



# Title I, Migrant Education & Special Programs

September 2021 Newsletter

## The Director's Message



*1 - Ms. Luwando Wright, Director*

*Title I, Migrant and Special Programs*



The Title I, Migrant Education and Special Programs Department wants to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year!

We are excited about the theme our department is celebrating this year! We are committed to the continuation of our support to students, schools, and the community by encouraging everyone to ***“Get Back In The Game!”***

As we are coming off the bench and are being put back in the game, we re-enter schools and office buildings full time and aim to reengage positive connections with parents and staff, both of which are essential for successful learning and growth moving forward.

In this newsletter, we want to share with you our game plan and program updates, upcoming events as well as options to contact our department. We encourage you to follow us on social media to see more information as it is shared and to interact with us throughout the school year.

Welcome back and continue to stay safe.

## *Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. We're Back in the Game!!*



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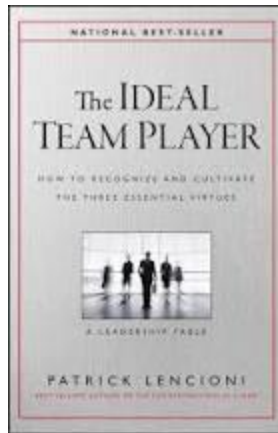
The Title I Department is BACK IN THE GAME and ready to serve our Title I schools, families, and students. Our staff playbook is strategically planned to provide resources and events to engage the Title I community.

Team Title I was welcomed back into the building with a dynamic staff meeting where the department's reading selection of the year, *The Ideal Team Player* by Patrick Lencioni was introduced. Through our in-house team building activity, we will utilize this book to help us recognize and cultivate the three essential virtues of the Ideal Team Player.

The Title I Grant Facilitators led an informative briefing to the three virtues. Lencioni describes that ideal team players should be HUMBLE, HUNGRY, and SMART! Characteristics of each virtue and a self-assessment were provided to assist team players in determining their personal levels in each virtue. As

we continue through the book, Team Title I will self-assess and build capacity so that we are always ready to serve our families with excellence.

By working the three virtues into our daily offense and defense schemes, Team Title I will be victorious in our efforts to play our role as the ultimate customer service professionals that we are. This theme will resonate through the myriad of activities provided for the District this year from our Virtual Parent Orientation to the monthly Parent Training Academies. We invite you to suit up and get in the game with us.



THE IDEAL TEAM PLAYER IS

# Smart

Understands what others are feeling during conversations	 Shows empathy to others on the team
 Demonstrates an interest in the lives of teammates	 Attentively listens to everyone on the team
 Aware of how words and actions impact others on the team	 Adjusts behavior and style to fit the nature of the conversation or relationship

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# THE IDEAL TEAM PLAYER IS Hungry

Does more than  
what is required  
in the job



Feels a sense of  
personal  
responsibility  
for the success of  
the overall team



Willing to take  
on tedious or  
challenging tasks  
whenever necessary



Passionate about  
the "mission"  
of the team



Willing to contribute  
to and think about  
work outside of  
office hours



Looks for  
opportunities to  
contribute outside of  
areas of  
responsibility

THE IDEAL TEAM PLAYER IS  
**Humble**

Compliments or praises without hesitation

Willing to take on lower-level work for the good of the team

Readily acknowledges weaknesses

Easily admits to mistakes

Gladly shares credit for team accomplishments

Offers and accepts apologies graciously

<https://www.tablegroup.com/files/media/doc/IdeaTeamPlayerSelfAssessment1119EW.pdf>



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## ***2021 Florida Migrant Education Program Exemplary Awards***

The Title I, Migrant & Special Programs Department is honored to celebrate the two Broward County nominees for the 2021 Florida Migrant Education Program Exemplary Awards, *Mrs. Cecilia Pacheco, 2021 Exemplary Migrant Staff Member* and *Dr. Dennisse Melendez, 2021 Exemplary Migrant Teacher/Educator*.

