

A Day in the Life
of a
Titus Tiger



Course Catalog

Parent Professional Development Night

Thursday, October 6, 2016

6:30 - 8:00

Join Titus teachers and CB Staff Developers on Thursday,
October 6, 2016 for an informative night of parent
workshops!

This brochure contains course descriptions for each of the courses that will be offered during our evening of Parent Professional Development. You may choose to attend one course during each of three sessions. There will also be various stations set up throughout the school that you can visit as you move about the building.

We appreciate you finding alternate care for your children during this event.

Once you make your choices, please register by visiting
<http://bit.ly/2d513P8>.

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Session 1 Course Offerings

Course Title: Session 1-Anxiety, Meet Mindfulness (Sessions 1 and 2)*

Instructors:

- Mrs. Jennifer Horan, School Counselor
- Mrs. Lauren Wallace, 3rd grade

Location: Dining Room

Course description: This workshop will give you some background on anxiety and what impact it can have on your child's mind and body. We will offer some suggestions for routines and practices parents can use when children show signs of anxiety. Lastly, we will share the benefits of mindfulness and relaxation strategies for the whole family.

Target Audience: All parents - any grade level

Class size: No limit

***Please note: If you register for this course, please do not register for a course in Session 2.**

Course Title: Session 1-Outlaw Photos, Police Reports, & Other Artifacts – Using Primary Sources in Social Studies Instruction

Instructors: Mrs. Holly Niemeyer -Schorpp, 4th grade

Location: Room 306

Course description: Find out how elementary school social studies lessons are made more engaging and fun when primary sources such as old photos and documents are shared. See how students are taught to analyze these sources to deepen their understanding. You will also leave with a list of local places that you can visit as a family to develop your child's background knowledge.

Target Audience: K – 6th Grade Parents

Maximum class size: 25

Course Title: Session 1-TenMarks – In & Out of the Classroom

Instructors:

- Miss Dana Spohn, 3rd Grade
- Miss Kim Anderson, 4th Grade

Location: Room 507

Course description (2-3 sentences): TenMarks is a website dedicated to support math instruction. Students complete assigned tasks and Jam Sessions to earn points to unlock games. Parents and teachers are able to customize tasks based on students' needs within particular math domains.

Target Audience: K – 6th Grade Parents

Maximum class size: 15

Course Title: Session 1-The “H” Word – Understanding Homework

Instructors:

- Mrs. Robin London, 4th grade
- Mrs. Amy Scherr, 5th grade
- Mr. Matt Behling, 6th grade

Location: Room 303

Course description:

- What is meant by realistic, relevant homework?
- Does Titus prepare middle school and high school students adequately for secondary schools' homework requirements/time commitment?
- What are the parents' role/responsibilities in grades 4, 5, and 6 regarding their children's homework completion?

Target Audience: 4th – 6th Grade Parents

Maximum class size: 25

Course Title: Session 1-Reading at Home (Grades K-2)

Instructors:

- Miss Karen Wallace, Reading Specialist
- Mrs. Stephanie Byrne, Reading Specialist

Location: Room 106

Course description: The purpose of this workshop is for parents to leave with easy ideas to use when reading with their child at home. Time frames for reading, discussion ideas, and resources will be shared.

Target Audience: K – 2nd Grade Parents

Maximum class size: 20

Session 2 Course Offerings

Course Title: Session 2-Grades Are Back, Now What?

Instructors:

- Mrs. Darci Meehan, 6th grade
- Mrs. Stacey Duffy, 5th grade

Location: Room 206

Course description: Grades are back for 5th and 6th grade. Find out how the reporting document has changed and what this means for students and parents.

Target Audience: 5th and 6th Grade Parents

Maximum class size: 25

Course Title: Session 2-The Power of Play

Instructor: Mrs. Caitlin Razler, Occupational Therapist

Location: Room 301

Course description: This course is designed to inform parents about the functional and developmental benefits of play for children and the important role play time has in childhood. Also, we will explore the impact movement and "play time" (or lack thereof) can have on attention, focus, learning, gross and fine motor skills, visual motor coordination, and social skills. Strategies to incorporate functional play into a child's daily routine at home and in school will be discussed.

Target Audience: K – 6th Grade Parents

Maximum class size: 20

Course Title: Session 2-Formative Assessment, A Closer Look

Instructors:

- Mrs. Lynda Costello, 1st grade
- Mr. Justin Leshar, 4th grade

Location: Room 305

Course description: This course will explain formative assessment and the reasons why it is an important part of the elementary school day. We will also demonstrate and share formats used to collect data in order for parents to get an idea of the "check-ins" and "noticings" that the students participate in every day. We hope to convey the reasons why formative assessment is so important for teachers to utilize in the classroom to develop a complete picture of children as learners.

