

Family and Community Engagement Center FACE

LOCATION

236 Grand Street, Room 106. Parents, students and community members are encouraged to call or stop by from 8am – 4pm.

THE MISSION:

Our mission is to welcome families and community members as partners in creating a collaborative, positive school environment to inspire our diverse community to work together to educate and support our students. We will work with families, linking parents, principals, teachers, school staff and the community to available resources while ensuring accurate information and quality assistance for all.

WHAT DOES THE F.A.C.E. CENTER OFFER?

The Family and Community Engagement (F.A.C.E.) Center is a one-stop location for families and community members looking for information on the Waterbury Public Schools or resources that are available in the community for Waterbury area families. One of the goals of the center will be to help parents become fully engaged in their child's education. The Center will work closely with schools and parent liaisons to assure that all parents feel welcome in their own schools and know whom to contact if any questions arise. Research indicates that engagement in schools not only helps improve student academic outcomes but is also linked to improved behavior, attendance, graduation and college enrollment rates. The Center is very family friendly. Both the main reception area and the Family Room offer books and toys to entertain young visitors while their parents gather information about district schools or discuss issues of concern. The F.A.C.E. Center's new Family Room includes four computers that parents can use to access their child's own grade and attendance records through Progress Book, the district's parent portal. Parents may also use the computers to access other resources available throughout the community.



At a future date, F.A.C.E will also offer workshops for parents on educational topics, such as resources to help children with homework, understanding Common Core, becoming an advocate for their child, and the importance of daily attendance, even in the younger grades.



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Mrs. Mary Ann Marold

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For 36 years Mary Ann was an educator in the city of Waterbury. Mary Ann has been with the district for forty four (44) years. Service to families, support, information, resolution and students success are the cornerstone of Mary Ann's way of dealing with parent's and families. Treat families as you would want to be treated.

- Twenty-two years as a first grade teacher at Tinker School. Six of those years she was the teaching vice principal of that school
- In 1986, she was chosen as Tinker's Teacher of the Year.
- Supervising Vice Principal at Walsh Magnet School
- Principal at Driggs School for twelve years. She presided over Driggs' 100th birthday, and helped open the first and only School Based Health Clinic in Waterbury
- In 2007, she had the honor of hosting a visit by the then First Lady Laura Bush to present a federal library grant to the city of Waterbury.

After her distinguished tenure at Driggs School, Mary Ann retired, only to be called back to serve in the Waterbury Department of Education as the Education Liaison to Government, Business and Community. Since 2008 she has worked in this capacity to facilitate communication between parents, teachers, administrators and our community.

Mary Ann has received many awards,

- Margaret Generali Foundation Education Award
- the Sacred Heart High School Rev. John P. Blanchfield Family Spirit Award
- The 2005 City Service Award from the Waterbury Neighborhood Council,
- The Exchange Club of Waterbury's Educator of the Year,
- New Opportunities "Pulling For Kids" Service Award
- Child Guidance Clinic of Greater Waterbury Virginia Nolan Community Service Award
- National Congress of Black Women Leadership Award 2016.
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Central Connecticut State University, Master's Degree in Language Arts and a Sixth Year in Administration and Supervision both from Central Connecticut State University
- Has lead district and state professional development on Reading First, SRBI, Title I and many School Governance Council topics. Coordinates events with the Parent Liaisons serving as the link to home and school
- Coordinates the 19 Waterbury School Governance Councils.
- The Gathering and Mardi Gross have been two of Mary Ann projects to support the community as well as school spirit. In addition to "Wear Blue for Autism" where Team Waterbury raised over \$5,000 for Autism speaks.

Mrs. Barbara Tenor

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Mrs. Tenor serves as the liaison to the homeless students and works with shelters and community agencies to provide homeless students educational support.

Ms. Nancy Vaughn

School / Community Relations Coordinator

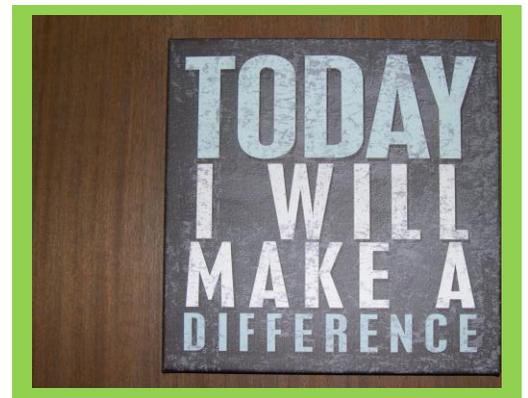
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Nancy is responsible for management of the district's educational access TV channel, its Partners in Education and Mentor programs, and implementation and coordination of Waterbury's School/Family/Community Partnership program. She creates and edits the district newsletter and serves as content webmaster for the district web site. She also coordinates several annual programs, including Teacher of the Year and the Superintendent's Student Recognition Awards.

Nancy is a member of the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) and recently served a three year term as Northeast Region Vice President. She is the current treasurer of the Connecticut School Public Relations Association, an organization that is dedicated to helping the state's school districts develop more effective communication strategies. She is also a member of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

Nancy achieved her APR (Accreditation in Public Relations) in September of 2007 and has a Master of Arts degree in Communication from Marist College.



Our Welcome Bear - Two Tone



Mrs. Gladys Johnson Wright

Community Liaison

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Mrs. Johnson Wright is a pioneer parent educator with more than thirty years of diversified experience. She serves as supportive staff to the Superintendent of Schools and central office. The Title I District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC). Gladys is active in community education efforts, privileged to draw upon the resources of esteemed educators, parents, student's officials, trained professionals, and interested advocates. She is a trained facilitator for the People Empowering People PEP Program, engaged in Neighbor Works' America Community Leadership Training Institute through Waterbury Neighborhood Housing Services. Mrs. Wright is the former Education Chair of the Connecticut State Conference of the NAACP Branches. In 2012 she received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for her many years of outstanding service, contribution and devotion to the Title I Program, improving the lives of thousands of children in the State of Connecticut.

Ms. Jeanette Rivera

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Jeanette has served as support staff in various capacities to Central Office administrators for over 25 years.