

# Jeffco Title I

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## Powerful Partnerships Across Title I

Title I is excited to partner with Jeffco's Ed Tech department again this year. Ed Tech Specialists, Amie Adams, Amanda Siewert, and Karrie Zanetti each work directly with assigned Title I schools to support daily instruction and technol-

ogy integration. Over the past weeks, all three have been out in buildings in a variety of settings working alongside DTLs, ICs, technology committees, and in planning meetings with school leadership.



We encourage all schools to reach out and cultivate a **POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP** with your Ed Tech Specialist. We know that technology integration requires an intentional implementation plan ---- take advantage of this valuable partnership with your school's Ed Tech Specialist to empower learning!



Karrie Amanda Amie

### Assigned Schools

| Amie Adams | Amanda Siewert        | Karrie Zanetti                    |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Allendale  | Edgewater             | Alameda International Jr./Sr.High |
| Arvada K-8 | Everitt               | Deane                             |
| Foster     | Fitzmorris            | Eiber                             |
| Lawrence   | Jefferson Jr/Sr. High | Emory                             |
| Little     | Kullerstrand          | Foothills                         |
| Parr       | Lumberg               | Lasley                            |
| Secrest    | Molholm               | Rose Stein                        |
| Stevens    | Pennington            | Slater                            |
| Swanson    | Vivian                | Welchester                        |
| Thomson    |                       |                                   |





## McKinney-Vento Spotlight

Did you know that students verified as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act should have all mandatory fees waived? Federal law states that school districts must “review and revise policies to remove barriers to the identification of homeless children and youths, and the enrollment and retention of homeless children and youths in schools in the State, including barriers to enrollment and retention due to outstanding fees or fines, or absences.” 42 USC §11432(g)(1)(I)

Additionally, districts should “ensure that costs do not prevent students from participating in activities by waiving fees; using funds and strategies for homeless students comparable to those used to allow other low-income students to participate; paying for equipment and fees with school district funds or appropriate Federal funds, such as McKinney-Vento grant funds; seeking sponsorships from parent groups, civic organizations, and local businesses; using donations; or holding fundraisers.” US Dept. of Education (July 2016).



Need more information or clarification?  
Reach out to Rebecca Dunn, CFC Coordinator, at 303.982.5044 or head to [www.jeffcopublicschools.org/finance/student\\_fees](http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/finance/student_fees)

## Community & Family Connections Staff Highlight

**2017-18 is well underway! So far this school year, our CFC liaisons have driven 1,894 miles making 242 school visits.**

**Do you know your CFC Liaison? If not, we encourage you to reach out!**

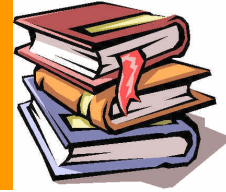


| Oscar Fonseca   | Amy McDaniel  | Laura Monreal  | Naomi Xayavongsa  | Beatriz Monsalve  |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| Jefferson Articulation Area<br>Option/Charters                            | Conifer, Green Mtn., Evergreen, Lakewood, Pomona Articulations<br>Option/Charters | Arvada, Arvada W., Ralston Valley, Stanley Lake Articulations<br>Option/Charters | Bear Creek, Chatfield, Columbine, Dakota Ridge, Wheat Ridge Articulation<br>Option/Charters | Golden, Alameda Articulation Areas<br>Option/Charters                       |
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# The Gift of Books



Every kindergarten student in a Title I school received a book. It wasn't just any book. It was The Kissing Hand/Un Beso en mi Mano by Audrey Penn. Before the 2017-2018 school year began, families had the opportunity to use the book's theme to discuss difficult transitions like entering school for the first time. Families and those who care for children were able to share an unforgettable message that we all need, "You are loved."

Carrie Maffoni, Title I Assistant Director, Sean Kovar, Coordinator for Family Engagement, and Linda Reyes-Quinonez, Title I Director, connected with each of the 24 Title I elementary schools to make sure books got into the hands of kindergarten teachers.

TJ McManus' message to Title I Office summed it up nicely, "Thank you for the gift of books." TJ is the principal at Stevens ES.



Kinder teachers  
Jessica Oberbeck  
and Jennifer Rubel



## The Kissing Hand

"Chester loved his Kissing Hand. Now he knew his mother's love would go with him wherever he went. Even to school."

- Audrey Penn





# RISE

## Partnering for Student Success



Research has repeatedly shown that family-school partnerships are a critical component of student success. While enhancing family-school relationships is a district-wide focus, Title I has the unique opportunity to enhance family-engagement activities by developing and supporting structures that focus on academic learning and achievement. RISE is one of those activities.



RISE is parent teacher conferences re-imagined with an emphasis on academic engagement, collaboration, and relationships.

Currently five schools are implementing the RISE model. We applaud these schools that have ventured into implementation of a family engagement strategy that has great potential to establish stronger family-school partnerships. RISE Schools include: Allendale ES, Pennington ES, Steven ES, Welchester ES and Wilmore-Davis ES.

Throughout this year, Title I and members of the Research & Assessment Department are collaborating to understand and monitor program effectiveness through family surveys, observations, and teacher feedback after each RISE event. Our intent is to share our research findings in the hopes that more schools will "RISE" to cultivate authentic partnerships with families.



## PLEASE WELCOME A NEW ADDITION TO THE TITLE I TEAM!

Susie Kirvin is the new RISE Coordinator for Title I. She recently retired from a 23 year career in Jeffco



schools. She spent 10 years in the classroom teaching third, fourth, and fifth grade students, followed by 13 years as an Instructional Coach. As both teacher and coach, Susie worked in Title I schools and understands the challenges as well as the joy of making a difference in family and students' lives. Before becoming a teacher, Susie was a Peace Corps Worker in Costa Rica. She worked at a home for boys, helping to build a bakery that was used as a source of income generation. She attended Jeffco schools, graduated from Arvada High School, and is a proud to be working and living in a great school district!

