



Florida A&M University Developmental Research School

FAMU DRS is committed to providing a quality education for students by promoting rigor and innovative strategies for teaching and learning.

Title I, Part A September/October Newsletter

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Title I Services at FAMU DRS

The Title I Schoolwide Program at FAMU DRS will put into operation programs, activities, resources, and procedures for the following:

- providing high-quality professional development for the faculty and staff;
- purchase of materials aligned to State academic standards;
- meeting the educational needs of low-achieving children in our Nation's highest-poverty schools, limited English proficient children, migratory children, children with disabilities, Indian children, neglected or delinquent children, and young children in need of reading assistance;
- closing the achievement gap between high- and low-performing children;
- involvement of parents/guardians in substantial and meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children;
- coordinate the efforts to assure successful implementations of the approved programs.

For further information, please visit the following websites:

Florida Department of Education Office of Title I Programs and Academic Intervention Services:
<http://www.fldoe.org/bsa/title1/>

What is the SPAR?

Florida's School Public Accountability Reports (SPAR) has been generated to comply with federal legislation that requires annual report cards on the

September at a Glance:

- Labor Day (**Sept. 5**)
- SMART Academy Begins (**Sept. 12**) Contact Dr. Vivian Wilson for more information (850-412-5878)
- Early Release Day (**Sept. 16**)
- Hispanic Heritage Month Begins (**Sept. 15**)
- Progress Report (**Sept 20**) – FAMUS.focusschoolsoftware.com
- Open House (**Sept. 20-22**)
- State-wide Father Take Your Child to School Day (**Sept. 28**) Contact Ms. Leon or Ms. Labissiere 850-412-5930

educational progress of schools, school districts, and the state. These reports are initially published prior to the beginning of the school year. The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets public reporting requirements and provides certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools.

To see the SPAR report for FAMU DRS, Please visit:
<http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/index.cfm>

Healthy Habit Tips!

Plan and prepare healthy meals each week with your family. Each meal with your children is a chance to help them grow, learn to make decisions on their own, and share special family time with you. For quick meal options:

1. Look for recipes with fewer ingredients visit WhatsCooking.fns.usda.org.gov for recipes.
2. Prepare extra meals in advance to store in the freezer for later use
3. Stock your kitchen with canned low-salt or low-sodium beans, vegetables, soups, whole grain pasta, brown rice, and breakfast cereal.

Breast Cancer Awareness



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Breast cancer screening means checking a woman's breasts for cancer before she has any symptoms. Mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms.

Can't afford a mammogram? If you have a low income or do not have insurance and are between the ages of 40 and 64, you may qualify for a free or low-cost mammogram through CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. To learn more, call (800) CDC-INFO.

Parent's Right-to-Know

At Florida A&M University Developmental Research (FAMU DRS) we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the 2016-2017 school year and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.
- What are the methods to insure that you are provided information on the level of achievement of your child in each of the State academic assessments.

Parent Involvement

Parents are the most powerful influence on a child's success in school. Research shows that a home environment that supports learning is more important to student success than income, education level, or cultural background. Parents, teachers, staff, and community members are members of the team. Let's work together to boost student achievement!

- Attend Open House, Title I parent meetings, and orientation
- Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Participate in workshops and informational meetings
- Volunteer at school and classroom events
- Join any of the school's committees:
 - Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
 - School Advisory Council (SAC)

- Family Involvement Committee
- ESOL Parent Leadership Council

There are a variety of ways that you can find out information and communicate with FAMU DRS and your child's teacher(s).

- School website
- Elementary/Secondary Newsletters
- Classroom newsletters
- School marquee and calling post
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Online progress reports
- Report cards
- Student planners
- Teacher email, blogs, webpages, and/or telephone
- FOCUS parent portal
- Schoology
- Edmodo
- ClassDojo

Please visit www.famudrs.org for membership information. You may also view our school marquee for meeting days and times.

FAMU DRS Family Empowerment Center

The FAMU DRS Family Empowerment Center hosts family workshops and trainings for grades K-12 throughout the school year. Parents may also visit the Family Empowerment Center to use available resources and materials that will help them and their child be successful. Please contact the school to make an appointment today!

Need more resources? Please visit our website at www.famudrs.org.

What to Expect in October:

- DRS Fall Title I Parent Meeting (Oct. 4)
- Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration (Oct. 6)
- DRS Homecoming Week (Oct. 10-14)
- End of First Nine Weeks (Oct. 20)
- Teacher Planning Day (Oct. 21)
- Jumpstart's Read for the Record (Oct. 27)

LOOKING FOR A CALENDAR OF EVENTS, TESTING SCHEDULE, OR SCHOOL CALENDAR?

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