

COMMUNITY TALK SERIES

September - December 2019

Learn More About Learning Differences and the Resources Available For Your Child



COMMUNITY TALKS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND FREE OF CHARGE.

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RECOGNIZING THE STRUGGLING LEARNER

Signs of learning or developmental problems can surface at a young age. Identify early communication, behavioral and social indicators that may predict later learning difficulties.

- What are observable indicators?
- What are the milestones parents should know?
- How do you discuss these observations with teachers?
- What are the options for early intervention?

September 14: Thrive Gymnastics, 2305 Katcef Avenue, Annapolis, 3:00 – 4:30. Children welcome and invited to participate in supervised gym activity.



DYSLEXIA MYTHS & TRUTHS

Dyslexia is a word level reading disorder resulting in difficulty decoding or sounding out words, recognizing words automatically, and spelling. Dyslexia is not reading words backwards or reversing letters. Learn early signs, how dyslexia is diagnosed, and general research-based teaching strategies that result in improved reading. Common misconceptions about dyslexia will also be discussed.

October 10: The Summit School, 664 Central Avenue East, Edgewater, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

TEACHING MATHEMATICS THROUGH PROBLEM-BASED ACTIVITIES

If kindergarten through eighth grade students are to understand and apply math concepts and skills, they have to be given interesting, motivating, and relevant problems to solve. Traditional problem solving activity is just one small way to have students apply what they are learning. Puzzles, estimation tasks, 3-act tasks, and non-traditional problems pique student curiosity, stimulate thinking, and help them better understand ideas in mathematics. Come prepared to solve problems during this hands-on, minds-on presentation.

November 7: The Summit School, 664 Central Avenue East, Edgewater, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

STRESS BUSTERS THROUGH THE AGES AND STAGES: HOW TO HELP KIDS COPE WITH WORRIES AND CONCERNS

Erin Merli, CPNP, PMHS, from Annapolis Pediatrics will demonstrate how to help children cope with worries and concerns using simple, effective strategies. She will discuss a holistic approach to decreasing stress during early childhood, tweens, and adolescence.



November 12: The Summit School, 664 Central Avenue East, Edgewater, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

A PARENT PRIMER ON LEARNING DIFFERENCES: WHEN BRIGHT CHILDREN STRUGGLE IN SCHOOL

Parents know when their child is struggling in school. Often they hear terms related to progress but don't truly understand what these terms mean or their implications. Learn more about dyslexia, executive function disorder, working memory challenges, attention-deficit, dysgraphia, and other related terms and diagnoses. Learn what resources are available and how to begin advocating on behalf of your child.

November 14: Prince Frederick Library, 850 Costley Way, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. This is not a library sponsored program.

December 9: Severna Park Community Center, 623 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

DEMYSTIFYING DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

Testing can help determine if your child needs academic interventions or additional support. Learn:

- The components of a comprehensive assessment
- When a child should be tested/evaluated
- What test results tell us
- How results can be used to meet a child's learning profile

December 12: Facebook Live, 10:00 am

SAVE THE DATES

- January 7:** Executive Function and School Achievement
- February 4:** Anxiety and Reading
- March 3:** Differentiating Instruction in the Mathematics Classroom
- April 23:** Is My Child Ready for Middle School?
- May 12:** Learning and the Brain

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