Target Audience: K – 6th Grade Parents

Maximum class size: 20

Course Title: Session 2-Reflective Parenting

Instructor: Mrs. Kerry Williamson, 1st grade

Location: Room 109

Course description: Parenting may not always be easy. Sometimes we tend to react quickly when responding to our children and then later come to regret our decisions. Attend this workshop if you'd like to learn some strategies that will help you be less reactive and more reflective when responding to your children.

Target Audience: K – 6th Grade Parents

Maximum class size: 20

Course Title: Session 2-Math Practice at Home - Websites & Games

Instructors:

- Mrs. Sue Radomski, 2nd grade
- Miss Joanna Brennan, 2nd grade

Location: Room 502

Course description: Come and learn new ways to practice math facts at home! We will demonstrate some fun math related websites. You will also learn how to make and print your own math practice worksheets.

Target Audience: K – 2nd Grade Parents

Maximum class size: 15

Session 3 Course Offerings

Course Title: Session 3-Kidwriting

Instructors:

- Mrs. Megan Gillen, Kindergarten
- Miss Casey Henry, Kindergarten

Location: Room 402

Course description: Parents will be provided an overview of the Kid writing method to teach fundamental writing skills that incorporates phonics within the context of meaningful writing. Parents will be given resources to assist their child both at home and school as volunteers.

Target Audience: Kindergarten and New 1st Grade Parents

Maximum class size: 24

Course Title: Session 3-Finding Books Your Children Will Love

Instructor: Mrs. Cathy Moore, Librarian

Location: Library

Course description: If your child is having a difficult time finding books that interest him/her, or you would like to see him/her expanding the quality of his/her reading choices, this is the course for you. We will be looking at various websites that are great for choosing good books, including Book Adventure and Biblionasium, with a quick look at using the Titus library catalog from home.

Target Audience: 3rd – 6th Grade Parents

Maximum class size: 24

Course Title: Session 3-Reading at Home (Grades 3-6)

Instructors:

- Miss Karen Wallace, Reading Specialist
- Mrs. Stephanie Byrne, Reading Specialist

Location: Room 106

Course description: The purpose of this workshop is for parents to leave with easy ideas to use when reading with their child at home. Time frames for reading, discussion ideas, and resources will be shared.

Target Audience: 3rd – 6th Grade Parents

Maximum class size: 20

Course Title: Session 3-Problem Solving in the 5th and 6th Grade Classroom

Instructors:

- Mrs. Elaine VanVreede, 6th grade
- Mr. David Michener, 5th grade

Location: Room 210

Course description: Problem solving happens all day, every day - not just in math class. Empower your child to think it through with some helpful hints for school and for life.

Target Audience: 4th – 6th Grade Parents

Maximum class size: 20

Stations

Station Title: Understanding QUEST and 21st Century Skills

Instructor: Mrs. Lauren Dowd, QUEST teacher

Description: Visit this station to get a firsthand look at some of the engineering challenges that students in grades 1-6 take on in QUEST each week. Learn about the 21st Century Skills of collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking.

Target Audience: 1st – 6th Grade Parents

Station Title: iPads in the Primary Classroom

Instructors:

- Miss Jennifer Quaresima, 1st Grade
- Mrs. Lynda Costello, 1st Grade

Description: Join us at our iPads in the Primary Classroom station to learn more about the apps students and teachers are using to supplement instruction in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades. Explore these apps first hand to better understand how the students use iPads in the classroom.

Target Audience: K – 2nd Grade Parents

Station Title: Growth Mindset

Instructors:

- Miss Samantha Casselli, 3rd Grade
- Mrs. Suzanne Dailey, CBSD Staff Developer

Description: At this station, parents will learn strategies that will help promote a "growth mindset" with their child(ren), which will make a positive impact in school and at home. Many realistic, manageable resources will be shared that can be used immediately in the home!

Target Audience: K – 6th Grade Parents

Station Title: Understanding Everyday Math

Instructor: Mrs. Helene Rothman

Description: Do you know the difference between a Math Notebook, a Math Journal, and a Study Link Book? Do you struggle to help with math homework or worry that you are going to teach something the "wrong way?" Come to this table to get clarification on (and ask questions about) all things Everyday Math!

Target Audience: 4th – 6th Grade Parents

Station Title: Texting and Its Impact on Social Skills

Instructors:

- Miss Kimberly Anderson, 4th grade
- Miss Natalia Musitano, Speech Pathologist

Description: Texting has become a convenient way to communicate daily with family and friends. Children begin to learn how to text at a very young age and can become dependent on this form of communication. We will consider the impact of texting on social skill development and offer suggestions to avoid its overuse.

Target Audience: 3rd – 6th Grade Parents

Station Title: Office 365 and the CB Student

Instructors:

- Mr. Jason Jaffe, CBSD Director of Innovation & Technology
- Mrs. Lindsay Smith, CBSD Supervisor of Educational Technology

Description: Parents are welcome to stop by this table to learn more about how Office 365 is utilized in the district. Topics to be discussed include, but are not limited to, how to sign-in to Office 365, where to download at-home licenses, available apps, and OneDrive.

Target Audience: K – 6th Grade Parents

