



## Partnership for Student Success \*

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

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.



*\*This first event has already happened, but I'm including the information in case any of you are interested. I am also including the doctor's contact info in case you attended the session and would like to be in touch with him. It was a great session that many attendees found very informative and interesting!*

#### 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.

Dr. Teale is an English doctor trained in the UK in General Family Medicine and is a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners (MRCGP). He has been living and working in Athens for 12 years. He became involved in the INPP system through the personal experience of seeing the tremendous difference it made with members of his own family.

Dr. Teale has trained in the UK at the Institute of Neuro-Physiological Psychology (INPP) with the founders of this system. He treats Greek and English speaking children in Athens with reflex related learning difficulties. For more information on INPP take a look at: [www.inpp.org.uk](http://www.inpp.org.uk).



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**Offices in Central and Southern Athens**

***This series of monthly meetings is held in the ACS Athens Conference Center from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.***

***Please 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.***

**An upcoming weekend activity that EVERYONE can attend!**

**FAMILY HIKE on Mount Imittos! Enjoy some fresh air and the beauty of Mount Imittos as we hike up to Kaisariani Monastery.**



Meet in the parking lot of the Badminton Theater at 11:00 a.m. and we will carpool to the small parking lot on the mountain where the hike will begin. Bring your own water and snacks. Everyone can participate!

Sunday, January 29th from 11:00 a.m. until approx. 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Betsy Smith: 695.704.1540, systeb@gmail.com.

**PTO presents our first visiting author!**

**We are very excited about hosting Ms. Sara Holbrook and Mr. Michael Salinger coming to our school to share their knowledge, expertise, and love of poetry. They will be working with the students, faculty and staff at ACS Athens on Monday February 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>. Check the website for updates!**

**Sara Holbrook** is an author, educator and performer who has been writing poems and working with children, teachers and writers around the world for many years. She has written six poetry books for children, and one for adults. As she says, her poems really come alive when they are read out loud, and no one does that quite like Sara Holbrook!

Sara says: *"I write about two things, mostly -- what I know and what I wonder about. Reading and writing poetry helps me understand my life, the world, and the people I care about. Whether I am writing funny or serious poems, writing poetry helps me see what's true."*



Check out her website at <http://www.saraholbrook.com> and make sure you get a chance to hear her when she's here. The schedule will be sent via email, but put **February 6, 7, and 8** on your calendar to help us welcome our first PTO Visiting Author!

**Michael Salinger** has been writing and performing poetry and fiction for over 20 years. In this time he has become a fixture in the performance poetry and education community performing and teaching many countries. His work has appeared in dozens of literary journals published across the US and Canada.

Michael says: *"I write poetry because I love the craft of molding language into figurative form. Rhythm, structure and sound are tools that I admire in others work and strive for in my own. I gather my subject matter in passing. The focus of my work tends to be my everyday life, my family, my daily pursuits punctuated by minor epiphanies."*

Michael's publications include *Stingray* which was nominated for a Pushcart Prize, and a collection of humorous poems defining S.A.T. vocabulary words titled *Well Defined - Vocabulary in Rhyme*. He has co-authored a professional book with author Sara Holbrook titled *Outspoken: How to Improve Writing and Speaking Skills Through Performance Poetry*, and is currently finishing his second PD book with Ms. Holbrook on vocabulary acquisition.

**Join us for our first Wine and Cheese TGI-Tuesday  
to celebrate the mid-point of the school year and to meet our visiting author team!**

**Tues. Feb. 7th, from 3:45 to 6:00 pm**



The ACS Athens PTO invites you to come celebrate the mid-year mark with a glass of wine, cheese and light snacks after school! Mingle with ACS Athens Faculty, Staff and Parents, and meet visiting authors Sara Holbrook and Michael Salinger!

See you there!

**A special Pre-Valentine's Day event:**

**Do you LOVE Valentine's Day but hate the pressure? Celebrate the night before!  
The Hotel Grande Bretagne's Roof garden Restaurant is offering a special Pre-Valentine's menu on 13/02/2012!**

**60\* euro includes:  
Champagne and Wine  
Special Four Course Dinner  
Coffee or Tea  
Tax and Gratuity**

**Reserve your table (of any size... one to 12!) contact Jennifer Ananiadis at 694.580.6972 or [jananiadis@hotmail.com](mailto:jananiadis@hotmail.com)  
\* price is even lower than last year's price!**

