

Fall 2020 Parent Engagement Series



As we move into the second quarter of hybrid learning we want to engage with parents and families directly in some learning to make the learning experience better for all students. Our Elmhurst Team has developed the following series of presentations with parents in mind.

Each presentation will be broadcast in English and Spanish and will be recorded so that parents can watch them at a later time. The presentations will follow the work of the book, [The Distance Learning Playbook for Parents](#) (Fisher, Frey, Hattie, & Wiseman) (available for purchase [from Amazon](#)).

Date and Time	Title	Presenter(s)	Description
<p>Tuesday, December 8, 2020</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Fine Tuning Your Hybrid Learning Environment</p>	<p>Moderator: Kevin Rubenstein</p> <p>Presenter 1: Drew McGuire</p> <p>Presenter 2: Caity Collins</p> <p>Presenter 3: Katie DeLaRosa</p>	<p>As we move into the second quarter of hybrid learning it is important for parents and families to be able to understand how to support your student through Zoom, monitor sleep habits, understand Google Classroom all while taking care of yourself. This session will allow for parents to engage in a discussion with administrators and teachers to understand some helpful tips and tricks as you engage with hybrid learning.</p> <p><i>The Distance Learning Playbook for Parents, Chapter 1</i></p>
<p>Thursday, December 17, 2020</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>That's Not How I Learned It!?</p>	<p>Moderator: Scott Grens</p> <p>Presenter 1: Adam Roubitckek</p> <p>Presenter 2: Meredith Sheriff</p> <p>Presenter 3: Michelle Thompson</p>	<p>Have you ever wondered why our schools teach math the way that we do? Or what phonemic awareness is and why it is important to early elementary learners? Ever notice that teachers have outstanding use of wait time? This session will dive into some commonly used practices in our schools and explain why we use them while giving some practical tips for how you can reinforce them at home during the day.</p> <p><i>The Distance Learning Playbook for Parents, Chapter 2</i></p>

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<p>Thursday, January 7, 2021</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Staying Well</p>	<p>Moderator: Kevin Rubenstein</p> <p>Presenter 1: Skip Kumm</p> <p>Presenter 2: Sarah Cannon</p> <p>Presenter 3: Tim Riordan</p>	<p>As the pandemic has continued, it is imperative that we focus attention on our student's social and emotional development. This session will focus on understanding grief, anxiety, how to support friendships from a distance, and helping your children to be happy.</p> <p><i>The Distance Learning Playbook for Parents, Chapter 3</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, January 13 2021</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Mindframes for Students, Mindsets for Parents</p>	<p>Moderator: Kevin Rubenstein</p> <p>Presenter 1: Anna Bahramis</p> <p>Presenter 2: Nick Stoyas</p> <p>Presenter 3: Dave Beedy</p>	<p>As your students are learning at home, it offers a unique opportunity into their world of learning. This session will focus on understanding how students can monitor their own progress, how parents can challenge their students appropriately, and how to gradually release responsibility for learning during the course of the year.</p> <p><i>The Distance Learning Playbook for Parents, Chapter 4</i></p>

<p>Friday, January 15, 2021</p>	<p>Family Fun Night</p>	<p>Moderator: n/a</p> <p>Designer 1: Ariana Leonard</p> <p>Designer 2: Leslie Weber</p> <p>Designer 3: Colleen Cook</p>	<p>Turn off the technology and televisions for a good ol' family fun night. Explore a menu of creative games...</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 20, 2021</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Helping Parents Support Their Children's Wellbeing During Distance Learning with Rosalind Wiseman</p>	<p>Moderator: Bev Redmond, Kevin Rubenstein, & Scott Grens</p> <p>Rosalind Wiseman</p>	<p>Join us for this evening with one of the authors of The Distance Learning Playbook as she discusses, from the parent perspective, how we can support student learning and growth during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>