

Dear Hurricane Elementary Parents,

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We need help.

- Over the past 10+ years we have improved from one of the lowest-performing schools in the district to among the highest by following our Title I improvement plan.
- Because of Title I, we have parents' nights, robotics clubs, Science Olympiad, choir concerts, and dance festivals to involve parents in our school. These after-school activities are all partially or fully-funded by Title I funds.
- Because of Title I, every teacher in our school receives in-house training from our learning coach at least once a week, based on the needs of our students. We are model school in the district for this type of training.

Title I has been a successful program for us, but because we have had fewer families fill-out the free and reduced lunch application, we are in danger of losing our status as a Title I school. In fact, we came very close to losing our status this year because of the low numbers of parents who filled-out the form last year. To keep our status, we need more families to fill-out this form. Title I money is budgeted and allocated to schools in Washington County even if HES does not qualify for these funds. Even if you send lunch with your child every day, please fill out the application so that we can keep this status and money at Hurricane Elementary School, rather than sending it to other schools in the nation, state, and district.

The lunch application is found at https://freeandreducedmeals.com/lfserver/WashingtonCounty_FRA_APP_ENG-18-19 If you need help accessing or completing the form, please ask. We have computers in the office and people to help. Even if you don't think you'll qualify, please try; every year we have several families qualify who didn't think they would. You can make the difference in this important funding for our school.

We have been able to do all of the above with the help of Title I funds. I can't list everything that Title I pays for, but if we lost this status we would lose the funding that we currently apply to:

- Robotics clubs for 2nd through 5th graders
- Before and after-school tutoring
- Weekly science class with Dr. Tauiliili
- Computers in each classroom and ChromeBooks assigned to each student
- Smartboards or eBeams in every classroom
- Parents' Nights like for Math and Literacy, STEM Nights, Cardboard Carnival, and the Dance Festival
- Software and learning materials for each student to use, such as iReady and Imagine Learning
- Training opportunities in our school and in professional conferences to allow our teachers to continue to improve
- A Title I School Site Coordinator (Mrs. Browning) to help run this program at our school
- Our pre-school program with certified instructors and high standards
- An Optional Extended Kindergarten (OEK) program
- And more!

Please let us know if there is anything that you need in order to find or fill-out the application. We have our fingers crossed that this year we will meet the criteria to stay in this program in order to continue to improve Hurricane Elementary School.

All of our teachers and instructional aides are highly qualified to work in a Title I school. If you have any questions about the qualifications of the staff at Hurricane Elementary School, please call and talk with me.

Sincerely,

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