



Title I, Migrant Education & Special  
Programs  
April 2021 Newsletter

## The Director's Message



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*Title I, Migrant and Special Programs*

As spring is approaching, we remember to enjoy the beautiful weather outside and engage in a bit of spring cleaning when we are stuck inside. This cleaning does not always have to be about things, but it can be about our inner self as well. To help us get started, we hosted a Dad's Chat featuring guest speakers Montell Jordan and Guy Wheeler, which was centered around The Art of Self Reflection. We also hosted a Parent Training Academy featuring the BCPS Applied Learning Departments Fine Arts Team, which focused on Igniting the Connection Between Arts & Academics. In this newsletter, we share some of the important take-aways from our recent events and hope that they will inspire you to melt away the winter blues.

## In this Month's Issue

In this April Newsletter, you will find updates for the following initiatives and programs in our department:

- Title I VPK Lending Library by Theresa Taylor and Sharonda Webb
- Dad's Chat - Man in the Mirror by Michael Shorter
- Igniting the Connection Between Arts and Academics by Yolanda C. Nails and Michael Shorter

- Title I Resource Center by Michael Shorter and Linda Howard

## *Title I VPK Lending Library*

Mrs. Mary Yong of Welleby Elementary, one of the 50 Title I VPK teachers, has been in partnership with our early childhood initiative for the last three years, and she supports this initiative by encouraging parents and families to take part in the “Lending Library.”

The Lending Library allows parents to borrow two resources/academic games for two weeks at a time to extend their child’s learning at home. Mrs. Yong shared a document of the offered resources and she also provides parents with suggestions on the the types of resources/academic skills that their child can use additional support in. Parents have shared that their children have benefitted from the resources and that their children have really enjoyed the at home learning activities from the Lending Library.

Title I and the VPK Community Liaison, Mrs. Theresa Taylor, is pleased that parents and families have an opportunity to take part in their child’s learning and that students develop a love of learning.

If you are a Title I VPK Classroom teacher and you are interested in checking out these materials please contact Mrs. Theresa Taylor at [theresa.taylor@browardschools.com](mailto:theresa.taylor@browardschools.com).



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## *Dad's Chat - Man in the Mirror*

The second Dad’s Chat of the year was held on March 2, 2021. The focus of the chat was centered around The Art of Self Reflection. There was a motivating message brought to us by the singer, song writer and producer Montell Jordan. Mr. Jordan spoke directly to the parents of the district laying out a three-layer approach to parenting. The first layer is **CONFIRMATION**. He stated that children often look to their parents for confirmation. Children often receive affirmation from other adults and friends in areas such as success and independence, but it does all come together until it is confirmed by their parents. Secondly, he felt that children look to their parents to solidify their **IDENTITY**. This gives them a solid foundation and a feeling of self-worth. Lastly, children look to their parents for their **INHERITANCE**. This is not necessarily monetary but more culturally and common family beliefs. Mr. Jordan was very personable and gave some of the personal experiences he had with his own children.

Our second speaker, Mr. Guy Wheeler, who is a licensed counselor, addressed the audience by expounding on the Art of self-reflection. After a brief introduction and an explanation of the breakout activity, the participants were then taken to breakout rooms where everyone was asked to answer a specific question: “If you could talk to your younger self, what advice would you give?” There was a variety of responses to the question, but it gave us a chance to just reflect on our past experiences and what we could have done differently if we knew then what we know now.

A very special thanks to all our participants and the team that worked behind the scenes to make this an exciting event. See you for the final Dad’s Chat of the year during the month of May.



## Upcoming Events



**TITLE I MIGRANT EDUCATION & SPECIAL PROGRAMS**  
**PARENT TRAINING ACADEMY**

**2021 FULLY CHARGED:  
JUMP-START  
SUMMER  
LEARNING**

**THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 AT 7:00PM**

**REGISTER USING THE QR CODE OR LINK BELOW**

**<https://bit.ly/2OnqyOr>**

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## Igniting the Connection Between Arts and Academics

Our Title I Parent Training Academy remains FULLY CHARGED in providing engaging and valuable virtual presentations for our families! On Thursday, March 11th, our theme was “Igniting the Connection Between Arts and Academics”.

