Thanks to the many Title I principals who joined us on November 13, prior to the All Leadership Meeting, at our inaugural Coffeeology. This gathering is for Title I principals to network and share ideas and solutions to common topics pertinent to our community. November’s Coffeeology focused on the question *What processes/procedures/routines does your school have in place to ensure your FRL number is accurate?*

Some of the ideas generated by the group are listed below:

- In-school registration for 2, 8 hour days
- Side by side support for families to complete paperwork
- Families receive a personal call if they do not attend registration
- Sent postcards to all families with in-school registration dates
- Kiosk in the office to fill out FRL applications once school is underway
- Messaging that families should “apply regardless as it helps the school with additional funding”
- Messaging that FRL not only support a free/reduced lunch, but support for other school fees (i.e. tech fee, field trip)
- Provide families with a bill for full day Kindergarten – this gets them to come to the school and apply for FRL
- All Kindergarten and new families receive a personal phone call to welcome them to the school (phone calls made by the FEL, secretaries, clinic aide) and all are encouraged to fill out the FRL application

Our next Coffeeology is scheduled for January 15, 2019 at 7:30-8:15 in The LINK at the Ed Center (2nd Floor). Our topic will be the 2019-20 Title I budget. Mark your calendar - we hope to see you there. Coffee will be brewing!
McKinney-Vento Spotlight

CFC Spirit Week:

November is National Homeless Awareness month and CFC hosted its 5th annual fundraiser on November 5-9th. The Ed Center’s generosity hit an all time high. We collected $1,332.78 in cash, $265.00 in gift cards, laundry soap, soccer balls, and other various items for our McKinney Vento families. Thank you for your support!

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Gift Drive: November 15—December 7

Thank you Ed Center partners, you played Santa to 41 unaccompanied students and a dozen families. Once again your generosity is unmatched. Thank you for making this Christmas so great for our students and families.

New Coordinator!

My name is Naomi Xayavongsa and I am so excited to step into the role as the Coordinator for CFC. For the last two years I have been one of the McKinney-Vento Liaisons in Jeffco. I am looking forward to working with all you and supporting McKinney-Vento and unaccompanied youth.

Community and Family Connections Liaison School Assignments & Online Referral Form: http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/programs/diversity_inclusion/community_and_family_connections

Community and Family Connections Intake Line: 303-982-1144
Community and Family Connections Program Coordinator: Naomi Xayavongsa 303-982-3008
Title I Advocacy in Action

A shout-out to members of our Title I Principal Advisory Committee, TI-PAC, Jeff Gomez, Rob Malling, Rhonda Hatch-Rivera, Scott Simon, and Esther Valdez, who met with David Bell, Keri Baca, and Robyn Fergus from Human Resources on November 29, 2018. These TI-PAC members highlighted common challenges for Title I schools related to recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers who are well-equipped to work at impacted schools. Our TI-PAC will meet January 16 to further the discussion. In the meantime, feel free to reach out to these TI-PAC members with additional requests, ideas, and challenges. We believe our common resounding voice for equity is being heard in Jeffco.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT GETS A NEW LOOK

Title I partnered with Jeffco Communications Department to create custom ‘badges’ that symbolize the tenets of the 6 National Standards for Family School Partnerships. This year, our Title I FSP (Family School Partnership) advisory group is working in collaboration with FELs and school leadership to identify one of the National Standards to elevate at their school. Badge posters and other marketing tools will be created so schools can proudly show that they work in partnership with families! Throughout this year, schools will demonstrate their efforts based on standards’ criteria, to ‘earn their badge’ of honor!
Interested in bringing RISE to your school? RISE is an innovative Family Engagement strategy that is designed to create authentic family-school partnerships. RISE schools host two to three RISE meetings a year and each meeting includes the following:

- Grade level and individual student data
- Modeling of a typical class lesson
- Take home activities for families
- Relationship building activities
- Time for families to share ideas/concerns

Title I supports RISE through professional learning, data collection, and hands-on support. Five schools have been designated RISE schools - Allendale, Little, Stevens, Westgate, and Wilmore Davis. Each school hosted a RISE night last fall and each had excellent family attendance. For information, contact Susie Kirvin at 303-982-0835 or email at susan.kirvin@jeffco.k12.co.us.

What families and teachers are saying about RISE:

**Families:**
“I found it helpful to see where my child is and how other parents/teachers tackle the same problem/issue.”

“I now have a better and more complete understanding of my daughter’s strengths and struggles.”

“We like data. It helps us see the big picture and trends in the learning.”

**Teachers:**
“RISE allows for true family engagement, rather than simply family engagement. It also allows teachers the opportunity to meet with families and connect on a deeper level.”

“RISE meetings have given me a greater chance to get to know families on a deeper level.”

“Family engagement is not an initiative, nor is it a race. Family engagement is a commitment to change school culture, and, as such, is ongoing and never ending. Family engagement takes into consideration what we already do; it just requires us to act differently - no new time, no new energy, no new resources - just a remolding of what we already have.” - **Dr. Steve Constantino**