



DCPS Title I Parent Involvement

New Town Community Health-Wealth Fair

S.P. Livingston Elementary in collaboration with the Title I Parent Involvement Center hosted its 2nd Health & Wealth Fair on May 7, 2009, sponsored by The Chartrand Foundation. The parent participation was phenomenal. Various vendors provided services and information to parents, regarding finance, education, employment, fitness, and nutrition. Parents left with many suggestions, ideas, and material to assist with the health and education of themselves and their children, as well as ways of building a strong family and financial foundation.

Kelvin Lewis of Fitness 21 engaged the age diverse

group in a variety of warm-up exercises. As the old cliché goes...It's never too late to learn. The highly motivated group attained information concerning multiple levels of education and/or training through Florida Community College of Jacksonville (FCCJ - Wendell Webster) and Edward Waters College (EWC).

Ms. Pennie Funches, Duval County Parent Liaison, provided demonstrations on making quick, healthy desserts and how to get the maximum nutritional benefits when preparing fresh vegetables.

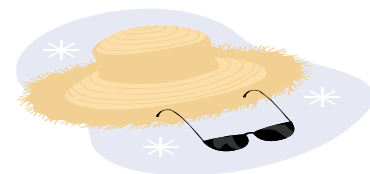
Representatives from the Florida Department of Treasure (Tiffany Reeves),

Work Source (Darcell Dawson), Primerica (Clarence Terry), Wal-Mart Vision (Tammy Smalls), Real Sense, and the Duval Vision Services all participated in providing information and/or services.

S. P. Livingston Spring Carnival coincided with the New Town Health & Wealth Fair, which made the event all the more enjoyable for parents and children.



Neighborhood Librarian



Summer Hours Parent Involvement Centers

S. P. Livingston Elem.
1128 Barber St.
Monday-Thursday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(904) 630-6728
or
(904) 630-6729

Northwestern Middle
2100 W. 45th St.
Monday-Thursday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(904) 924-3100
Ext. 175

Summer Workshops in June

Kitchen Math - 6/8

Family Reading Parties - Reading With Your Child - 6/9

Positive Attitude - 6/10

Family Reading Parties - Choosing a Child's Book - 6/11

Science Lab at Home - 6/15

Setting up a Learning Environment - 6/17

Launch into Reading and Writing - 6/22

Study Skills - 6/24

Contact the Parent Involvement Center for time and location of workshops

(904) 630-6728 or (904) 630-6729

New Parent Liaison

The Parent Involvement Team would like to welcome Deetra Linder-Christopher as the newest parent liaison. Ms. Christopher will be housed at S. P. Livingston Elementary. She feels teachers, parents, and the community are the key components to a successful educational experience for our children. She wants to be an active part of that experience by bridging the gap between the necessary components. Ms. Christopher is excited about the upcoming year and hopes to make a difference at S.P. Livingston and the New Town Community.



Woodland Acres Elementary Parent Involvement Center Grand Opening

Woodland Acres Elementary Parent Involvement Center's Grand Opening took place on May 8, 2009. The anticipation and wait is over and the Woodland Acres center is finally open. The grand opening represented not only a celebration of a new beginning, but as a marking of a new period called "Success by Design" in which parent involvement, and parent empowerment is aggressively sought after through Duval County Public Schools Title I program.

This program is very new, most parents are not aware of what all the parent involvement centers offer, but the word is getting out. During the Grand Opening Sharlay Smith, Parent Liaison for Woodland Acres,

gave a presentation of the type of things that parents, teachers, and the Neighborhood Learning

Network can look forward to. She also showed the guest some of the educational materials and products that will be available for parents to take home to work with their child.

The grand opening was a great success, the guest were excited about the future of the center and expect great things to happen.

Some the distinguished guest were Jackie Byrd, DCPS Executive Director, Turnaround Schools Cluster II; Selinda Keyes, DCPS Chief Officer K-8 Education Cluster II; Frank

Herrington, Supervisor Title I; Julie Beasley, Full Service Schools of Jacksonville; and Mary Calcagni, University Park Public Library. Several parents and teachers from the Woodland Acres school also attended.



Mrs. Smith



and services offered by the Parent Involvement Center.

The mothers were entertained by students of S. P. Livingston.

Mom's Day at S. P. Livingston Elementary

S.P. Livingston Elementary hosted a Mother's Day Brunch and workshop on April 13th. Mothers were inspired by many speakers such as Grace who told the audience about her struggles and how she had to set an example for her children by completing her education. She said, "I knew that if my kids didn't see me trying to make something out of my life, then they wouldn't try."

Traci Irven, a businesswomen, talked



Oldest mother attending brunch

with the mother's about the right way to communicate. Debra Keels, Title I Lead Specialist Parent Involvement, talked with the mothers about positive parent teacher conferences,



Mothers enjoying their brunch

Grand Opening - Northwestern Parent Involvement Center

Northwestern Middle School had its Parent Involvement Center's Grand Opening on May 29, 2009. Mr. George Young, the parent liaison at Northwestern, believes that the Success By Design model which includes the Neighborhood Learning Network (NLN) is what will attract the parents to the center. During the grand opening the core of the NLN was in full force including Mr. Joel

Thorbs of the Graham Public Library, Ms. Tiffany Reeves of the Florida Department of Financial Services, Ms. Sharon Robinson of Full Service Schools of Jacksonville, and Mr. Phillip Mobley of North Side Church of Christ.

Although the parental participation wasn't what was expected, Mr. Young is very optimistic the word will spread and involvement will increase.



Mr. George Young