

## Title I Books Bridge Buses

Three Books Bridge mobile outreach classrooms provide a rich resource for Polk County Schools through a partnership between Title I and Library Media Services. Each bus is staffed with a certified Library Media Specialist and a Paraprofessional/Driver who create a vibrant learning environment.

These buses visit schools around the county once a week to provide instruction to K-8 students in vocabulary, comprehension, writing, content areas, technology integration, research, and library skills.

For more information about this program please contact Library Media Services at 863-647-4714.



NEW Pilot Program for our Families!

## BOOKS BRIDGE MAC MOBILE ACTIVITY CENTER!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Loughman Oaks 8:45-10:45	Palmetto 11:30-1:00	Lake Alfred Adair MS 8:45-10:00	Alta Vista 11:15-12:15	Sandhill 9:45-11:45
Lake Marion Creek 11:45-1:15	Laurel 1:15-2:30	Lake Alfred Elementary 10:15-11:30	Eastside 12:30-2:30	Boone Middle 12:45-2:45
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### The Bus will offer families:

- Weekly parent workshops & activities
- Information on community resources
- iPad WITH Wi-Fi
- Rosetta Stone
- Materials for checkout and return!



## CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RESOURCE CENTERS

THE CENTERS ARE LOCATED ON A SCHOOL CAMPUS AND ARE OPEN TO ALL PARENTS WITH A STUDENT IN A TITLE I SCHOOL

<p><b>@ Frostproof Elementary</b> 118 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Frostproof, FL 33843 (863) 635-8600 STAFF: Anna Loaiza Open M, W, F -7:30 AM-3:00 PM T, TH - 10:30 AM-6:00 PM or 12:30-8:00 PM if there is an evening class.</p>	<p><b>@ Sleepy Hill Elementary</b> 2285 Sleepy Hill Road Lakeland, FL 33810 (863) 815-6787 STAFF: Azalea Guadalupe Open M, W, F -7:30 AM-3:00 PM T, TH - 10:30 AM-6:00 PM or 12:30-8:00 PM if there is an evening class.</p>
<p><b>@ Garner Elementary</b> 2500 Havendale Blvd NW Winter Haven, FL 33881 (863) 965-5488 STAFF: Mindy Santiago Open M, W, F -7:30 AM-3:00 PM T, TH - 10:30 AM-6:00 PM or 12:30-8:00 PM if there is an evening class.</p>	<p><b>@ Combee Elementary</b> 2805 Morgan Combee Rd Lakeland, FL 33801 (863) 668-3035 STAFF: Jacqueline Olivo Open M, W, F -7:30 AM-3:00 PM T, TH - 10:30 AM-6:00 PM or 12:30-8:00 PM if there is an evening class.</p>
<p>NEW-Opening March 2017 <b>@ Horizons Elementary</b> 1700 Forest Lake Drive      Dav- enport, FL 33837              (863) 419-3430 STAFF: Marjorie Greenfield &amp; Sonia Carrillo Open M,W, F 7:30-8 AM, 3-4 PM T, TH 9:30-10:45 , 3:00-6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>@ Mulberry Middle School</b> 500 Martin Luther King Ave Mulberry, FL 33860 (863) 425-9288 STAFF: Nitza Ribot Open M, W, F - 8:00 AM-3:30 PM T, TH - 10:30 AM-6:00 PM or 12:30-8:00 PM if there is an evening class.</p>

For more information  
please call the Office of Federal Programs  
and Grants Management  
(863) 534-0646.



# Polk County Schools

## Title I

Parent and Family Resource Centers  
Polk's Parent University  
&  
Books Bridge Buses

Revised March 2017



### Parent Center Website

[www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/pirc.htm](http://www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/pirc.htm)

### Parent University Website

[www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/plug.htm](http://www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/plug.htm)



## PARENT AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS



### Location of the Centers:

Each center is located on the campus of a school: Sleepy Hill Elementary; Combee Elementary; Garner Elementary; Frostproof Elementary; Mulberry Middle School; and Horizon's Elementary.

