

My Journey...
from Involved Parent to
Parent Involvement Coordinator!



WHERE IT ALL STARTED FOR ME!
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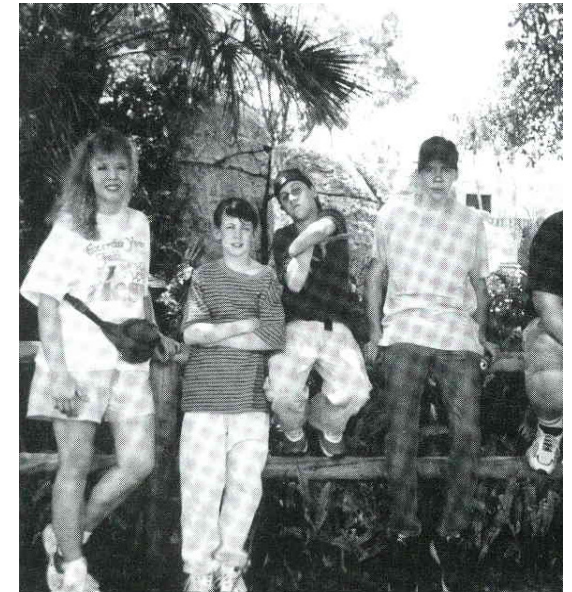


My journey begins with Lanier County Schools in 1991

Secretary and
Lunchroom Cashier
Miss T. Poe



MANY YEARS, HAIRDOS, & EXPERIENCE!



FROM EMPLOYEE TO PARENT

NOW MY PARENT INVOLVEMENT JOURNEY BEGINS...

WELL...A FEW YEARS AFTER THIS PICTURE!



My #1 MOTIVATION FOR BEING INVOLVED

My DAUGHTER FAITH TERRELL – 6TH GRADE
(CHEERLEADER, BAND, AND GIFTED STUDENT) 😊



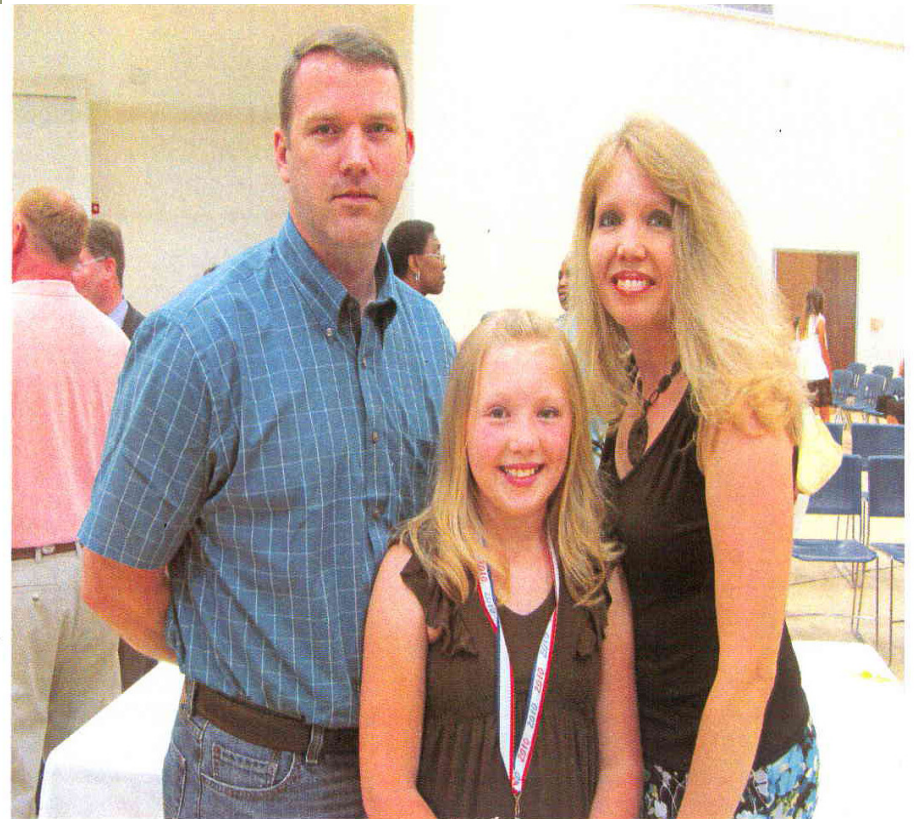
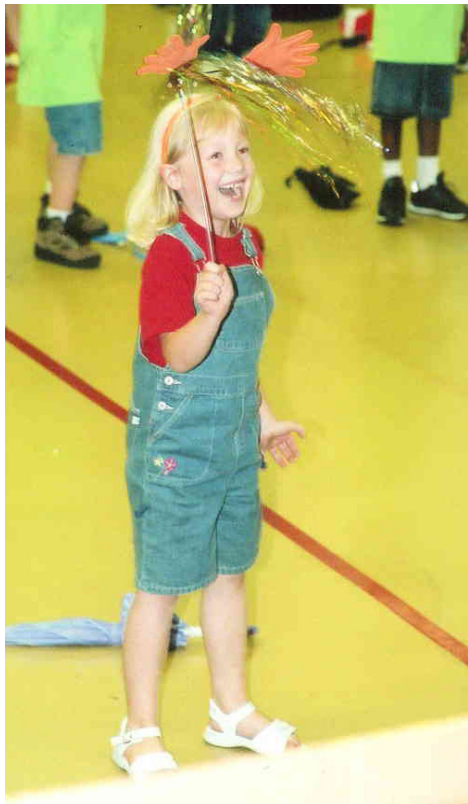
I've been involved from Pre-K until today! It makes a difference! 😊



