, Jamie Duncan, Nadyne Dubos, Christine Falleti, Cynthia Gray, Susan Hess, and Katie Yost.





## Ohio Parent Resource Center

The Ohio Parent Resource Center provides parents, families, students, educators, and communities with information, resources, and training as mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act. The PIRC is now open for business. It can be reached by calling 1-888-OHPIR9 (1-888-647-4729). The PIRC also has a comprehensive website at: [www.ohiopirc.org](http://www.ohiopirc.org)



## Basic Discipline Skills

No matter how good you are at disciplining (teaching) your child, you'll always have new parenting challenges ahead. That's why it's important to remember some basics that can help in many situations. For example:

- 🍏 *Be consistent.* It's reassuring for your child to know that rules and consequences will be enforced every time. Otherwise, she will try out all kinds of things to see what happens. Set a few specific, age-appropriate limits, explain them to your child - and don't forget to follow through.
- 🍏 *Use praise.* You've probably noticed that your child loves attention, so it's

no surprise that compliments work! Be specific about your child's successes. "Wow. You put away every single video game. That's so helpful!"

- 🍏 *Set a good example.* It's not enough to tell your child how to behave. You must show her, too. It isn't easy, for instance, to stay calm when you're angry. But try your best. If you do something wrong, apologize.
- 🍏 *Emphasize behavior.* When your child misbehaves, correct her actions without labeling her. Say, "That word is inappropriate," not, "You're so rude." Help her behave well and take pride in herself.

Source: Susan Korones Gifford, "Discipline Lessons That Last"; [www.parents.com](http://www.parents.com)

## Get Ready to Read!

You've heard the phrase "Put on your thinking cap." Even though most people don't need a hat to think they use other routines to help them focus. This works with reading as well. Try setting up a special place that encourages your child to read. Consider these things:

- **Comfort** - Think about where your child will be able to relax. In a soft chair? Leaning against puffy pillows? Sitting on the bed?
- **Quiet** - Choose a spot that is free of distraction - away from the TV, phone and the regular hustle and bustle of your household.
- **Convenience** - Make sure there are plenty of books, magazines and newspapers nearby.
- **Storage** - Give your child a shelf or box for reading materials. So, your child will always know where to find something interesting to read.
- **Lighting** - Good lighting helps prevent eyestrain.

Children are  
the world's  
most valuable  
resource and  
its best hope  
for the future.

John F. Kennedy