### Goal of the parent centers

Our goal is to educate, equip, and partner with our students and their support systems by offering a wide variety of relevant and effective programs and resources that will make a positive impact on the individual and the community. By building strong partnerships between schools, families, and the community to support learning we will increase student achievement in our schools.

### Who can come to the center?

All parents of a student who attend a Title I school are welcome to visit, take part in the workshops, and check out materials to help their child at home with academic skills.

### Community Partners

The parent centers partner with many community organizations along with PCSB departments and other Federal programs to offer classes and services to our parents. We are continually working to partner with other organizations within our community.

### AGAPE Mobile Pantries/Catholic Charities

The parent centers sponsor an AGAPE mobile food pantry on several dates and locations during the school year. The mobile pantry brings groceries for 250 families. Please call the center or visit our website for dates and locations.

### FREE Educational Workshops

Each center offers a variety of workshops and activities each month. Some of the presenters are from community agencies or businesses. Some of the topics offered are: academics, bullying, positive parenting, behavior, financial literacy, interviewing for a job, substance abuse, graduation requirements, testing, writing a resume, using your public library, healthy cooking, internet safety, couponing, stranger danger, and many other topics!

Please visit the website to see Monthly Calendars with class schedules, dates, and times [www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/pirc.htm](http://www.polk-fl.net/parents/involvement/pirc.htm)

### What do the centers offer?

- FREE classes and workshops for parents
- Informational brochures and pamphlets on a variety of topics
- Information on local community resources, including ACCESS!
- Materials to check out and use at home
- Parent resource library
- ACT/SAT test prep materials
- GED study guides and adult school information
- Visits from the Books Bridge Bus
- Visits from AGAPE mobile food pantries through a partnership with Catholic Charities
- Learn English with Rosetta Stone
- Computers for parent use.
- Family Game and Craft Nights
- Bilingual materials
- Nutrition classes with UF IFS Extension Program
- **FREE** tax prep with Florida Prosperity Partners and United Way

Please visit our website to view a catalog of materials available for checkout. Parents may sign up for an account and check out two items at one time to support learning at home.

### Homework Help

Help with homework is offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. for elementary and middle school students. The help is provided by high school honor students or adult volunteers. Please call the center to sign up for the homework help. A parent or guardian must stay at the center with their child.

### Coffee and Conversation

Each center offers "coffee and conversation" on the first and third Friday of each month @ 8:30 AM. Parents are welcome to drop in, have coffee, and informative conversation with other parents about relevant educational topics.

### Monthly FAMILY Game or Craft Nights

Each center offers a monthly game or craft activity for families. These activities are held in the evening and are for families to come visit the center and spend time together in a learning activity. A calendar of events for each center can be found on our website.



## POLK'S PARENT UNIVERSITY



### Many school districts have implemented programs similar in order to:

- increase parent and family engagement and participation in schools,
- allow parents and families an opportunity to network with educators, community agencies, and other parents and families.
- help families develop the skills needed to implement positive parenting practices and further their education.

### What is the Goal of Polk's Parent University?

Our philosophy is that parenting, like other types of education, is an ongoing and lifelong learning process. **PARENTS and FAMILIES** are the single most important factor in a child's success. Parent University is a partnership with all stakeholders, including, educators, businesses, community agencies and organizations, and other parents, to offer free courses and events and activities that will equip families with new or additional skills, knowledge, and resources.

**Parent University is held in the Spring. This is a FREE** event that offers transportation, lunch or snacks, and limited childcare. Community vendors and agencies will have resource tables with information and resources. There are a variety of workshops on core academics, bullying, ESE, financial literacy, nutrition, student services, stress management and many other topics are offered. Workshops and classes will engage parents in innovative and meaningful partnerships

### Our efforts focus on ....

- **Parenting Awareness:** Building the capacity of our families by providing information and developing their skills to help support their children through learning. We support families on being an advocate for their child, being involved in parent leadership, and effective parenting skills.
- **Learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:** Assisting parents in staying current with educational trends and learning, including the challenges associated with living in an age of technology.
- **Health and Wellness:** Emphasizing the importance of living a healthy life with a focus on physical, nutritional, and mental health.
- **Personal Growth:** Providing topics related to personal and professional growth and college and career readiness.