Open House & Annual Title I Meeting

Orchard Knob Middle School
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The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that each Title I school holds an annual meeting of Title I families in order to:

- inform you of your school’s participation in Title I,
- explain the requirements of Title I, and
- explain your rights as parents and family members to be involved.
What will I learn??

- What is a Title I school?
- What can Title I funds be used for?
- How does our school use Title I funds?
- What is the School Improvement Plan?
- What are our schoolwide program goals?
- How is parent and family engagement funded?
- What is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy?
- What is the School-Parent Compact?
- What curriculum does our school use?
- What tests will my child be taking?
- How can I be involved?
What is a **Title I** School?!

- Title I was passed in 1965 under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). It is the largest federal assistance program for our nation’s schools.

- Title I schools receive extra funding (Title I dollars) from the federal government. These dollars are used to:
  - identify students experiencing academic difficulties and provide assistance to help these students;
  - purchase additional staff, programs, materials, and/or supplies; and
  - conduct parent and family engagement meetings, trainings, events, and/or activities.
What are my rights?

1. Be Involved
   At the school & district level

2. Get Access
   Request Child’s Achievement and Test Scores

3. Request & Receive Info
   - Qualifications of Faculty and Staff working with students
   - Request meetings & provide input in your student’s education
What can Title I be used for?

01 Smaller Class Sizes
Extra time for instruction

02 Additional teachers, staff,
and training opportunities

03 Parent engagement Activities

04 Teaching materials, equipment, & technology
Respect, Hope, Change  Read, Write, Think  Deeper Connections Among Stakeholders

Schoolwide Program Goals

- Build a collaborative community of respect, hope, and change
- Show measurable growth in their ability to read, write, and think
- Provide social emotional learning training for all faculty & staff
- Provide peer to peer and peer to adult social emotional learning through Common Connections
- Gain a deeper connection with peers, adults, and the school community
- Increase student attendance and improve incidents of student discipline infractions
The school Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be shared through Powerschool Registration Portal. In addition, the policy can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sciADyZOJCcl2jK0tLGQBTS_6xVkKTyt/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112186035575304452917&rtpof=true&sd=true
A school-parent compact is a written commitment that outlines how the entire school community – teachers, families, and students will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement.

▪ The compact must describe how the school will:
  • provide high-quality curriculum and instruction;
  • hold parent-teacher conferences, annually in elementary schools;
  • provide parents with reports on their child’s progress;
  • provide parents reasonable access to staff.
  • provide parents opportunities to volunteer; and
  • ensure regular two-way meaningful communication between family members and staff, to the extent practicable, in a language family members can understand.

▪ You, as a Title I parent or family member, have the right to be involved in the development of the compact.
The school-parent compact will be shared
- Via the school website

In addition, the compact can be found here:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eNVP2__H6kICLYe8wTsztAlNsAJ810Q/view?usp=sharing
The Tennessee Academic Standards provide a common set of expectations for what students will know and be able to do at the end of a grade for each subject area.

Tennessee’s academic standards form the framework for everything taught at Orchard Knob Middle School.

For more information about Tennessee’s academic standards, see: https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/education/instruction/academic-standards.html
What tests will my child be taking???

01: RTI Universal Screeners through i-Ready
02: RTI i-Ready IXL SPIRE Read 180 System 44
03: Quarterly Benchmark Assessments
04: Tennessee Ready Assessment TN Ready
Families can contact the Parent Volunteer coordinator to volunteer for various events, participate in informational sessions, classes offered, and join the PTA.

We need you! Research has proven that family engagement in education has more impact on student achievement than any other factor.

How can I be involved???

**Data Driven**
- Checking grades
- Encourage attendance
- Attend meetings & School events
- Join committees & Advisory boards
- Reading school updates

**SIP**
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**School Parent Compact**
- Checking grades
- Encourage attendance
- Attend meetings & School events
- Join committees & Advisory boards
- Reading school updates
What trainings can OKMS provide to parents/guardians?

Examples:

- Training on how to use Student virtual Platforms such as Zoom and Canvas
- Tech Goes Home
Who can I contact for help?

For general questions, call the front office at: 423-493-7793

- To reach the principal, **Tiffany Earvin, call: 423-493-7793**
- To reach the Asst. Principals or Dean of Students,
  - Travis Miller (6th grade) - miller_travis@hcde.org
  - Michael Calloway (7th grade) - calloway_michael@hcde.org
  - Charlette Duncan (8th grade) - duncan_charlette@hcde.org
- To reach the school counselors, call 423-493-7793
  - Jennifer Thomas (6th grade, 7th grade last name N-Z) ext.43060 or email thomas_j@hcde.org
  - Hillary Smith (8th grade, 7th grade last name A-M) ext. 43061 or email smith_hilary@hcde.org
- To reach our family liaison, Tonya Turman, call: 423-493-7793, ext. 43029
- To reach your child’s teacher, call the front office or view our staff directory at the link below: [OKMS Faculty/Staff Contact List](#)
Questions & Answers
THANK YOU!

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