# **PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT**

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THURSDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> 2014

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# Hosted by Hawthorne School and Beverly Hills PTA Council

Hawthorne School 624 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

## 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### Class registration will begin promptly at 6:00 PM. Please come and enjoy coffee and light snacks.

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	TEACHER
6:30-6:55 <u>"The Happiness Advantage"</u> <u>Linking Positive Brains to Performance</u> Suggested Audience: Parents of 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Explore positive psychology based on the hit "Ted Talk" by researcher and Harvard professor Shawn Achor. Is a positive attitude the secret to being successful in school and in life? Can being happy mean getting better grades? Can our brains be rewired to think in the positive now? Together we will explore the topic and share tips on how to help your student achieve "The Happiness Advantage."	Marissa Long Social Studies Teacher Hawthorne School Room 203
6:30-6:55 <u>Math Matters: Overcome Your Fear of</u> <u>Your Child's Math Courses</u> Suggested Audience: Parents of 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	This course will examine how math thinking has changed over the years and the strategies that parents can use to help their child to be math thinkers and meet common core standards. We will also be discussing what parents can do when they don't know how to help their child in math.	<b>Gena Schmidt</b> Kindergarten Teacher Hawthorne School Room 152
6:30-6:55 <u>Readers of the Future</u> Suggested Audience: Parents of 2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	What are students reading in schools and how has that changed due to Common Core? A focus on nonfiction texts including blogs, articles, journals, news, and other resources.	<b>Shannon Brier</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> grade teacher Hawthorne School Room 123
6:30-6:55 <u>The Triple Package: How Three Unlikely</u> <u>Traits Explain the Rise &amp; Fall of Cultural</u> <u>Groups in America</u> Suggested Audience: Parents of all grade levels	The speakers will give a synopsis of the book By Amy Chua (author of The Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother) and Jed Rubenfeld and discuss the provocative and profound thinking that can transform the way we think about success and achievement.	<b>Dr. Marty Powers</b> , Principal and <b>Mr. Todd Radonsky</b> , PE teacher Beverly Vista School Library
7:00-7:25 <b>Bye-Bye Bubble-In: The New State</b> <b>Standardized Tests</b> Suggested Audience: Parents of 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Transitioning from STAR testing to the new CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Assessment and Progress). A brief overview of the new computer based assessments will be given so you and your child know what to expect.	Jean Nelson 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade teacher El Rodeo School Room 115
7:00-7:25 <u>Music Education &amp; Its Role in Academic</u> <u>Achievement, Cognitive Development</u> <u>&amp; Social-Emotional Development</u> Suggest Audience: Parents of 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Music education teaches our students qualities such as focus and teamwork. Many academic subjects are woven throughout music classes and research indicates improved cognitive function is students that have participated in music education.	<b>Anastasia Kossler</b> Music Teacher Hawthorne School Room 122
7:00-7:25 <u>Organization and Study Skills for</u> <u>Middle School Students</u> Suggested Audience: Parents of Middle School Students	Help your middle school student learn the skills they need to stay on top of homework get organized, study for tests, and meet their full potential.	<b>Tara Winberry Litt</b> English Teacher Hawthorne School Room 217
7:00-7:25 <u>Promoting Positive Behavior: Tips for a</u> <u>Peaceful Home</u> Suggested Audience: Parents of K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Does your child listen to you? Are you tired of the tantrums, refusals, and daily arguments? Learn how to improve positive behavior in your child, decrease undesirable behavior, and make your home a more peaceful place. Real world solutions for successful parenting will be offered.	Jenna Tsuruta Psychologist Beverly Vista and Hawthorne Schools Library

7:30-7:55 <u>Critical Thinkers and Problem Solvers at</u> <u>Home</u> Suggested Audience: Parents of K-3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Tips and tricks to fostering independence will be shared. The speaker will provide information on how to support your children in becoming critical thinkers and problem solvers and help them meet Common Core Standards.	<b>Amanda Kort</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> grade teacher Hawthorne School Room 132
7:30-7:55 <u>Homework: Realities, Myths and</u> <u>Research</u> Suggested Audience: Parents of 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	What is too much, or not enough homework? What does current research tell us about the advantages & disadvantages of homework? Mr. Kessler will review this controversial topic & offer suggestions on how to help your student meet their full potential with, or without homework.	Steve Kessler Principal Horace Mann School Library
7:30-7:55 <u>STEM: Preparing Students for the</u> <u>Careers of Tomorrow</u> Suggested Audience: Parents of 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	More than 3 million job openings in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and related fields will be created by 2018. What can we do to prepare our students? The STEM curriculum provides students with access to math & science concepts that are challenging, content-rich, engaging, and connected to the world in which we live.	Alexis Crane STEM Teacher Hawthorne School Room 218
7:30-7:55 <u>The Wonders of Writing</u> Suggested Audience: Parents of 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Do you wonder what your child should be learning in writing, or how to help add the wonders of imagination to your child's writing? The speaker will discuss common core standards and explain how to incorporate creativity into the writing process.	<b>Amy Arebalo</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade teacher El Rodeo School Room 115

#### **SEMINAR SCHEDULE**

Time	Educator/Room				
6:30 – 6:55	Marissa Long Room 203	Dr. Marty Powers/ Todd Radonsky Library	Gena Schmidt Room 152	Shannon Brier Room 123	
7:00 – 7:25	Jenna Tsuruta	Tara Winberry-Litt	Jean Nelson	Annie Kossler	
	Library	Room 217	Room 115	Room 122	
7:30 – 7:55	Alexis Crane	Amy Arebalo	Amanda Kort	Steve Kessler	
	Room 218	Room 115	Room 132	Library	

### THIS EVENING IS FOR ADULTS ONLY.

## PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SPEAKERS WILL BE STARTING ON TIME.

## WE WOULD APPRECIATE ON-TIME ARRIVAL SO PRESENTATIONS ARE NOT DISRUPTED.

Thank you!