

# Parent Academy

November 1, 2017, 6:00-8:00 PM - IEF Elementary School



## Back to School Edition!

Learn from teachers, administrators, and faculty about the district's programs and how to support your child at home.

Each class will be offered four times throughout the evening unless otherwise noted. Class times will be, 6:00-6:25, 6:30-6:55, 7:00-7:25, and 7:30-7:55. Free child care is available for school-age children in the gymnasium.

### ACADEMICALLY FOCUSED CLASSES

The Parent's Guide to Writing Workshop (K-5)

Helping and Supporting your Students with Foundations (K-4)

Responding to Reading (Grades 3-4)

Math Made Easy: A Tutorial for Parents (Grades K-2 sessions 1 & 2, Grades 3-4 sessions 3 & 4)

### PARENTS AS FIRST TEACHERS

Parenting the Gifted Learner (K-4)

The MOST IMPORTANT SKILLS Your Child Needs for Success in ALL Environments (K-8) (1 hour session beginning at 7pm)

Using Effective Communication at Home to Facilitate School Success (K-8)

### STRATEGIC PLANNING KICKOFF

Join Superintendent, Kevin Carroll, for the kickoff of Green Brook's strategic planning initiative. He will explain the process and goals, and discuss ways to get involved in the process.

Meetings are available during regular sessions, an early session at 5:30, or a post-session at 8:00.



### Movie Night!

Facilitated by GBMS Peer Leaders and teacher chaperones, students can come and enjoy a movie in the gymnasium while parents attend classes.

Vote for what movie you want to see at <https://goo.gl/forms/yfRUcKssHxyoL5Vs1>

Choose from Moana, The Lego Batman Movie, or Monsters University.

The movie starts at 6:00 in the IEF gymnasium.

## Academically Focused Classes:

### The Parent's Guide to Writing Workshop (Grades K-5)

This presentation will provide ways parents can help their young writers at home. Parents will leave with a takeaway "toolkit" that will help them better understand the components that make up writer's workshop.

### Responding to Reading (Grades 3 & 4)

We will be showing parents strategies and ideas to help their child with reading response. Parents will learn how to choose just right books of interest to their child and how to ask meaningful comprehension questions to help them partner with their classroom learning in readers workshop.

### Math Made Easy: A Tutorial for Parents (K-2 - Sessions 1&2; 3-4 - Sessions 3 &4)

Parents will get an overview of the math strategies that their children are applying in class and at home. Parents will learn some of the alternative strategies to traditional math utilized for math problem solving. Parents will be introduced to some of the programs available to assist their child including Pearson, IXL, SplashMath, Xtra Math and ABCYA. Parents will have the time to practice strategies themselves.

### Helping and Supporting your Students with Foundations (Grades K-4)

What is Foundations? Foundations is a multi-sensory reading and spelling program that is part of our CORE language arts instruction. This program emphasizes phonemic awareness, word-study, high frequency words, vocabulary, handwriting and spelling. Your child participates in learning life-long spelling skills where all instruction is interactive. In our workshop we will demonstrate some of the strategies we use in the classroom. You

will have an opportunity to use materials the children use daily so you can practice and hopefully utilize the same techniques at home to help your child master these skills.

## Parents as First Teachers:

### Parenting the Gifted Child (Grades K-4)

This presentation will provide information for parents on the GBTPS GATE delivery model starting in 2017-18, and will include a review of G&T including: background information, instructional best practices, learning experiences, social-emotional needs, and suggestions/resources for parents.

### The MOST IMPORTANT SKILLS Your Child Needs for Success in ALL Environments (Grades K-8) \*\*7:00-8:00 pm only\*\*

Parents are their child's first teacher. The interactions and experiences with their child impacts the development of the skills that allow their child to function successfully in all environments - home, playground, school, and work. The skills are known as Executive Function (EF) skills. Parents will learn what EF skills are and how they can assist their child in the development of these skills.

### Using Effective Communication at Home to Facilitate School Success (Grades K-8)

Communication is key to success and understanding. At times, it can be difficult to understand and keep up with what students are learning in school on a daily basis. By using effective communication skills with students at home, parents can create a positive climate and support their learner to achieve success. This session will discuss the importance of supporting students' academics at home and incorporate strategies for parents to ensure they are communicating effectively.