



## Kean Elementary School

Molly Richard, *Principal*

Dear Kean Families,

On January 8, 2002, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) was signed into law. Section 1111(h)(6)(A) states that as a parent of a student in Kean Elementary, receiving Title I funds, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers instructing your child. Federal law requires the school division to provide you this information in a timely manner upon request. Specifically, you have right to request the following information about each of you child's classroom teachers:

1. Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.  
*All of our Kean teachers are highly qualified in the areas for which they are the teacher of record. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances. We have no homeroom teachers in this category.*
2. The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.  
*We have 6 homeroom teachers who have earned their Master's Degree. 8 out of 20 of our certified teachers have Master's Degrees in their field.*
3. Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.  
*We have several specialized aides and instructional paraprofessionals who support our children under the direct planning of the classroom teachers. They are all highly qualified for their position.*

If you would like to receive any further information, please contact the office, either by phone at (330) 330-345-6634, or in writing.

### **What is Title 1?**

Title 1 is a program that's federally funded in order to provide extra assistance to meet the academic needs of students in reading and math. The funding is determined by a formula including the number of students receiving free and/or reduced lunch. In Wooster City Schools, Kean is one of four elementary schools receiving Title 1 funding.

### **What do these funds provide?**

At Kean, these funds provide one full-time reading teacher, Mrs. Joslyn Chenevey and a full-time literacy coach, Mrs. Morgan Thomas. Funds are also provided for some professional development for the teachers, some academic materials and to fund parent involvement activities.

### **What does Title 1 support look like at Kean?**

Since Kean is considered a "school-wide" Title 1 school, Title 1 teachers may provide extra support for any student; however, most of the teachers' instructional time is spent with small groups that include learners at-risk. These small groups (1-6 students) may work within or outside the classroom depending upon the need of the student(s). Title 1 teachers help to assess the progress of each student at Kean and work closely with classroom teachers to plan and provide instruction to help all students achieve one year's growth, (or more for students who need catch up growth). For any questions regarding our Title 1 program, please contact Mrs. Chenevey, Mrs. Thomas or Mrs. Richard.