



GREENVILLE
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Dear GCS Families,

In 2018, the New York State Education Department determined that social and emotional education improved school connectedness, and allowed students to become better learners. In order to enable students to achieve their full potential, NYS developed Social Emotional Learning (SEL) goals for all schools to meet. This year, the PPS (Pupil Personnel Services) department at Greenville School District will be working hard to meet the social and emotional needs of our students and families in a variety of ways.

Dr. Jennifer Bashant will be hosting monthly parent forums/webinars regarding various social and emotional topics to provide insight and education on these topics to our community. These webinars will provide parents an opportunity to ask her questions and provide feedback on future topics. The flyer and dates of these events are included with this letter. [You can also click here to learn more.](#)

The Pupil Personnel Services department will also be resuming their efforts to survey our students and families to measure the social and emotional needs of our community. Through these surveys, we can determine future lessons and help to identify students that require more education.

We are also researching various SEL programs that will help us to enhance our own SEL goals, develop more classroom lessons and make it easier for us to identify targeted interventions to students that are in need of more SEL education.

We all have learned over the last two years that social and emotional needs are extremely important and can negatively impact all of our lives if they are not met. Greenville Central School District strives to meet these needs each year and we will continue to work on enhancing these efforts annually.

Sincerely,

Greenville PPS (Pupil Personnel Services)

Parents as Partners 2021-2022 Webinar Series

RETURNING TO SCHOOL: HELP YOUR CHILD HAVE A SMOOTH TRANSITION

AUGUST 31, 7-8 PM

Whether your child was fully remote or had a hybrid schedule last year, there will likely be many things that will look different as September rolls around and we begin a new school year. Returning to school after summer vacation during a typical year is often anxiety provoking, but your child will probably be facing many unknowns that will require flexibility and resilience. During this webinar, learn three ways to help your child transition into a new school year with ease.

BUILDING EMPATHY AND COMPASSION IN YOUR CHILD

SEPTEMBER 21, 7-8 PM

The ability to have empathy, or identify with the feelings of another, is an important skill for making and keeping friends. Some of the best leaders are empathic and have compassion for themselves and for others. During this webinar, you will learn how to foster empathy in your child and help them to see the world through the eyes of others.

YOU MUST BE AT YOUR BEST TO DO YOUR BEST: SELF-CARE IN SIX DOMAINS

OCTOBER 20, 7-8 PM

Parents and caregivers have one of the toughest (yet most rewarding) jobs on earth! Raising a family requires a lot of energy, patience and consistency, which can take a toll. With stress and anxiety levels at an all-time high, learn about the six areas of your life that require your care and attention, and leave with a plan to incorporate self-care into your days and weeks.

RECOGNIZING AND COPING WITH YOUR CHILD'S ANXIETY (AND YOURS)

NOVEMBER 18, 7-8 P

At least 20% of children in this country have a diagnosable anxiety disorder, but anxiety can be hard to recognize because it often masquerades as anger or behavioral challenges. This workshop will show you what to look for, and how to recognize the different types of anxiety, as well as the six lies that anxiety tells. You will leave tips and strategies for helping your child cope with and overcome anxiety.



JENNIFER BASHANT

Jennifer L. Bashant, Ph.D., LMSW, MA, founder of Building Better Futures LLC, is an Educational Consultant and Trainer, with the mission to provide educators with evidence-based strategies to reduce challenging behavior in the classroom, and therefore, have a positive impact on learning. She is extremely passionate about her work, which is evident in her high-energy, engaging trainings and in her ability to connect with educators in a compassionate and authentic way.

Jennifer provides training and embedded coaching to educators regarding the most behaviorally challenging students. Her approach is trauma-sensitive and strengths-based, and she seeks to foster collaborative relationships between educators and students as they work together as partners in learning. Jennifer has been trained in Collaborative Problem Solving and the Mindful Schools curriculum for students ages kindergarten through grade 12.

As a certified DiSC Trainer and a certified EQ-i 2.0 Trainer, Jennifer also works with administrative teams, building leadership teams and teachers about emotional intelligence and how to communicate more effectively.

NATURAL WAYS TO BOOST YOUR MOOD AND IMPROVE YOUR SLEEP

DECEMBER 14, 7-8 PM

During this webinar, you will learn about ways you can improve the quality of your sleep and ensure that you are getting the optimal amount of sleep each night. Your sleep habits have a direct impact on your physical and mental health. Dr. Bashant will also share 10 natural ways you can improve your mood as we weather the cold and darkness of winter. You will leave with specific ideas about how you can start feeling better right away

WHEN STARS AND STICKERS DON'T WORK - MOTIVATE YOUR CHILD FROM WITHIN

JANUARY 19, 7-8 PM

Motivation is a peculiar thing! Most of us were raised with behavioral reinforcement systems, such as earning TV time for getting chores done and a little extra money for good grades on report cards. For some kids, systems like this work well enough, but for kids with challenging behavior, behavioral systems often make things worse! During this webinar, you will learn about the three aspects of intrinsic motivation, or being self-motivated, and how to implement them at home!

BUILD THE COGNITIVE SKILLS YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND LIFE

FEBRUARY 17, 7-8 PM

According to over 40 years of neuroscience research, all challenging behavior can be linked to one or more cognitive skills that are lagging. The five cognitive skills that play a crucial role in behavior are (1) emotion regulation, (2) executive function, (3) cognitive flexibility, (4) language processing and (5) social skills. During this webinar, you will learn about each of these skills, how they contribute to challenging behavior, and what you can do to build these skills.

HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN TO MANAGE STRONG EMOTIONS

MARCH 22, 7-8 PM

Being able to recognize the physical warning signs and knowing how to regulate the body in order to manage strong emotions such as anger, guilt, sadness and even elation, are skills that must be developed and practiced. For some children, this is more challenging and emotion regulation strategies must be explicitly taught. During this webinar, you will learn how to use mindfulness, art, soothing music and physical activity to help your child develop a toolbox of strategies that work for him/her.

BE PRESENT, BE CURIOUS AND BE UNDERSTOOD WITH MINDFUL PARENTING

APRIL 20, 7-8 PM

Truly listening with curiosity and the intention to understand another's perspective is a gift you can give to your child. As parents, we often feel like we need to jump in and solve the problem when we see our children struggling. However, allowing your child to feel heard and understood is a powerful way to connect with them and show them support. During this webinar, you will learn the three steps of mindful communication and how this can open the door to a stronger relationship which is built on trust.

BOOST YOUR CHILD'S EQ: THE ROLE OF EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE IN SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

MAY 19, 7-8 PM

Did you know that emotional intelligence is the number one quality that employers are seeking in new hires? Did you also know that emotional intelligence is not fixed, and can be developed? During this webinar, you will learn about the different aspects of EQ, and how you can help your child improve their emotional intelligence in order to improve their social skills and social relationships.

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