Cecilia Pacheco is a highly motivated, passionate worker who applies her educational background towards delivering excellent service to migrant families and students within the community. She has served as a district Migrant Education Program Identifier/Recruiter for six years. She serves our migrant children and families with passion, is trustworthy, and works collaboratively to ensure exemplary services. Mrs. Pacheco’s dedication, especially during the COVID Pandemic, contributes significantly to the lives of the families we serve. The migrant students and their families are better served because of Mrs. Pacheco’s perseverance.



*2 - Cecilia Pacheco*

Dr. Dennisse Melendez Garcia is an Educator whose passion is to help others succeed, especially the migrant population and people in need. Dr. Melendez is certified as a Preschool Teacher and has been in the Title I Migrant Program for four years. She first started as the Migrant classroom assistant where

she earned the trust and confidence of the parents served in our Migrant Pre-K classroom. With the extensive knowledge and experience she came with from Puerto Rico, she immediately received a Florida Teaching Certificate becoming the Migrant Pre-K Teacher soon after.

At Markham Elementary School, Dr. Melendez has implemented a program that utilizes music and cultural traditions of migrant families to teach early learners about literacy and mathematics. She writes songs in Spanish and plays songs in Creole for Haitian students to ensure all students feel safe and comfortable in her classroom. She provides pathways for students to learn new skills. She recognizes the need for academic success never losing sight of her student's social emotional needs.

Dr. Melendez is an especially active member in her church community where she plays an integral role in supporting migrant children. There, she develops diverse strategies to help young children in their educational journey. Her undying passion for serving the migrant community is exemplary.

We are so proud to work alongside such professional, compassionate individuals who impact our lives and those of our students and families. They are selflessly committed and do so from their hearts. Join the Title I, Migrant & Special Programs Team in congratulating Mrs. Cecilia Pacheco and Dr. Dennisse Melendez for their nomination of the 2021 Florida Migrant Education Program Exemplary Awards.



*3 - Dr. Dennisse Melendez*



## *Donations to Migrant Program from Community Partners*

The Title I, Migrant & Special Programs Department provides services to eligible migrant children and their families through our Migrant Education Program. Our goal is to ensure that we meet the educational and social needs of migrant families while promoting academic achievements that will ensure the economic success of our communities in the future. To this end, our community partners play an integral role in supporting our efforts to accomplish our goals.

We are honored to have been the recipient of generous donations from our community partners who never waiver on answering our call to arms.

### **Publix**

*“Publix was founded in 1930 with the philosophy of being involved in our communities as responsible neighbors. We are so proud to support your organization’s endeavors to enrich the lives of those in our communities.”*

Publix supermarkets have been a great supporter of our programs and did not hesitate to start this school year off with a generous donation which will be used to provide migrant families with meals.



### **Winn Dixie**

*“The SEG Gives Foundation invests in programs that help our youth overcome these challenges to ensure student success. Investing in education is a Winn Win for our communities, our stores and the Foundation as it makes our communities better.”*

Winn Dixie supermarket has supported our program for many years, supporting our efforts to provide holiday meals to the migrant families we serve. This year was no different as we started the new year with their donation on hand. Thank you, Winn Dixie.



### **Costco**

*“Costco focuses on supporting charitable programs and community activities in the markets where we do business. Organizations focusing on children, education, and/or health and human services are eligible to apply for consideration, regardless of their distance from our locations.”*

Our most recent partner, Costco, started our migrant students off on a fresh start by providing backpacks. This generous donation of backpacks is just what our students need to get motivated to get back in the game for an amazing new school year.







### **First Presbyterian Church**

Through the generous, heart-felt donations of the Mission Committee of First Presbyterian Church, Pompano Beach, migrant students who would otherwise not have had the opportunity, had access to school uniforms and educational materials on social emotional learning to support families as they keep up with the ever-changing demands of our society.

The support of our community partners positively impacts our migrant children and families. The collaboration and partnership that our community provides makes a difference in meeting their unique needs. We thank our partners for demonstrating the kind of life skills we thrive to instill in our students; teamwork, perseverance, goodwill; the list is endless. Their investment in our students is an investment in our future!



