

EDUCATIONAL SPEAKER SERIES 2009 / 2010

BURLINGTON PARENTS ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION (PACE)

Please note: Meeting days, times and locations vary – please check location, time and day of each event.

BASIC RIGHTS – HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD SUCCEED?

Wednesday, September 30, 2009 7-9 P M

Location: BHS – School Committee Room

Learn how to help your struggling child with academic, social or other issues. Understand your rights and get ideas on how to improve your child's educational experience. Presented by Donna Murphy, Federation for Children with Special Needs.

PACE OPEN HOUSE – MEET THE EXPERTS

Monday, October 5, 2009 7-9 PM

Location; BHS – Library

This Open House offers a forum for parents to meet special education experts. After a brief overview from our guest speakers, you will have an opportunity to speak directly with them to obtain valuable knowledge and information to assist you in navigating the special education process. Speakers include Special Ed Attorney Sherry Rajaniemi-Gregg, from Kotin & Crabtree, Special Ed Advocates Maureen Ryan and Beth Walsh, Neuropsychologist / Reading Specialist Kira Armstrong, Arianne Kindle, BCBA, from The Kindle Center, specialist in social pragmatics for children, Marilyn Weber, Advocate/Transition Specialist, Dr. Conti, Burlington Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Cathleen Estep, Burlington Pupil Services Director.

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES, INTERNET PREDATORS, SEXTING AND CYBER BULLYING

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 7-9 PM

Location: BHS – Auditorium

What's really going on when you child is online? Become better informed about online issues impacting youth, such as social networking sites, predators, sexting and cyber bullying. Effective prevention and intervention strategies for parents will be outlined and discussed. Co-sponsored with the Burlington Public Schools, presented by Margie Daniels, M.Ed., L.I.C.S.W., Executive Director of Partnership for Youth, in conjunction with the Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone's Office.

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION – HOW WILL IT AFFECT YOUR CHILD?

Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 7-9 PM

Location: BHS – School Committee Room

Dr. Eric Conti, Burlington Superintendent of Schools will explain how Response to Intervention, "RTI" is being implemented in the Burlington school system. The goals include a common elementary instruction and planning time, implementation of universal screening to identify student's weaknesses, progress monitoring and research based interventions, and data-based decision making to address student's needs, which will involve the parents' participation.

WHY CAN'T MY CHILD LEARN TO READ?

Monday, January 11, 2010 7-9PM

Location: BHS – School Committee Room

Are you wondering why your child struggles with reading? Does your child recognize letters and sight words one day, but completely forget them the next? Does your child avoid reading, because it's "too hard"? Do you worry that your child is still reversing letters, or that it takes them longer to read than their brother, sister, or classmates? Dr. Kira Armstrong, Ph.D., will explain how children learn to read and why they struggle. She will discuss the early signs of reading delays and reading disorders, and explain what dyslexia really is. Finally, she will present recommendations regarding when and how to assess your child for dyslexia and the different kinds of reading programs available to teach every child how to read.

AUTISM SPECTRUM OVERVIEW

Monday, February 8, 2010 7-9 PM

Location: BHS – School Committee Room

This presentation offers an overview of the behavioral, social, and educational needs and wide variety of profiles of children in the autism spectrum. From children with "classic" autism and profound behavioral needs to children with Asperger's Syndrome or "high functioning autism" with complex educational needs, they present a conundrum to parents and educators. As more children receive early developmental services, a new group of children with mixed social and academic needs are emerging. Presented by Dr. Joseph Moldover, Ph.D., pediatric neuropsychologist specializing in learning disabilities, ADHD, autism spectrum, brain injury and psychiatric disorders

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S IEP

Monday, March 15, 2010 7-9 PM

Location: BHS – School Committee Room

This workshop takes parents step-by-step through the development of the IEP, to better understand each component of the IEP, what all those "little boxes" mean. It will also cover how to articulate a vision for your child's future education, using evaluations to write annual measurable goals and how to measure your child's progress. Presented by Maureen Ryan from the Federation for Children with Special Needs

PACE ELECTIONS

Monday, April 12, 2010 7-9 PM

Location: BHS – School Committee Room