

# LEARNING ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS

2011-12 PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS

Successful experiences fuel a child's confidence and reinforce a belief that s/he is capable of success.



## Partnership for Student Success

Parents and Professionals Coming Together to Share and Learn Strategies to Empower Students

**A Series of Presentations and Discussion Groups Hosted in Cooperation with the ACS Athens PTO**

**A series of Monthly meetings beginning November 16, 2011**

**ACS Athens Conference Center**

**Administration Building**

**9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Program schedule printed on next page**

**R.S.V.P. for each session to Ms. Marietta Garbis, 210-6393-200, ext. 302**

**For more information contact Ms. Chris Perakis, Director, IIC Learning Enhancement Programs, 210-6393-200, ext. 335**

The ACS Athens IIC Learning Enhancement Program is proud to present a new initiative established to address parents' and educators' collective interest in the well-being and development of our students. Parents and professionals are cordially invited to join "Partnership for Student Success," a series of workshops, presentations and forums that will provide them the opportunity to share and learn strategies to empower student learners. Sessions will be scheduled monthly and will include a presentation on a topic related to promoting students' academic, emotional and social well being followed by a discussion of the topic.

## Organizing Work Habits to Increase Efficiency: Study and organizational skills

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011

Speaker: Ms. Markella Kaplani

While laziness and lack of effort are usually the first “suspects” for underperformance, we often fail to see that, even though children are expected to plan, organize and manage their time to complete work, these are skills that have hardly ever been taught. Through a presentation and a film, participants will be guided through the basic methods of organization as well as tips for studying that will enhance their children’s performance.

## Helping Teenagers Cope with Academic Challenges

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011

Speaker: Dr. Chrysoula Kostogiannis

Adolescence is one of the toughest stages developmentally. When paired with difficulties in the academic sector it may become quite challenging to handle. In this session, participants will have a chance to discuss concerns and share strategies with a view towards empowering students.

## Parenting in a Fast-paced and Changing World: When saying no is too hard, are we failing our children by saying yes?

Date: March 15, 2012

Speaker: Ms. Theofano Megalokonomou

During this session, a film offering practical advice on dealing with behavioral problems quickly and effectively will precede an interesting presentation on parenting in a world that is always changing, where disciplining becomes more intricate and difficult each day.

*The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn. ~John Lubbock*

## Mindfulness/Transpersonal Approach to Learning: Stress that children/parents feel and how it affects performance.

Date: TBA

Speaker: Ms. Lindy McMullin

In this session, parents and teachers will have a chance to be introduced to mindfulness and how it plays a role in learning. As a result, participants will be better able to empathize with the stress that a child with learning differences experiences and how it affects her/his performance. A DVD pertaining to the frustration, anxiety and tension students may feel and face will follow.

## Resilience: Our strongest weapon against the world’s constant changes.

Date: TBA

Speaker: Ms. Peggy Pelonis

In a world where nothing is static, one of the most necessary survival skills is resilience. Get introduced to what resilience means and methods by which it can be attained to assist children with learning differences in enhancing self-esteem and feeling confident that they will succeed in life.

## Because Everybody Needs a Friend!

Date: Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012

Speaker: Ms. Ellen Vriiotis

Establishing good interactions with peers is the cornerstone of a healthy course through school. Participants will be made aware of the significance of establishing friendships in school and will be introduced to strategies by which children can better communicate with peers through the presentation as well as a DVD showing.

## Helping Kids Focus

Date: TBA

Speaker: Ms. Ann Freeston

Sustaining concentration, maintaining focus and retaining one’s attention are not as easy for everyone as they may sound. Participants in this session will explore, via discussion, what it means

and takes to focus, the reasons behind some children’s lack of attention, and techniques to help them combat this issue. A film on Attention Deficit will follow.

## Writing Strategies to Enhance Performance

Date: TBA

Speaker: Ms. Elizabeth Ktorides

Writing is part of almost every class that students attend in school and will attend in college. Therefore, the better one can get her/his thoughts down on paper the higher the chances are that a student will succeed. Through this presentation and a DVD, parents and teachers will obtain tips that they can pass along to their children.

## The Search for Comprehension!

Date: TBA

Speaker: Ms. Chrysoula Ploutou

Students who struggle with understanding are often left behind with major gaps that radically influence their performance. Strategies for aiding comprehension will be discussed and viewed through the film “Understanding.”

## INPP Reflex Integration Therapy

Date: Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012

Speaker: Dr. Matt Teale

There is a growing body of evidence to support the long-held theory that control of balance, motor skills and integration of early reflexes are linked to academic achievement. The remedy is available in the form of a simple daily exercise program, which can be carried out at home for ten minutes every day.

## Seventh Annual Conference on Learning Differences

*Connecting the Pieces --*

*Inspiring genius and creativity*

*Differentiated teaching and learning*

*Testing and assessment*

*Social-emotional well being*

MAY 3-5, 2011

[www.acs.gr](http://www.acs.gr) (for more information)