

# Title I, Migrant Education & Special Programs October 2021 Newsletter

#### The Director's Message



1 - Ms. Luwando Wright, Director Title I, Migrant and Special Programs

The Title I, Migrant and Special Programs Department is "Back in the Game." We are excited to be getting deeper into our game plan for the year through meetings with our teammates including district staff, teachers, parents, and families.

To kick off, we held open house activities, orientations, and other similar events, to provide training and resources for our staff, parents, and other stakeholders. Our schools have also been hosting parent events, and trainings. In addition, we have been working on initiatives with our community partners and other District Departments to continue to support our students.

In this newsletter, we are pleased to share with you, some of our activities including the Title I VPK Open House, and initiatives such as the Children's Literacy Initiative Program. In addition, you will find school and program testimonials including more information about the Title I Executive Parent Advisory Council.

New in this edition, I am excited to share our department's Most Valuable Players. These employees are being spotlighted for their outstanding dedication to our team. Please enjoy the newsletter and all that we have to offer.

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#### **Children's Literacy Initiative Program**

The Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI) is a non-profit organization focused on strengthening education in the United States by ensuring students can read by the end of third grade. Through this partnership, CLI seeks to show what is possible when schools have the support necessary to accelerate early literacy learning. Their goal is to support Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) to dramatically improve equitable early literacy outcomes for children. The district has partnered with CLI since 2016 and several schools have benefited from the assistance and resources. However, this initiative will further expand their work to eight schools in Broward County (Broward Estates, Deerfield Beach, Morrow, North Lauderdale [Pre-K-8], Oakridge, Rock Island, Village, and Tedder). Elements of the scope of services that will be provided to the schools consist of a full-time literacy coach, professional development opportunities, job-embedded coaching and lesson cycles, leadership meetings, data review of progress, family literacy experiences, and literacy-related resources. In addition, the CLI Team will work collaboratively with principals to identify areas of strengths and needs with the essential focus of building and maintaining systematic consistency of the schools' professional development. Teachers will not get "another thing" on their plates, but rather a highly trained coach to help them implement the district's approach and best practices to early literacy. The partnership has resulted in gains in both student achievement and teacher practices. The CLI Team is looking forward to another great school year – of working with school staff, students and families to improve learning!





### Off the Bench and Into the Game



The Office of School Performance and Accountability (OSPA) is pleased to announce two new positions: CTE Instructional Facilitator and CTE/Vocational & Career Job Coach. These are new positions within the OSPA Cadre under the direction and leadership of Dr. Carletha B. Shaw-Rolle, Cadre Director, Office of School Performance and Accountability. Both positions are supported by the Title I grant.

Dr. Beverly Carter Remy, CTE Instructional Facilitator, comes to this position with over 25 years of CTE, technical college experience. Dr. Carter Remy has previously served as the workforce lead teacher at Henry D. Perry Education Center and as a technical college Vice Director overseeing technical college

accreditation, both locally and nationally, industry partnerships, advisory committees, data collection, and CTE programs.

Ms. Jacquese Moncur comes to the position of CTE job facilitator with over ten years of job coach experience from Miramar High School. She conducts job fairs and develops career partnerships throughout Broward and Miami-Dade Counties for local governments and schools.

When asked about her new position, Dr. Carter Remy stated that the vision and mission identified by Dr. Shaw-Rolle is a clear path towards student achievement, attainment of a high school diploma, and a career pathway resulting in employment. One might ask, isn't this what we are doing currently? The answer is to some degree. "Currently, we are attempting to assist and encourage students who are identified as at-risk to earn a high school diploma in an environment that has been branded with a negative stigma. The result is a student earning a high school diploma without a direction for the future."

Dr. Carter Remy's new position is strategic, intentional, standards-based, goal and outcome-centered. First and foremost, her task is to remove the current stigma of "alternative education" as well as provide students with the option of earning an 18-credit CTE Diploma. Ms. Moncur will oversee the vocational CTE piece with job placement and career direction.

According to Dr. Carter Remy, this opportunity is game-changing. "Through Title I grant funds, alternative education is now up to bat! Our team will be recruiting new players. No longer will the players be placed, we envision them applying and being selected. The vision of our executive leadership will lead us to the playoffs! We are wearing our team jersey now and building a solid team to provide the education of our future, meeting the needs of our local communities. We've joined forces with Title I and are pleased to work with such a progressive team to assure our students receive the best that this stellar school district can produce!"

"We are off the bench and into the game!"

#### Private School CARES Act ESSER Equitable Services

"As a Catholic school, we feel Blessed to be included in the *Cares Act-Esser* Funding. We have been coordinating with members of the Broward County Schools *Title 1*, Staff, and Felix Stankiewicz in the Technology Department. Thanks to everyone involved, navigating these allotted funds has been a smooth process. Everyone has made themselves available and are just a phone call, email, or text away (especially Felix for tech-support). Ultimately, because of our coordinated efforts, the students in our school will reap the benefits. Thank you!!!"

Cami Toro

St. Bernadette Catholic School

Hollywood, FL



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#### Title I VPK Open House 2021-2022

Title I, Migrant Education & Special Programs began the 2021-2022 school year by jumping "Back in The Game" by deploying staff to various Title I VPK Classes to share the resources and programs that are available.

Our Title I Teachers were provided Read & Rise materials and a video to share with parents to encourage "PLAY" **P**arents learning Literacy for **A**ctive **Y**oung learners through the four building blocks of reading.

