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State of the Schools

Breakout Sessions

Saving Lives One Community at a Time: Talking to your Child about Suicide

Nobody wants to talk about it - not even parents. Teen suicide is reaching epidemic proportions. Many parents don't know about youth suicide, or how to identify or intervene with an at-risk young person. This presentation will discuss the early warning signs, how to show you care and how you can access help. Community outreach resources will be provided.

Dangerous Texting.....

Texting inappropriate material includes the act of sending, receiving, or forwarding explicit messages, photos, or images via cell phone, computer, or other digital device. These messages, photos, and images are then often being further disseminated through email and internet-based social networking websites well beyond their original intended recipients leading to humiliation and bullying. This behavior is a growing problem, receiving national attention in newspapers, on morning shows, news broadcasts, and the internet. It's happening all over the country. This presentation will discuss the facts about this type of texting and what you can do as parents to be proactive.

Making Math Real

In this session, we will discuss why it is important that we teach our children to be mathematical thinkers. We will briefly explore what a math class looks like today using our concept-based math program, investigate why it is important to teach a balance of skills and concepts, and learn about ways parents can extend the learning of math in your home and beyond.

Understanding the Impact of Learner Qualities on Student Learning

What does it take to become a life-long learner? Come to this session and investigate how teachers and parents can instill Learner Qualities in your child. Participants will engage in activities to heighten awareness of the Learner Qualities and how they are used to communicate important information about your children.

Our Kids & Computers... And Phones... And Video Games...

Learn about how our students are using all kinds of devices connected to the Internet, especially computers, as well as how to protect your family from the potential dangers of the Internet while taking advantage of all of its great benefits.

Learning to Read in Two Languages

Learning to read is a universal process. Reading skills transfer from one language to another - and back again! Learn activities teachers and families can use to help children understand this concept and enhance their reading in two languages.

September 29, 2009
Cooper Middle School

October 5, 2009
London Middle School

October 8, 2009
Holmes Middle School