



Parents as Partners 2020-2021

SPRING SEMESTER: 8 WEBINARS FOR SCHOOL PARENTS

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About the Series

Join with parents across the NESA region for an all-new spring semester webinar line-up of this popular series. Hear from distinguished specialists and explore and learn new strategies in support of your child as a learner.

Years of research reveal that schools that partner with parents positively impact student growth and achievement. This series will address child development within the context of family and school.

When to Join

Webinars take place every second Tuesday between **January 19 and April 27, 2021**.

Each webinar is 1 hour: **4:00-5:00pm** (Athens, Greece time.)

WEBINAR DATES

Tuesday, January	19			4pm GMT+2
Tuesday, February	2	16		4pm GMT+2
Tuesday, March	2	16	30	4pm GMT+2 / Mar. 30: GMT+3
Tuesday, April	13	27		4pm GMT+3

About the Webinars

WEBINAR 1: January 19, 2021

Parents as Learning Coaches

Presented by STEVE BARKLEY

The role of the teacher is to create the tasks and structures and provide motivation and feedback that engage students in learning behaviors. As parents and caretakers, we add value by supporting those important learning behaviors. Whether your children are working virtually, in classrooms, or doing both in a hybrid model, your assistance as a learning coach can build increased current academic success and reinforce important executive functioning skills that are career and life skills. The learner's actions and behaviors are key to learning mastery. Students cause student learning and student achievement. In this session, Steve provides specific focus areas for coaching learning and examples of what coaching conversations with your children can sound like.

WEBINAR 2: February 2, 2021

Bringing Out the Best in Your Children and Yourself

Presented by JOY MARCHESE

There is no such thing as a perfect parent, but this session will increase your confidence and give you a plan for those (inevitable) challenging times. We will explore how you may transition from the overwhelm of these stressful and uncertain times and be empowered to nurture the growth and development of your child (and yourself). Attendees can expect to leave this session equipped with practical, easy-to-implement strategies to foster connection, cooperation, and encouragement within the home.

WEBINAR 3: February 16, 2021

Parents as Partners in Learning: Managing Digital Media in the Home

Presented by RENEE HOBBS

This session addresses how parents can optimize the use of media, technology and digital devices for learning purposes. What should parents do when children are very small? What is appropriate for children in their adolescent years? How do parents keep children's mobile devices from interfering with school work and sleep? Learn five strategies that enable parents to be

partners in helping children learn to be strategic in the attention, time, and choices they make in using media and technology for play and learning.

WEBINAR 4: March 2, 2021

Parents Supporting Learners to be Mastery Oriented

Presented by STEVE BARKLEY

Mastery oriented learners are motivated by building competency. They are intrinsically motivated rather than driven by extrinsic rewards or by fear of punishment. Mastery oriented learners want to learn for the sake of learning rather than for grades or teacher or parent approval. They believe that failure is part of success. Mastery oriented learners believe that their ability is changeable. That's why it has been labeled as a growth mindset. Explore how to motivate a growth mindset and to use the "Goldilocks" challenge to encourage just the right amount of struggle.

WEBINAR 5: March 16, 2021

The Human Side of Changing Education

Presented by JULIE WILSON

We are witnessing a rising tide of popular consensus that the traditional, century-old model of education is no longer serving our children. Performance on standardized test scores is becoming the floor of school performance, not the ceiling. More and more schools are drafting strategic plans that state skills such as problem solving, collaboration, and creativity must become an integral part of the school's DNA.

In this webinar, we will explore the skills, knowledge and habits of mind that children will need in order to thrive in an unknowable future, the shifts schools will need to make to support that learning, and how parents can be partners in the change process.

WEBINAR 6: March 30, 2021

Parenting in a Pandemic, Part II

Presented by MICHAEL THOMPSON

As the pandemic reaches the one-year mark, the worries of parents about their children's mental health and their learning have changed. Dr. Thompson has been tracking the evolving concerns of parents; he will address parental fears about learning loss, disengagement from school, social isolation and sibling relationships. There will be ample time for questions.

(Note: Part I of "Parenting in a Pandemic" took place during NESAs fall Parents as Partners webinar series.

WEBINAR 7: April 13, 2021

Behind the Screens: Digital Well-Being During Tough Times

Presented by CAREY GOLDSTEIN

How can we help young people find the balance with social media and technology when so many other options for social interaction have been taken away? How can we help them navigate friendships and conflict online and offline that may come up during this time?

During this session you will learn...

- Strategies to support your child's digital wellbeing and balance technology.
 - Create and maintain a routine to balance social media and technology while distance learning.
 - How to manage your own digital use.
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WEBINAR 8: April 27, 2021

Promoting a Summer Stride, Diminishing the Summer Slide

Presented by ERMA ANDERSON

The challenges of this unprecedented year, the many and varied disruptions in student learning, have produced additional concerns about student learning loss. Studies suggest we can prevent summer learning loss by engaging our children in summertime reading, math games, and hands-on STEM activities. But the benefits depend on making sure children are truly stimulated — and having fun! Join us as we provide strategies and resources for engaging your child in a rewarding educational summer. With a little time, planning, and creativity, you can play an important part in making sure this summer matters in advancing your child's learning, health, and well-being.

Please visit the NESA website for more information and speaker biographies:

www.nesacenter.org/events/2020-2021-nesa-program/webinars/spring-parents-as-partners-series



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