A team of well-versed employees from the Applied Learning department shared information on opportunities provided by the district in the areas of Art, Music, and Debate. Our parents were eager to learn the vast courses related to the subject areas for their children. Parents were also empowered to advocate for their school to add some of the programs to their school’s list of course offerings. A big thank you to the following members of the Applied Learning teams for sharing this meaningful information with our Title I families:

Donna Haynes, K-12 Visual Arts Curriculum Supervisor

Joseph Luechauer, Supervisor of Music and Performing

Kimberly Annis, Instructional Facilitator for Music and Performing Arts

Chantal Graziani-Bandoni, Instructional Facilitator for Visual Art

Lisa Farris, Instructional Facilitator in Civic Engagement

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Marie Berlin, the director of Youth Initiatives and Community Engagement at the Young At Art museum, brought greetings and shared FREE resources currently being offered for students and families. She invited our families out to visit their new location in the Westfield Mall to see current and future exhibitions, especially those creations by some of our local, award winning BCPS art students. Families were encouraged to visit their website for more details of upcoming events.

As Title I tradition goes, three parents were gifted with a \$25 Walmart gift card for being first to register and attend as active participants in our virtual PTA Orientation! Thank you to our sponsor, Curriculum Associates, for the generous donation to our families.

We will remain FULLY CHARGED as we offer the final session of our Title I Parent Training Academy series in May to “Jumpstart Summer Learning”.

**Debate at Home**

National Speech and Debate Association:  
<https://www.speechanddebate.org/>

Judge Enrichment Tutorial:  
<https://www.manateeDistrict.org/>

Speeches/Tournament Calendar:  
<https://www.speechwise.com/>

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**Music and Performing Arts at Home**

Chrome Music <http://www.chromeexperiments.com/>

Examples of music made with Chrome Music!

Example 1  
<https://www.chromeexperiments.com/#/music/58071889621884>

Example 2  
<https://www.chromeexperiments.com/#/music/580538213320488>

Star Wars  
<https://www.chromeexperiments.com/#/music/58042000784>

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**Performing Arts Course Offerings**

- Theater K-5
- Theater 6-8
- Technical Theater
- Acting
- Musical Theater
- Theater Production
- Theater Improvisation

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## Music Course Offerings

**General Music K-5**  
Chorus  
Recorder  
Drumming  
Ukulele  
Keyboard

**Music 6-8**  
Band  
Chorus  
Orchestra  
Keyboard  
Music  
Technology  
Guitar

**Music 9-12**  
Band  
Marching Band  
Chorus  
Orchestra  
Jazz Band  
Keyboard  
Music Technology  
Guitar  
AP Music Theory



## Visual Arts Course Offerings

**General Art K-5 & Art 6-8**  
Generalist includes:

- 2-dimensional & 3-dimensional experiences
- Drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, digital arts




**Visual Art Courses 9-12**

- Advanced Placement Studio Art
- Drawing
- 3-Dimensional Design
- 2-Dimensional Design
- Art History
- Ceramics & Pottery
- Sculpture
- Drawing & Painting
- Printmaking
- Digital arts
- Photography
- Darkroom Photography
- Digital Photography
- Film





## Why Visual Arts?

- Benefits of taking a visual arts class
- Classroom experience
- Social and Emotional Learning
- Visual Arts defined as a "Core" area
- Artforms speak as a language
- Scholarships/Exhibition Opportunities
- Careers in the Arts




## Visual Art at Home

**TATE KIDS**  
<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>  
Play free games and quizzes, find art activities, explore homework help and share your art with Tate Kids. The best art website for kids.

**TATE MAKE**  
<https://www.tate.org.uk/td/make>  
Be inspired and create step-by-step art activities with videos.

**TATE EXPLORE**  
<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore>  
Go on an adventure-meet artists and hear their stories-explore multiple genres of art.



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