



Parent Newsletter

Fall
2022

A Message from Principal Frandsen

Greetings parents and guardians of ITC students,

Can you believe that we have completed a quarter of the school year already? I know I can't. We have seen your students working hard to learn the subject matter and improve their English skills all year. They really are doing hard things in school, and we appreciate their effort. I would love to ask your help as you support your student's academic progress and improving their English skills. Please make sure that your students read every day. We tell the students that they should read for 30 minutes minimum every day. Including the weekends! If they consistently do this simple activity, their English will improve much quicker.

Thank you for all you do to help your student be successful in school!

Dr. Steve Frandsen
Principal, ITC

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Check out our school
website at
<https://www.gcpsk12.org/ITC>



Sign your student
up for free online
tutoring through
ITC Saturday
School!



ITC Saturday School is open to all ITC students. We have two sessions per month with one focusing on reading and speaking English and the other focusing on using English to learn math. Students can use their GCPS Chromebooks or personal electronic devices to log into Zoom and participate in this tutoring session with other ITC students. Students who attend and participate receive the books and learning games to continue practicing English at home.

Complete this form to
enroll your student in
our free online
learning!

<https://forms.gle/quDpLPWG4i67aYD57>



Coming soon!
Read With Me

Read With Me is open to all ITC students. This is an online extended learning time where an ITC teacher connects with students from home to read in the evenings. We will read some traditional bedtime stories that families often experience in America. We will reread some texts that are used in ITC classrooms. We will read some additional texts that help students become more fluent in English. Students who attend and participate will receive the books to continue reading at home. This free online tutoring begins in November and is specific to the ITC location. Look for more information soon about the date and time for Read With Me on your campus!

Tips for Supporting Students Learning at Home

1

Monitor grades and attendance using GCPS

Parent Portal: Using your own email address, you can get a login and password to the GCPS Parent Portal. In this one online location, you can see your student's grades, attendance, and behavior updates any time. You may also send and receive messages to teachers. Please call Karen Rincon at 678-226-7191 if you need a login or password.



2

Encourage Students to attend one of our Extended Learning Time sessions:

Saturday School and Read With Me are both ways students can engage in learning online with ITC teachers hosting sessions evenings and weekends.

Momentum is open to students who want to stay after school once a week and work with an ITC teacher on improving school performance. All three learning opportunities are free and provide additional English practice.



3

Promote English in the home: Encourage students to practice their English skills at home by watching closed captioning TV in English, listening to music in English, and reading in English. ITC students who participate in Saturday School or Read With Me will receive additional books to take home to practice reading in English. Ask students to tell you five new English words they learned each day and practice using them in conversation.



The ITC Student Support Department is here to support students' academic success, career development, and social-emotional growth, utilizing individual meetings, conferences, presentations, groups, and classroom lessons/activities.

We are happy to meet with them in person!

Students can request help by completing this form.



Meet our Student Support Department.

They are available from 7:00AM-3:00PM.



Shaleah Edwards
School Counselor



Wayne Taylor
Social Counselor



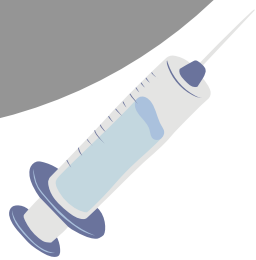
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Health and Wellness Updates



It is important that your student has updated vaccinations and immunizations. As immunizations expire, your student is given a letter explaining the date of expiration and where to go to get up-to-date on immunizations. **Students with expired Certificates of Immunization are NOT allowed to attend school.**

You may contact a private physician or any of the health department offices below for locations and times to receive updated immunizations:

Buford Health Center: 2755 Sawnee Ave. Buford, GA 30518 770.614.2401 Manager: Ann Trump	Lawrenceville Health Center: 455 Grayson Highway, Suite 300 Lawrenceville, GA 30046 Suite 300 770.339.4283 Manager: Ella Thompson	Norcross Health Center 5030 Georgia Belle Court Norcross, GA 30093 770.638.5700 Manager: Kendra Bates
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Let's learn about Autumn of Fall in America!

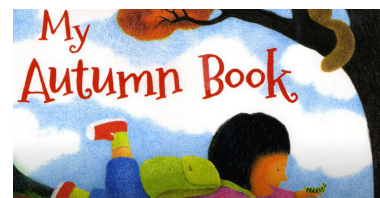
Watch this video to learn English words about autumn or fall.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hoz2t5b4OSY>



Watch this video to read My Autumn Book.



<https://tinyurl.com/yjانبj5e>

Watch this video to read Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn



<https://tinyurl.3cuu25cs>



Here are some questions your friends, neighbors, or coworkers might ask you about autumn or fall.



What do you like to do outside in autumn?

- I like hiking and looking at the colorful leaves.
- I like watching the birds fly south.
- I like decorating my home and yard for Halloween.
- I like playing sports outside in the autumn.
- I stay inside during fall because it is cold to me.



Does your home country have the same autumn weather as Georgia?

- Yes, it is cooler with a breeze this time of year in ____.
- No, in ____ the fall weather is warmer.
- No, in ____ it is not this breezy.
- In my home country, it is not autumn right now.

