



Parent Education Events 2011-2012

A series of enlightening lectures on parenting and childhood development.

ALL EVENTS 7pm to 9pm @ WPNS 7300 Manchester Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045
WPNS Members free. Guests \$10 donation suggested. More information: www.wpns.org or 310 670-5522

TUESDAY
SEP 20

Tanya
Anton

NAVIGATING THE SCHOOL SYSTEM: KNOW YOUR PUBLIC OPTIONS

Tanya Anton – Founder of GoMamaGuide.com and Author of school guides for the Westside and Valley
Join the author as she talks about how to navigate the public school system. Tanya has spoken to thousands of stressed-out parents about to enter the LA school system. Through her talks, seminars, and house chats, she has inspired many to not only reconsider their public school options but also become a vital yet interconnected agent of change within them. www.gomamaguide.com

TUESDAY
OCT 18

Joyce
Woodruff

HOW TO GET KIDS TO LISTEN AND COOPERATE: CONNECT!

Joyce Woodruff – WPNS Educator and School Director
Do you want to learn the secrets to calming and centering yourself when the heat is on? Joyce works with parents who want to build peaceful connections with their children. This workshop will help you understand your child's four core needs and why meeting these needs increases cooperation. Leave with practical tools you can put to use right away and have fun learning to do so. www.wpns.org

TUESDAY
NOV 15

School
Forum

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FORUM

Elementary Schools from Westchester and Surrounding Communities
Researching local elementary schools? Join us for our Third Annual Elementary School Forum. Come hear about many of the local public and private elementary school options in Westchester and the surrounding communities. Representatives from various organizations and schools will speak about their school's curriculums and philosophies and will be available to answer your questions.

TUESDAY
JAN 17

Bonnie
Bruce

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Bonnie Bruce – Cofounder of Chancy and Bruce Educational Resources, Inc.
School readiness is defined as “the ability to cope, learn, and achieve without undue stress.” When a child should enter the school system, public or private, is one of the most important decisions a parent must make. Bonnie will share research and identify the characteristics of a child developmentally ready for kindergarten as well as provide activities that nurture a young child's growth and development. www.chancyandbruce.com

TUESDAY
FEB 21

Dr. Charlotte
Reznick

THE HEALING POWER OF YOUR CHILD'S IMAGINATION

Dr. Charlotte Reznick – Author of “The Power of Your Child's Imagination”
Imagine your frustrated 3 year old calming his anger with a special “balloon breath,” your 4 year old soothing her tummy troubles with a “magical swirling rainbow of light” or your 5 year old's conversation with her heart teaching her to be proud of herself. Dr. Reznick shares nine imagination techniques that become tools children can access to develop resiliency and successfully deal with many of the challenges they face in life. www.imageryforkids.com

TUESDAY
MAR 20

Teachers
Jessica + Sue

LEARNING & GROWING TOGETHER: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CCPNS CONVENTION

Jessica Chuang and Sue Gwin – WPNS Educators
Each year WPNS educators bring home exciting ideas and valuable insights from the annual California Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools (CCPPNS) Convention. Convention speakers this year include: Dr. Larry Cohen (*Playful Parenting and the Art of Roughhousing*) and Dr. Tina Bryson (*The Whole Brain Child*). Jessica and Sue are sure to have a lot to share! Come learn, discuss and experience ways to help in the growth of your child.

TUESDAY
APR 17+
APR 24

Scott
Miller

NURTURING YOUR CHILD'S BRILLIANCE (2-PART WORKSHOP)

Scott Miller – Author, Educator and Human Development Theorist
Why do children cry and tantrum? Scott will help you understand intelligence and its special relationship with emotion. Explore factors that weaken one's capacity for brilliance and learn how to support the healthy emotional release of others. This double session will include a homework assignment and participants will be asked to attend the second session to review, discuss and analyze their own experiences. www.usersguidetobeinghuman.com

TUESDAY
MAY 15

Pattie
Fitzgerald

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION...

Pattie Fitzgerald – Certified Child Predator Safety Expert and Founder of Safely Ever After, Inc.
Parents and caregivers will learn vital strategies and skills designed to keep children safe from predators, including family safety rules, red flags, warning signs, and prevention tips. Learn how to talk to your family about child-safety with kid friendly language and concepts in a nonfearful manner. Awesome tips for protecting our children! www.safelyeverafter.com