## *First Baptist Church Piney Grove One Stop Shop Back 2 School Drive Through*

Mission Accomplished!! Over 300 families served, and all hands were on deck for the **First Baptist Church Piney Grove One Stop Shop Back 2 School Drive Through** for children and adults. Families received uniforms, socks, educational supplies, adult education opportunities, vaccinations, and so much more. The Title I Department provided families with age appropriate games and activities. We would like to thank all of the volunteers that assisted our department with ensuring parents received their items in a timely manner.

JOIN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PINEY GROVE'S

**Masks Required**

# BACK TO SCHOOL

*One-Stop Giveaway*

**Our Community**

Walmart, Broward, Park Lakes Elementary, Broward, FIU, and many others.

**While supplies last:**  
Uniforms - Socks - Bookbags - School Supplies - Diapers  
Hair Grooming - Food - Fun - School Information  
Saturday, August 7th  
10am - 2pm  
First Baptist Church Piney Grove  
4699 W. Oakland Park Blvd., FL 33313  
(954) 735-1500 www.fbcpineygrove.org









### ***“Stay LIT” Community Book Fair – The Light Center***

Team Title I supported The Light Center, a church located in Fort Lauderdale, in their most recent event, Stay LIT! Dr. Thea Knight, the education coordinator stated, "This community book fair is an annual summer event where the church invites families to partake in sessions designed to encourage active reading during the summer months." Parents and students learned about the importance of “Staying LIT” with literature across various genres. Participants were treated to an interactive, story time by Kimberly Foster-Baldwin. Mrs. Foster-Baldwin, a well-known storyteller in the Broward County community, dressed up as young Ruby Bridges and told her story as she weaved in the importance of self-confidence and staying positive in their educational endeavors.

Title I supplied books and academic games for the families. The Title I Grant Facilitators guided parents in choosing age and grade appropriate resources to support at-home learning to keep their children actively engaged in the learning process during the summer months. We look forward to having the families of The Light Center participate in our 2021-2022 Title I Parent Training Academy workshops and student events.







## We are Changing the Game!

### Title I Professional Learning Portal

**Title I Liaisons**  
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PORTAL

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**Title I Part A: Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged**

Title I is a federally funded program for economically disadvantaged children who reside in school attendance areas with a high concentration of children from low-income families. Since a high incidence of poverty in a school has a direct correlation with low academic student achievement, the goal of the Title I Program is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and the skills to master the Florida Standards.

The School Board of Broward County (SBOC), Title I Part A Program supports school efforts in ensuring that all children meet challenging academic standards by providing resources to schools with economically disadvantaged students. Our district operates Title I Schoolwide programs that provide all students with access to services. These resources provide additional teachers, professional development, extra time for teaching, parent engagement activities, and other supplementary instructional activities designed to raise student achievement.

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The Title I Office has moved into field goal range. We are introducing the Title I Professional Learning Portal that is located on the Canvas platform. The portal is designed to assist Title I schools with

meeting Title I, Part A Program compliance for the 2021-2022 grant year. Title I Liaisons and their teams will have the “Title I Playbook” with access templates, exemplars and videos for each compliance item.

Additionally, the eBinder Compliance Checklist, the Title I and BCPS Parent and Family Engagement Calendars, and other pertinent information are housed on the portal.

The Title I Professional Learning Portal is up and running. All Liaisons are required to register for the Canvas Course. This course meets the LAB requirement and will include quizzes that will allow us to provide training hours for the course. The Title I Professional Learning Portal is the “End Zone” for all things related to eBinder compliance!!

As we break the huddle, let us have a great year and stay safe.

Title I on three. One...Two...Three...**TITLE!**

## *Canvas Testimonials*



*4 - Amy Gutierrez*

*ESOL Contact/Title I Liaison*

*Meadowbrook Elementary*

A big thank you to the Title I department for the fabulous Canvas course. The course is super user friendly, easy to navigate and resources practically jump out at you. ☺ Quizzes are at the end of the course and are easily completed by using the Compliance Checklist for each month. I appreciate your efforts. Thank you again,



*5 - Samantha Franconeri, Ed. S*

*Assistant Principal*

*Somerset Academy Key Charter School*

“Thank you to Sharonda and her team at Title I for the amazing job on creating the Canvas portal!! I love it and it makes communicating with my team easier on what we need to complete the EBINDER effectively. Sharing the videos and best practices were extremely helpful in planning my year for continued success for our families!”



