

Partners for Learning March 10th, 2021

All offerings are presented in both sessions

5:30pm: Opening [Zoom link](#)

5:50pm: Session 1

6:40pm: Session 2



Link	Topic	Presenter
Zoom	Understanding WIDA Assessment in GES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The purpose of the WIDA assessment• The information it can give us• How we use the data to support children's learning• How families can support your child's English Language Learning at home	Lisa Pongpiriyaporn
Zoom	Parenting Young Children – A Crash Course in Positive Discipline. <i>Parents will gain</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valuable support and parenting strategies that will empower them to guide their children's social, emotional and behavioral development.• Positive, long-term solutions for raising kids who feel confident and capable.• Non-punitive, respectful methods that incorporate kindness and firmness into parenting and help parents get to the core of their child's misbehavior.	Yasmeen Ghunaim Josh Doyle
Zoom	Social Media and Our Children – A Force for Good or Ill? <i>Come join a small-group screening of 'Like' – a provocative indie film on the impact of social media in our lives today.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watch the documentary on the effects of technology on our children's brains• Join a post-screening discussion on how we can help our children find balance in a digital age• Contribute to a discussion on how we can use this film at KAUST to support digital responsibility <p>Note: this film and subsequent discussion, will run for the duration of the two Partners for Learning slots.</p>	Dr. Paul O'Callaghan Donovan Hall
Zoom	MYP Personal Project – All You Need To Know! <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the Personal Project?• What do I have to do?• How can I be successful?	Pete Powell Evie Vaoga

Zoom	<p>Reading Illustrated Books With Your Children – Tips From a Book Creator</p> <p>This is a virtual author visit just for TKS parents!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to know Shanda and her work • The power & skill of "reading pictures" (in tandem with words) • Demonstration - storytime for grownups and Q&A 	Shanda McCloskey, children's book author and illustrator, supported by Candace Taylor-Weber, TKS KG Librarian
Zoom	<p>Help! How can I help support a struggling reader?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background to understand why some children struggle to read and write. • Importance of decoding over learning sight words. • How can parents help at home? 	Heather Gatenby
Zoom	<p>The Extended Essay and CAS—The Core of the Diploma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do Diploma students fulfil their CAS and EE requirements? • How do students balance these with their subject area academic workload? • How can I support my child as they embark on this journey? 	Catherine De Levay Beth Lincoln
Zoom	<p>Cycling For Life: Well-Being and Health Through Cycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting young people's growth and well-being through cycling • Examples of different types of activities that you can do with your children on a bike • Sharing the research behind physical activity and well-being 	Andy Vasily
Zoom	<p>What is Going On With My Middle Schooler?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ever wonder why middle schoolers act the way that they do? • Learn more about what is happening to the brain during these challenging years. • Understand the developmental, intellectual, social and emotional characteristics of this unique stage of development. 	Adam Kuestermann
Zoom	<p>Elevating and Engaging Learning Through TKS and KAUST Partnerships</p> <p>The presentation will share how partnerships between TKS and KAUST have led to enriched learning experiences through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful student engagement with KAUST divisions • Authentic contributions from TKS students to KAUST projects • Connections to future careers through the WISE internship programme 	Azra Hanif Emma Nason
Zoom	<p>Foundation Skills in Kindergarten</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are foundation skills and the Kinetic Scale? • The connection between moving and learning • An in-depth look at each of the six Kinetic Scale physicalities 	Katarina Sladakovic Zack Smith
Zoom	<p>Building Strong Readers and Writers in K3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is balanced literacy? • What does it look like at school? • How can families support at home? 	Dawn Verdoni Kate Loucks