Pre-K



6th Grade



It's ALL ABOUT FAMILIES!



**FROM
INVOLVED PARENT
TO SOMETHING
NEW...**

MAKING THE NEWS



Tara Terrell with her daughter Faith.

**Tara Terrell selected to serve on
Supt's. Parent Advisory Council**

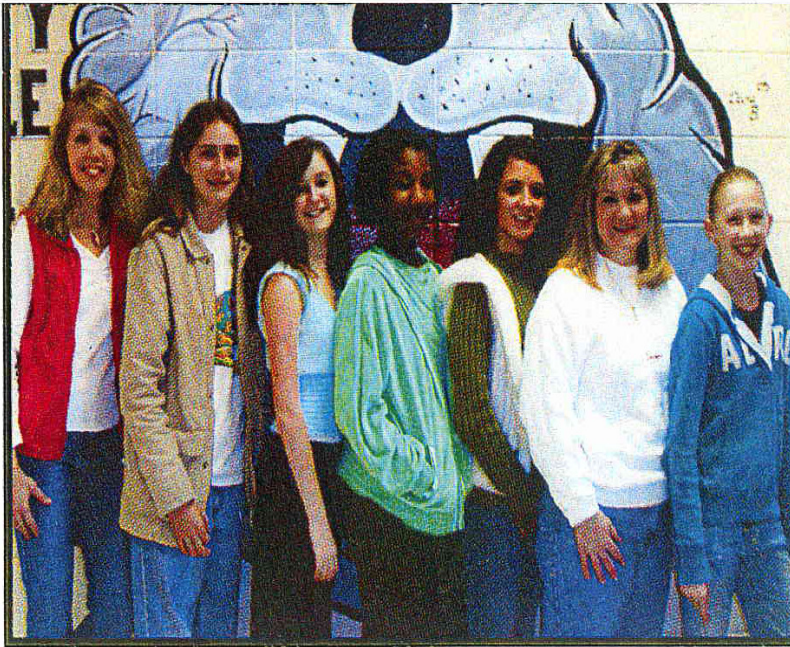
STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



From 1977 to 2010



19 Years of Watching How Parent Involvement Makes a Difference!



Cafeteria cashier, office secretary for 17 years, student council advisor, cheerleading coach, field trip chaperone, yearbook staff, payroll and benefits administrator, and then I become
PARENT INVOLVEMENT COORDINATOR!

Putting Parent Involvement in the news – August 12th!

