

# Check This Out!

## Title I

January 2011

### Title I Website: Up & Running!

The Genesee Title I program is now on the internet. With the help of our technology director, Mr. Campbell, a link was created on our school website that allows you to gain access to important Title I information and documents.

Here is what you will find on our website:

- Answers to frequently asked questions (for example, "What is Title I?" and "How can I help my Title I child?")
- Genesee's Title I Parent Involvement Policy and Compact
- Previous Title I newsletters

- Links to resources for math and reading that may help you support your child's academic development
- Links to government Title I information and web-sites

When you have a chance, please visit the following link and check out our website:

<http://www.sd282.org/TitleI/>

If you have suggestions that would make it more useful for you, please let one of our Title I staff members know.



#### Title I Staff

**Wendy Moore**  
Superintendent &  
Elementary Principal

**Jody Mayer** Math  
Paraprofessional

**Melissa Kappus**  
Title I Teacher

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### Title I State Monitoring Review Completed

Every three years, the Idaho State Department of Education reviews the Title I programs throughout the state. Monitoring federal programs helps ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a

high-quality education. Compliance monitoring is intended to be a collaborative partnership between the State and local education agencies to ensure compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001.

Genesee's Title I program was reviewed November 18, 2010. Reviewers found that some adjustments need to be made in our professional development plan. However, all other areas of our Title I program were found to be in compliance.

#### Upcoming Events:

- January 21: End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- January 25-29: IRI for K-3
- January 31: Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

## Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) Coming Up

If you have a child in kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, please take note of the upcoming IRI (January 25-28).

The Idaho Reading Indicator is a very short assessment administered to each child individually three times per school year. Results of the assessment, along with classroom performance and performance on other assessments, are used to help

determine if a child may benefit from additional help in reading.

The following skills are tested in the winter:

**Kindergarten:** letter naming fluency (capital/lower case letters per minute) and letter sound fluency (sounds per minute)

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** letter sound fluency (sounds per minute) and passage fluency (words read correctly per minute in

a grade level passage)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** passage fluency (words read correctly per minute in a grade level passage)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** passage fluency (words read correctly per minute in a grade level passage)

Parents are encouraged to help their children prepare for the IRI by reviewing letters and sounds and doing lots of reading.

## Computers for Kids

"I think I started learning lessons about being a good person long before I ever knew what basketball was. And that starts in the home, it starts with the parental influence."

**Julius Erving**

Computers for Kids, Inc. (CFK) is a non-profit organization that takes donations of computers; refurbishes and licenses them; and then donates fully-equipped computer systems to students in grades K-14. CFK's intent is to equalize the educational opportunities of school children by providing them with home computers for their use, thereby closing the "digital

divide" occurring between those who have easy access to computer technology vs. those who do not. For a small processing fee of \$35, \$45, \$55, or \$65 students can take home a computer today! Every student is eligible for a computer, our program is NOT income based and every child that applies receives a computer. We ask that students write a one page essay as to why they

would like a computer and fill out a student application on our website. Any student on the free lunch program qualifies for a computer "scholarship" and can receive a computer free of charge.

Applications for the April distribution in Lewiston are available at the following web address:

[http://www.cfkidaho.org/documents/student\\_application\\_06-2010.pdf](http://www.cfkidaho.org/documents/student_application_06-2010.pdf)

## Title I Progress Reports

During the month of December, you should have received a "monthly" progress report for your child. The monthly progress report is new to our program and we're still in the process of refining it. We're always open to suggestions if you

have an idea that would make the report more informative for you.

Quarterly progress reports will be sent home at the end of January with classroom report cards. This Title I progress report will contain assessment data showing

how much progress your child is making toward their academic goals.

Never hesitate to contact a Title I staff member if you have questions about our program or your child's academic progress.