Parents received a flyer to participate in the upcoming Parent Orientation, featuring Dr. Lucille O'Neal on September 30, 2021, Read & Rise box of materials, a flyer for the 2021-2022 Parent Training Academies and an opportunity to borrow educational games through our lending library.

Listed below are the Title I VPK classes that were visited for Open House:

Dillard Elementary Forest Hills Elementary Horizon Elementary Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy Robert C. Markham Elementary Morrow Elementary Oriole Elementary Pines Lakes Elementary Royal Palm Elementary Welleby Elementary







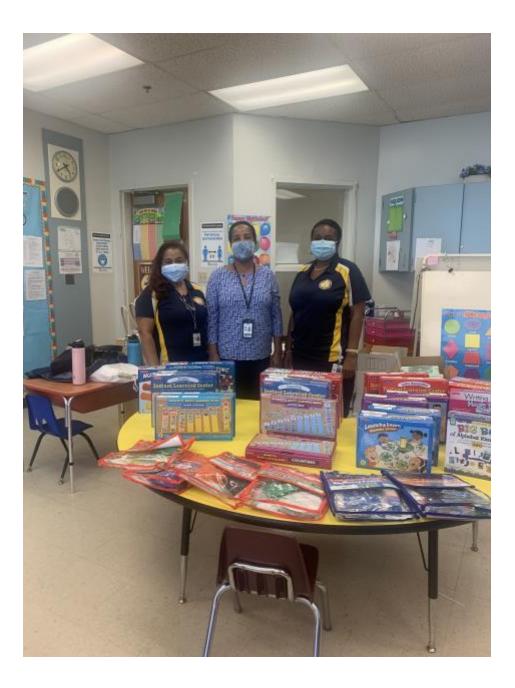
















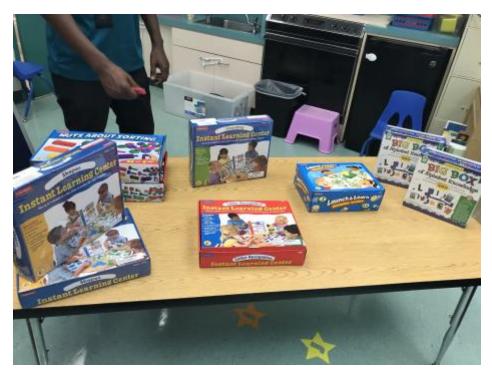
















#### Title I Executive Parent Advisory Council

The Title I Title I Executive Parent Advisory Council (EPAC) kicked off the new school year on September 2nd with the commencement of the first meeting of the year. Our Director, Luwando Wright, excitedly welcomed veteran as well as new members to the EPAC team. Elections were held to fill the EPAC board with favorable approval of all elected to serve. The current EPAC board members are:

Mario Marcano - Chair

Pamela Vance - Vice Chair

Rochelle Davis-Cox - Recording Secretary

Sara Lassalle - Assistant Recording Secretary

Dr. Priscilla McCray - Parliamentarian

Dennisse Melendez-Garcia - New Member

Demetria Rawls – New Member

EPAC welcomes all to the upcoming meetings that are held at the Title I office. Mark your calendar for the meeting dates below:

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January 6, 2022

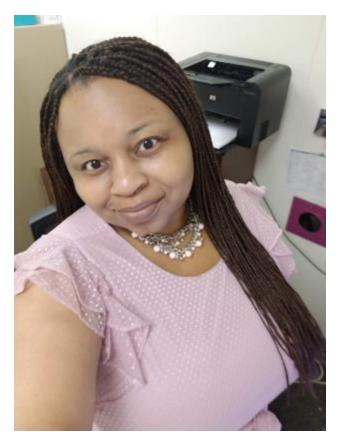
March 3, 2022

May 6, 2022

For more information about the Title I Title I Executive Parent Advisory Council, please call Ms. Annie Mosely at 754-321-1400.



3 - Mario Marcano - EPAC Chairperson



4 - Pamela Vance - EPAC Vice Chairperson



5 - Dr. Priscilla McCray - EPAC Parliamentarian



6 - Rochelle Davis-Cox - EPAC Recording Secretary



7 - Sara Lassalle - EPAC Assistant Recording Secretary



8 - Dennisse Melendez-Garcia - EPAC Community Member



9 - Demetria J. Rawls - EPAC Member

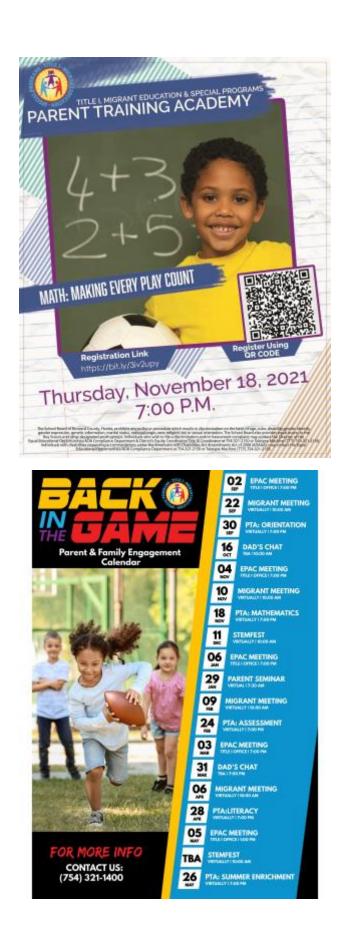
# Most Valuable Player





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