

# **Community Connections Parent Night**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

We are very excited to invite you to participate in our third Community Connections event of the 2014-2015 school year, which will take place on February 26, at R.B. Stewart Middle School. Parents will have the opportunity to schedule a conference with their child's teachers and meet at a designated time during the evening.

Parents and students who attend our Community Connections event can earn **five** bonus points for **each** session they attend. These points will be added to the class of the child's choice. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Community Connections event on Thursday, February 26. It is an evening you won't want to miss!

## **PARENT CONFERENCES - 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

Are you struggling to find time to schedule a parent conference with your child's teacher?

If you would like to set up a conference to meet with your student's teachers, please see the back of this flyer. Conferences must be booked in advance by returning the reservation form on the back.

**BOOK FAIR – 4:30 – 7:30 P.M.** The media center is bringing back The Book Fair! You and your student/s are invited to the media center to check it out. When you come in you will be entered to win one of two 15\$ Scholastic Bucks gift cards to be spent how you and your child would like on the Scholastic's Book Fair website. Your student/s will be able to tour the book fair with their language arts teacher Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will be the days your students will be able to come down during the school day to make purchases or Thursday night when you come in as a family.

Join us for a light dinner in front of the cafeteria at no charge.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- **Infinity: 6:30-7:15pm** – Grade level sessions for current Infinity students to discuss upcoming events.

*This session is closed to current Infinity students.*

- **AVID: Session 1 5:30pm** – AVID in High School  
This session will focus on our **8<sup>th</sup> Grade AVID Elective students** transitioning to the high school in 2015- 2016. *This session is closed to current 8<sup>th</sup> grade AVID Elective students and families.*

### **Session 2 6:00pm** – Continuing in AVID

This session will focus on our **current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade AVID Elective students** continuing in the AVID Elective program in 2015 – 2016. *This session is closed to current 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade AVID Elective students and families.*

### **Session 3 6:30pm** – Welcome to AVID

This session will focus on current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students and families interested in learning more about the AVID Elective. We will explain what the typical AVID Elective week contains as well as the requirements for joining. We encourage anyone who is interested in going to college and ready for a challenge with the support of the "AVID Family" to attend this session.

*This session is open to all families wanting to learn about AVID.*

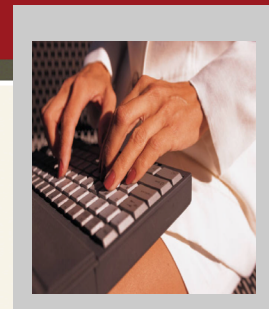
## **INFORMATION SESSIONS:**

**5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

- **Test Anxiety:** Strategies to help your student reduce test anxiety.
- **Adolescent Transitions:** Adolescent Transition Tips for Parents; Don't Take the Debate Bait
- **Think Central:** The science website that goes with the science fusion textbook; we will concentrate on your student(s) accessing & using this website to enhance & extend the teachings in the classroom. This website includes an electronic version of the textbook that can be accessed from your wireless device.
- **Khan Academy:** Offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that will empower learners to study at their own pace in & outside of the classroom. Khan Academy also lets you track your child's progress so you can support their individual learning needs.
- **Spring Container Gardens:** No place for a garden? Try a container garden on a porch, deck or patio. The Zephyrhills Junior FFA and the Agriscience Department will hold a session on spring container gardening. Hints for planting & spring seeds will be available for those attending.

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(20-minute sessions starting every half hour, with the last session starting at 7:00.)

- **Test Anxiety:** Strategies to help your student reduce test anxiety.
  - Times: 5:30, 6:00, 6:30.
- **Adolescent Transitions:** Adolescent Transition Tips for Parents; Don't Take the Debate Bait
  - Times: 6:00, 6:45.
- **Think Central:** A science website that goes with the science fusion textbook; we will concentrate on accessing and using this website to enhance and extend the teachings in the classroom.
  - Times: 6:15, 6:45.
- **Khan Academy:** Learn how this resource can assist you in practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that will empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom.
  - Times: 5:30, 6:15, 7:00.
- **Spring Container Gardens:** The Zephyrhills Jr FFA and the Agriscience Department will hold a session on spring container gardening.
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- **Infinity:** 6:30–7:15pm – *Closed Session for Current Infinity Students.*
- **AVID:** **Session 1:** 5:30pm – *AVID in High School - This session is closed to current 8<sup>th</sup> grade AVID Elective students & families.*  
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- **Book Fair:** 4:30 - 7:30pm The media center is bringing back The Book Fair!

## PARENT CONFERENCES: 4:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Parents who are interested in scheduling after hour parent conferences should complete the Conference Request form at the bottom of this letter and return it to the back office ASAP. At least two teachers from each team will be present for our Parent Conferences and they will be able to share grade/behavior information for your child's classes in twenty-minute blocks. Parent Conferences will take place in the cafeteria and they will begin at 4:00 pm. and will end at 7:50 p.m. You **MUST** register ahead of time to schedule a conference and you will be notified with the time your conference is scheduled. If you have questions about scheduling a conference, please contact Robyn Herndon, RBSMS Parent Involvement Coordinator at 813-794-6510.

### Parent Conference Request Form

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

Circle **Top Three** Preferences for Parent Conference Time:

4:00   4:30   5:00   5:30   6:30   7:00   7:30

Each team is limited to seven conferences. The school will contact you if your request for a Parent Conference can be honored. If you are in need of translation services, please let us know.

To find out more information about this event, please visit our website at:  
<http://rbsms.pasco.k12.fl.us>