New Parent Involvement Coordinator has new ideas

By Tara Terrell

I am the Parent Involvement Coordinator for Lanier County Schools and am looking forward to working with all families and our community to empower our students and motivate them to succeed.

From Pre-K to graduation, parent involvement is vital for students to succeed both in and out of the classroom. When parents are involved in education, children do better in school and schools improve. I have worked with the Lanier County Board of Education for almost 20 years and have a daughter in sixth grade.

I want to help ALL families to become more involved this year by approaching parent involvement in new ways. I want to implement a reward

program this year by giving out tickets to parents who attend conferences or other parent involvement activities. At the end of the school year, several tickets will be drawn for great prizes. Your input, ideas, questions, and concerns are impor-



tant to me. My goal is to get as many parents involved as possible in as many ways as possible. A letter along with some questions will be sent home with all students. I ask all parents to take the time to complete the questionnaire and return it to your child's school. Your feedback is essential for parent involvement to work.

Please contact me anytime by phone (482-3966) or e-mail (tterrell@lanier.k12.ga.us) because I am here for you! Let's work together to make this school year the BEST for all our students and families!

In each school lobby, you will notice a full-sized Uncle Sam stand-up that reads "Who is Important to Our Schools?" As Uncle Sam's finger is pointing towards you, the answer

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Drew Barry, Director of Marketing for Georgia Printco, and Tara Terrell, Parent Involvement Coordinator.

MAKING IT WORK

NEW JOURNEY

NEW CHALLENGES



**Ideas from our
meetings and
ideas that hit
me in the
shower come
to LIFE!**



Very Important Visitor

Name: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Phone: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Who is Important to Our Schools?

YOU ARE



OUR SUPERINTENDENT KEITH HUMPHREY IS ON BOARD!





LANIER COUNTY SCHOOLS APPRECIATE OUR MILITARY



FACES

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES EMPOWERING STUDENTS



Letters Sent Home to All Families

- **650 letters completed & returned!**
- **411 parents willing to serve on the
FACES committee!**
- **356 parents willing to VOLUNTEER!**

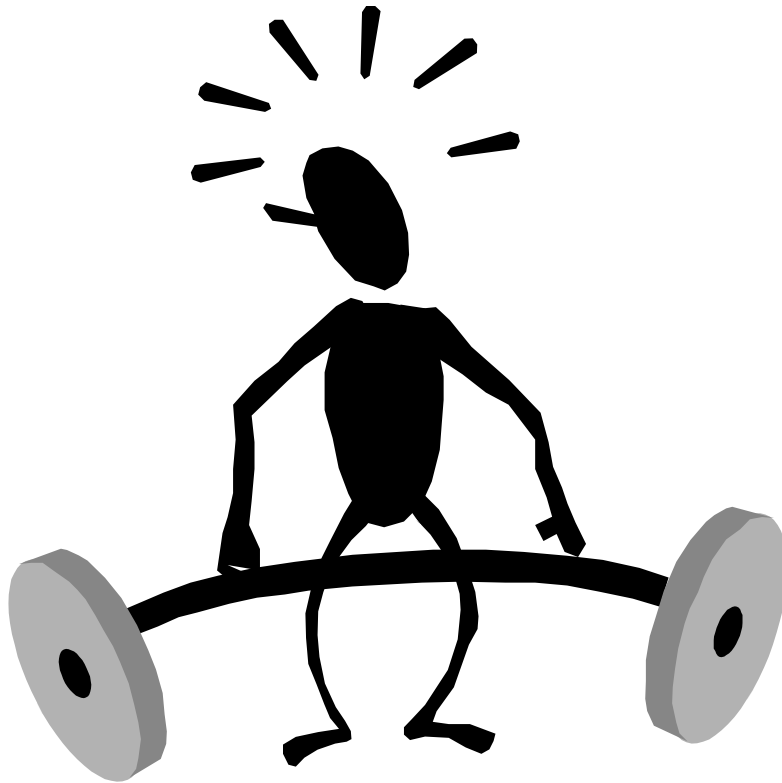


FAMILIES ARE INVOLVED!



