Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year. We are looking forward to a busy school year. Did you know Thoreau Park Elementary is a **Title 1 Schoolwide building**? This means that our school receives federal allocations to aid instruction for ALL students. Title 1 schoolwide programs generally offer smaller class sizes, additional teachers and/or targeted materials to help support reading and/or math skills.

At Thoreau Park, students receiving Title 1 support (K-3) will benefit from extra instruction in several essential areas of reading: **phonological awareness**, **phonics** and **fluency**. This support will be provided using research-based strategies and/or evidence-validated supplemental programs. In addition to reading support, some students may receive math intervention in the areas of fact fluency, number identification and counting. If your child qualifies for Title 1 support, you will be notified by our Title 1 staff.

We are committed to helping our Thoreau Park students become lifelong learners. Thoreau Park is a "**WONDERFUL**" place to learn, and we look forward to building a partnership with our Thoreau Park Families this school year.

Thoreau Park Elementary Belief Statement

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Title 1 News

September 2026

Parent Right to Know

As a parent of a student at a Title 1 served school, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers and requires the information to be given to you in a timely manner. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

I. Whether the teacher has met the State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
II. Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
III. Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher; and
IV. Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

You can view this information at the Ohio Department of Education's website at: **https://core.ode.state.oh.us/Core4/ODE.CORE.Lic.Profile.Public.UI/**. Type in the teacher's first and last name and click on Search Educator.

Starting in October, you can find our Title 1 monthly newsletter in three places - the principal's weekly communication, the Thoreau Park Elementary School's website, and in our school office. On our school website go to the Title 1 Tab and click "NEWSLETTERS" to locate all of our monthly letters. If you would like to receive a hard copy of this newsletter, feel free to stop in our school office to receive one. In addition to our newsletters, we look forward to sharing more information about our TItle 1 program at our family engagement activities and monthly PTA meetings.

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October 2026

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"WHAT Does Schoolwide Title 1 Mean?"

Proud to be a Title I School

You may have seen the phrase, "Schoolwide Title 1 Building" and wondered what exactly that meant. At Thoreau Park Elementary School this means that the entire building qualifies for Title 1 services. Does this mean your child will be seen by one of the Title 1 teachers? Not necessarily. In a schoolwide program, all resources, services and personnel are blended to make a cohesive program that enhances the educational opportunities for all students.

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Title 1 & PTA

Please join one of our Title 1 staff members at the monthly PTA meetings to learn about "HOW" our school's Title 1 program serves the students at Thoreau Park Elementary School. We are excited to get your feedback regarding our Title 1 schoolwide program and look forward to seeing you at future PTA meetings.

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PTA Trunk-or-Treat

Please stop by the Title 1 booth to learn about our Title 1 program and HOW to support reading at home. We hope to see you on October 24th from 12-2 p.m.

PIE TIME = *Prevention*Intervention*Enrichment

All students, K-4, participate in daily PIE time. PIE time consists of a 35 minute period where students are placed into groups that are practicing skills at their instructional level. Some students will participate in prevention activities, some students will participate in intervention activities and some students will participate in enrichment activities. Students are placed into PIE groups based on their district and classroom test scores. Intervention that occurs during PIE time does not interfere with regular classroom instruction. All students have grade-level reading instruction daily. Students in the "PIE Intervention" group will receive extra reading support that targets their specific area of weakness. Students in this group will be progress monitored to determine the effectiveness of the interventions. Participation in PIE groups will help ensure that all students receive ongoing support and/or enrichment in the area of reading.

During the PIE time, Title teachers support students in grades K-3 using the Really Great Reading curriculum and/or foundational reading skills activities. These supports are used to help close the reading gap for our struggling readers. Students participating in PIE time, with the Title teachers, are in an "intervention" group and instruction is delivered in a small group setting. All Title 1 students are progress monitored to ensure that they are making progress.