



Carter G. Woodson Middle School Hopewell, Virginia

# Parent PRIDE & SPIRIT

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## WELCOME 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS AND FAMILIES!

*Our Parent 2 Parent Corner*

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This year will be an exciting year for our newly arriving WILDCATS! There are a variety of enriching activities and programs planned to ensure a smooth transition from elementary school to middle school. Please provide input on your family's needs and keep up to date on what is available. Please plan to attend at least two (2) PARENT WORKSHOPS this year.



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Working together as a team, parents, teachers and administrators can provide the best possible school year for our students. **WE CAN DO THIS!**

## ONLINE GRADES AND ASSIGNMENTS

Did you know that grades are available to view 24/7 from your computer or cell phone? It is not necessary to wait until interim or report cards are issues to know how your child is performing in his or her school work. It is very easy to pull up and check to see if missing assignments have been turned in as well.

<http://gbook.hopewell.k12.va.us/>

## 2015-2016 PARENT INVOLVEMENT GOALS

1. Keep parents informed of activities and events that impact student success in school
2. Increase parent communication by encouraging parent sign-ups by email and on [www.prideandspirit.info](http://www.prideandspirit.info) website
3. Reach out to parents and families that have at-risk students to provide needed resources and/or support
4. Host at least 3 PARENT WORKSHOPS and collect feedback
5. Collect and report parent feedback on Title 1 program



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## 2015 CGW PARENT COMMUNICATION TOOLS

- ✓ Parent Workshops
- ✓ Principal's Breakfast Chats
- ✓ Website: [www.Hopewell.k12.va.us/woodson](http://www.Hopewell.k12.va.us/woodson)
- ✓ [www.facebook.com/PrideandSpirit](http://www.facebook.com/PrideandSpirit)
- ✓ Parent Blog: [www.prideandspirit.info](http://www.prideandspirit.info)
- ✓ Support Line: **804-601-8729**
- ✓ Email: [CGWPrideandSpirit@gmail.com](mailto:CGWPrideandSpirit@gmail.com)
- ✓ PTO Meetings

## HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS

**School Board Meeting** Office is located at 103 North 12th Avenue. Meetings are at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on. **Next meeting is September 10, 2015.**

**City Council Meeting on SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**  
City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on the City Council floor of the Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street. If you wish to speak or place an item on the agenda, you need to prepare the item in writing and deliver it to the City Clerk's Office, Municipal Building room 217, by the Wednesday prior to the upcoming Tuesday meeting.

## RESOURCES AND RESEARCH

**The Achiever, is a biweekly newsletter that provides, information, events and announcements**  
<http://ed.gov/news/newsletters/index.html>

## PARENT SUPPORT

Last year we held three (3) PARENT WORKSHOPS that were given great feedback. Please sign up to attend at least two (2) PARENT WORKSHOPS this year.

Topics covered:

1. SOL PREPARATION
2. CAREER EXPLORATION
3. LEARNING STYLES

**ENROLL: [www.PrideandSpirit.info](http://www.PrideandSpirit.info)**



YOUR INPUT IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

## READING SUPPORT

Did your students score well on his or her Virginia Reading SOL last year? According to [www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org) "Students who are good at monitoring their reading comprehension know when they understand what they read and when they do not. They have strategies to "fix" problems in their understanding as the problems arise.

- Be aware of what they do understand
- Identify what they do not understand
- Use appropriate strategies to resolve problems in comprehension"

## TITLE I, PART A AND TITLE II PART A

- You have the "Right to Know" if your child's teacher is highly qualified as outlined by ESEA regulations.
- You have the right to access school report cards. Please refer to student handbooks to show you how to locate these on our website or on DOE's site.
- You have the right to know about the achievement levels of your child.
- Title I is designed to help students served by the program to achieve and/or exceed academic benchmarks on challenging state standard tests. (SOLs)
- The three elementary schools and Carter G. Woodson are School-Wide Title I schools.
- Title I, Part A is a federally funded program to help close the achievement gaps.
- Title I, Part A focuses on reading and math achievement.
- The grant encourages and promotes active parent involvement opportunities and seeks parent feedback.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SEPT 1** 6th WILDCAT CAMP 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
**SEPT 3** BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
**OCT 19** Interim Report Cards Issued  
**OCT 22** Parent-Teacher Conference Day

## FUTURE PLANS

- Parent Volunteer Recognition