I will look for the recording to catch up on today; have a great evening☺

## Legacy Magazine Honoree



Congratulations to our Director, Ms. Luwando Wright, for being selected as **South Florida's Top Black Educators for 2021** by MIA Media Group, LLC. MIA Media Group LLC, is one of the nations largest Black publishers in the United States. Established in 2004, the company has more than one million readers bi-monthly and publishes Legacy Miami, Legacy South Florida and M.I.A Magazines. Ms. Wright starts her 32nd year with the School Board of Broward County after serving in numerous administrative capacities. This recognition was published in the June issue of Legacy's social media platforms and inserted in the Sunday edition of the Sun Sentinel.

## Upcoming Events



**BACK IN THE GAME**

**GUEST SPEAKER : DR. LUCILLE O'NEAL**  
Player Stats

Speaks words of encouragement, empowerment and inspiration to women—mothers, youth and seniors, men and families from a very practical and relevant platform, her life experiences.


Raised two sons (Shaquille and Jamal) and two daughters (Lateefah and Ayesha)

**Education**  
Adult Education, BS-Bethune-Cookman University  
Business Administration, MBA-University of Phoenix  
Doctor of Humane Letters from Bethune-Cookman University

Dr. Lucille shares her life story candidly—and often humorously in her book, "Walk Like You Have Somewhere to Go". Dr. Lucille lives by the following Golden Rule: "Treat others the way you want to be treated," and it is rooted in her love and service to others.

**Dr. Lucille past and present involvements:**  
Southeast Director of The Odessa Chamber's Quality of Life Fund  
Pastor associated with New Life Evangelistic Center of Orlando  
Past Member of the Board of Trustees at Bethune-Cookman University  
The Orlando Chapter of the United Negro College Fund  
Trey Whitfield Foundation Scholarship Fund  
Boys and Girls Club of America  
Former President of Mothers of Professional Basketball Players Association Inc.

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**VIRTUAL PARENT TRAINING ACADEMY  
KICK-OFF: ORIENTATION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 7:00 PM**

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**BACK IN THE GAME**  
Parent & Family Engagement Calendar

**FOR MORE INFO**  
CONTACT US:  
(754) 321-1400

02 SEP	EPAC MEETING TELE-OFFICE   7:00 PM
22 SEP	MIGRANT MEETING VIRTUALLY   9:00 AM
30 SEP	PTA: ORIENTATION VIRTUALLY   11:00 AM
16 OCT	DAD'S CHAT TBA   10:00 AM
04 NOV	EPAC MEETING TELE-OFFICE   7:00 PM
10 NOV	MIGRANT MEETING VIRTUALLY   9:00 AM
18 NOV	PTA: MATHEMATICS VIRTUALLY   7:00 PM
11 DEC	STEMFEST VIRTUALLY   9:00 AM
06 JAN	EPAC MEETING TELE-OFFICE   7:00 PM
29 JAN	PARENT SEMINAR VIRTUAL   7:30 AM
09 FEB	MIGRANT MEETING VIRTUALLY   10:00 AM
24 FEB	PTA: ASSESSMENT VIRTUALLY   7:00 PM
03 MAR	EPAC MEETING TELE-OFFICE   7:00 PM
31 MAR	DAD'S CHAT TBA   7:00 PM
06 APR	MIGRANT MEETING VIRTUALLY   10:00 AM
28 APR	PTA: LITERACY VIRTUALLY   7:00 PM
05 MAY	EPAC MEETING TELE-OFFICE   1:00 PM
TBA	STEMFEST VIRTUALLY   9:00 AM
26 MAY	PTA: SUMMER ENRICHMENT VIRTUALLY   7:00 PM

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