

# TITLE I NEWSLETTER



Spring 2024

## What's New in Title I

Our Title I staff is currently serving over 360 students at Bell Intermediate Academy, Brooklyn Elementary, Paragon Elementary, Poston Elementary, Smith Elementary, and South Elementary. Students receive small group instruction on reading foundational skills to help ensure that all students meet state academic standards.

## Pre-K Enrollment

Join us for our Preschool Enrollment Night on March 28, 2024 at the Martinsville High School Fieldhouse from 5:30 P.M. -7:00 P.M. Children that are 4 years old by August 1st may qualify for free preschool through our Title I Pre-K program, On My Way Preschool Voucher Program, or by scholarship for a reduced Pre-K rate. See the attached flyer for more details. To receive free Title I preschool, your four year old must attend their home school based on your current address.



## Why Reading Matters

Parents play a very important role in nurturing the love of reading!

- Reading improves student concentration.
- Reading helps students develop language skills.
- Reading helps students do better in all subjects.
- Reading fosters curiosity about the world we live in.

## Literacy Night



March 4, 2024  
6:00-7:30



March 7, 2024  
6:00-7:00



March 8, 2024  
5:30-7:00



April 4, 2024  
5:30-7:00



April 17, 2024  
6:00-7:30



April 18, 2024  
5:30-7:00



April 24, 2024  
6:00-7:30



April 30, 2024  
6:00-8:00



# Meet our Title I Team

## BY THE NUMBERS

6 Schools -- 6 Teachers -- 12 Instructional Aides  
362 K-6 Title I Students -- 60 Pre-K Students

### Title I Coordinator



Lisa Sonnega  
Coordinator

### Bell Intermediate Academy



Title I Teacher - Lisa  
Siderewicz

### Brooklyn Elementary



Title I Aide - Linda Clark  
Title I Teacher - Cynthia Claypool

### Paragon Elementary



Title I Aide - Leann Renn  
Title I Teacher - Kora Johnson  
Title I Pre-K Teacher - Lisa Bennett

### Smith Elementary



Title I Pre-K Teacher - Kristen Speedy  
Title I Aide - Sherry Shotts  
Title I Teacher - Lynn Zook  
Title I Aide - Diana Wren

### South Elementary



Title I Aide - Jacinda Stout  
Title I Aide - Paula Megl  
Title I Pre-K Teacher - Katie Craven  
Title I Teacher - Jessica Shanafelt

### Poston Elementary



Title I Aide - Angie Clanton  
Title I Aide - Bev Richardson  
Title I Teacher - Becky Fishel  
Title I Pre-K Teacher - Amy Maxwell



# PRESCHOOL ROUNDUP

Every family will apply for **FREE** or **REDUCED** Rates for Pre-K!



Brooklyn STEM Sprouts

Centerton Sparks

Green Little Aggies



Paragon Panther Cubs

Poston Tiger Cubs

Smith Bear Cubs

South Little Artesians

Join us on **March 28th** to learn about the preschool opportunities for your child! Since Martinsville is pursuing a high quality rating, we are able to offer **FREE** Title I Pre-K and **FREE** On My Way Pre-K tuition vouchers for qualifying families. We will also be offering **REDUCED RATE** scholarships to the remaining families that claim their spots! Priority will be given to children of MSD Martinsville staff and families with current students. All other enrollments will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. The State requires a 12:1 student to staff ratio. Full or half day classes will be determined by the number of applications.

- ☒ Students must be 4 years old by August 1, 2024.
- ☒ Students should not have reached age 5 by August 1, 2024.
- ☒ Students who qualify for the FREE Title One Pre-K must attend the school based on his/her home address.
- ☒ Transportation will be provided by the parents.
- ☒ **ALL families will apply for FREE or reduced scholarship rates for Pre-K.**

## THINGS TO BRING ON MARCH 28th:

- A photo ID for each parent
- Birth certificates for all children in the home under 17
- A recent utility bill (must be within the last 60 days)
- The lowest pay stub for each parent working within the last 60 days
- If not working, but enrolled in school, need a current school schedule

Enroll



Date

Thursday, March 28, 2024



Time

Last Name A-L 5:30-6:15 P.M.

Last Name M-Z 6:15-7:00 P.M.



Location

MHS Fieldhouse

*In order to reduce wait times for enrollment, it is suggested to attend a time block based on your last name. However, you are welcome to choose the time that best fits the needs of your family!*

Questions?

Call 765-342-6641