BEING A NEW TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT COORDINATOR

**I'm learning it's
NOT always easy...**



**But I'm DETERMINED
to do it! Keep pushing!**



**It's a job, but we know that when
parents are involved, children do
better in school and schools improve!**



UTILIZE YOUR RESOURCES, COMMUNICATE, AND GET FAMILIES ENGAGED!



**TARGET'S
TAKE CHARGE OF
EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**HARVEY'S HOMETOWN
REWARDS KEY
USE IT!**

**BOX TOPS FOR
EDUCATION**

A flyer for the 'Partners in Education' program. It features four small photos at the top: two women smiling, a group of people, two more women smiling, and a person running on a field. Below the photos, the title 'PARTNERS IN EDUCATION' is in large blue letters. Underneath, it says 'Hester Morris Orthodontics is Donating \$100 to Our Schools'. A paragraph of text follows: 'In an effort to address the current school budget cuts in the area, Hester Morris Orthodontics has launched a Partners in Education Program to become a part of the solution. They will donate \$100 directly to the patient's school for each new patient who begins treatment in 2010.' At the bottom right, it says 'Experience Life Smiling'.



AS A PIC, GET INVOLVED AND MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!

- **Visit churches and businesses to share your vision – Get people on board – FACES!**
- **Call parents, make yourself available, and encourage families to get involved – Make opportunities available!**
- **Be at the meetings, games, and events, and pay attention to what parents are saying!**
- **Get involved, informed, be creative, and use what you learn to enhance parent engagement!**

Title I Parent Involvement News

Lanier County School System — (229) 482-3966

FACES
FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES EMPOWERING STUDENTS



*When parents are involved,
children do better in school
and schools improve. The
Lanier County School
System appreciates you.*

September 2010

Volume I



News and Reminders for Parents

650 parent involvement
questionnaires were turned
back in. Thank you!

411 parents want to be a part
of FACES (Families and Com-
munities Empowering Stu-
dents)!

356 parents want to serve
as volunteers!

Please send pictures for the
FACES bulletin board and the
Military Appreciation Wall!
Let's fill them up with pic-
tures of families.

- > Our first FACES meeting will
be held soon. An invitation
will be sent home.
- > If you need transportation to
a meeting, please contact
Tara Terrell at 482-3966.
- > The Parent Resource Room
is available for you and is
located at the Elementary
School. If you have ques-
tions, concerns, need infor-
mation, or if you know of a
student needing supplies,
please contact Tara Terrell.

Open House and Parent Nights — Welcome Back!

Both Open House on August 2nd
and Parent Nights held during
the month of August were very
successful. Parent involvement
is off to a tremendous start, and
this is going to be a fantastic
school year. Welcome back to
all students and families. You
are important to our schools!



Community Generously Donates School Supplies

Even in hard economic times
when some people are out of
work, people are still giving. I
asked community members to
donate school supplies for less
fortunate families, and Lanier
County individuals, businesses,
and churches have given gener-
ously. If you or someone you
know is in need of supplies,
please contact Tara Terrell at
tterrell@lanier.k12.ga.us.



Pictured to the left are the kids and parents of
the Lakeland Baptist Church AWANA Group.
They donated a massive quantity of supplies for
less fortunate families. Other generous dona-
tions have been received by Wendy & Raymond
Moore, Pete Barlow, Sy Lamb, Farmers & Mer-
chants Bank, Jason Shaw and The Jay Shaw Co.,
Marta Hardy and Affinity Buildings Systems,
Deborah Clark, and an anonymous community
member. All of you are what FACES is all about!
We have a wonderful community full of people
who know how to pull together and give from
the heart. Thanks!

**I AM
LEARNING. . .**

**Be
Flexible**





LAUGH



**It's hard to
beat someone ...**



... who never gives up.

Quotes from a soldier in Afghanistan



My husband TSgt Stephen Terrell



**ATTITUDE IS A LITTLE THING THAT MAKES A
BIG DIFFERENCE.**

-Winston Churchill

**EVERY CALLING IS GREAT WHEN GREATLY
PURSUED.**

-Oliver Wendell Holmes

Just Do It!

