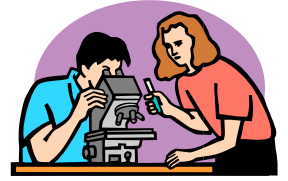




Readington Township Parent Enrichment Evening



*Tuesday, March 21, 2017
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Readington Middle School*

1. Hour of Code

Are you unsure what it means when your child said they coded in school? Are you curious to see for yourself what the buzz around coding is all about? If so, please join for me an introduction to computer science. This class is designed for parents who are not familiar with coding and want to give it a try. No coding experience is required! Computers will be provided.

Presenter: Lora Petersen

2. Mindfulness

One of our district goals is to develop a Mindfulness Program for students that includes components of peace, character education, yoga, self-management, and interpersonal communication. Come learn about the practices being introduced to our staff and students. You may even find a strategy to use on your own!

Presenters: Anthony Tumolo and Karen Tucker

3. Meaningful Making

Come and experience the Maker Mindset! During this session, you will learn about the Maker movement in education and have the opportunity to engage in your own fun-filled activity.

Presenters: Sarah Pauch and Sherry Krial

4. Foundations of Google Apps

Participants in this workshop will get an introduction to Google, the Chrome browser experience, and many of the most utilized Google apps in classrooms. Participants will be introduced to Google Drive, Docs, Slides, and Sheets with the basic how-to's in their use. Participants will also be introduced to the sharing experience through Google Apps. This will be a hands-on workshop, Chromebooks will be provided.

Presenter: Ed Dubroski

5. The Importance of Being Little

Are we raising our children with the proper balance of unstructured time, peace, and independence? Referencing suggestions from [The Importance of Being Little](#) by Erika Christakis and information from brain research, this session will provide parents with smart strategies to use with their young children at home.

Presenter: Barbara Sargent

6. Raising a Middle School Child in a Technological Society

Being an adolescent is not easy, but being a parent of one can be even more challenging. This workshop focuses on the middle school child and how to navigate through these years as a parent. In addition, there will be a presentation on cyber safety by Readington Township police officers.

Presenters: Sharon Moffat, Detective Mackiewicz, and Lieutenant Joseph Greco

7. "What Your Tweens Wish Adults Knew"

Middle schoolers shared their thoughts about what they wish adults knew about tween life today. Learn about the data from recent surveys about the concerns, joys, fears and hopes of this generation's tweens.

Presenter: Emily Bengels

Workshop Registration Form

Name: _____ Youngest Child's School: _____

E-mail (to confirm session choices): _____

Please indicate your first choice for the evening by placing a **1** on the line next to your session choice.

- _____ 1. *Hour of Code*
- _____ 2. *Mindfulness*
- _____ 3. *Meaningful Making*
- _____ 4. *Foundations of Google Apps*
- _____ 5. *The Importance of Being Little*
- _____ 6. *Raising a Middle School Child in a Technological Society*
- _____ 7. *"What Your Tweens Wish Adults Knew"*

Please complete and return this form to your child's teacher by Monday, March 6. If you prefer, the registration may also be faxed to Barbara Sargent at 908/349-3042. A confirmation of session registration and reminder e-mail will be sent to you during the week of March 13th. Questions may be directed to Barbara Sargent in the BOE offices or at bsargent@readington.k12.nj.us. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, March 21!

About the Presenters

Emily Bengels is in her 21st year of teaching and teaches gifted education and enrichment at RMS. She received her B.A. in Romance Languages from Bryn Mawr College, her M.A. in Language Education from Rutgers Graduate School of Education and an M.A. in Gifted Education from the University of Missouri. She is active with musical theater and other creative arts, and has received grants to research at Emily Dickinson's house, attend Space Academy for Educators, join a Fulbright Education Seminar in Uruguay, and attend the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. She hopes her students find a career to love as much as she loves hers!

Ed Dubroski is in his 8th year of teaching at Three Bridges School. He holds an undergraduate degree in Human Ecology/Early Childhood Education as well as a M.A. in Instructional Technology and Educational Development and Strategies. He has presented various workshops on using *Google Apps for Education* and infusing technology into the classroom. Mr. Dubroski is the advisor of the TBS Fitness Club, co-teaches TBS Family Science and has been the Readington Summer Sports Coordinator. Mr. Dubroski has also led the TBS Jump for Heart Fundraiser for the past 7 years, raising over \$12,000.

Lieutenant Joe Greco began his Law Enforcement career in 1998 with the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Department where he was assigned to the Narcotics Task Force. In 1999 he was hired by Readington Township Police Department and assigned to the patrol division where he held the rank of Corporal and Sergeant. In 2009 he was assigned to the Detective Bureau and was promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant in 2012. Lieutenant Greco is a graduate of the 250th session of the FBI National Academy.

Sherry Krial is in her 21st year of teaching and leads the district's Staff Development Programs. She received her B.S. from Bloomsburg University, M.A. from DeSales University, and her Ed. S. from Seton Hall University. She can be found participating in outdoor activities in her free time.

Detective Mackiewicz has worked for the Readington Township Police Department since 2007 where he is assigned to the Patrol Division. Det. Mackiewicz is a graduate of the Somerset County Police Academy Alternate Route program. He holds a B.A. degree in Sociology from William Paterson University and an Associate degree in Criminal Justice from Raritan Valley Community College. Det. Mackiewicz was assigned to the Detective Bureau since August 2013.

Sharon Moffat is Principal of Readington Middle School. She received her M.A. degree from Rider University and has served as the K-12 STEM Supervisor and the Pond Road Middle School Assistant Principal in Robbinsville before coming to Readington. Previously, Sharon was a middle school teacher for twenty years and is passionate about middle school education.

Sarah Pauch is Supervisor of Math, Science, and Technology for Readington Township. She received her M.A. degree from The College of New Jersey. Sarah has been part of the Readington Township School District for nineteen years and has served as a third-grade teacher, first-grade teacher, and staff development coordinator.

Lora Petersen has been a math teacher at RMS for 14 years. She has a B.S. from Richard Stockton College and a M.S. in Education specializing in Middle School Mathematics from Walden University. This year she began teaching Computer Coding at the middle school for 7th and 8th graders. When not at school, she enjoys spending time with her 3rd grade daughter and husband. Her hobbies include camping, logic puzzles, and raising awareness for a local charity, *Steps Together*.

Barbara Sargent is Superintendent for Readington Township School District, and has served the district since 2011. She holds B.A. degrees in English and Sociology from Rutgers University, an M.A. in Reading/Language Arts from Rider University, and an Ed.D. in Educational Administration from Seton Hall University. As the mom of three sons, she is a staunch supporter of children of all ages – especially that amazing middle school population, where she began teaching 30 years ago.

Karen Tucker has been Readington's Supervisor of Pupil Services since August 2008. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina where she earned both B.S. in Psychology and Master of Social Work degrees. She began her career in education as a school social worker and counselor at the high school level and then as special education team coordinator at a large regional district. She has served as Director of a special needs school and as a supervisor of special education at a regional high school district. With 25 years of experience in NJ schools, Karen is passionate about issues that impact special needs students and their educational experiences and works closely with teachers and administration to advocate for this population.

Anthony Tumolo has been working with K-3 children for eleven years. He holds a B.A. in History from the University of Delaware, M.A. in Elementary Education from Wilmington College, and an M.A. in ESL Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Phoenix. He teaches 3rd grade at Whitehouse Elementary School in the Readington School District. Over the years, Anthony has followed a path that is deeply rooted in character education. He has immersed himself in the study of Mindfulness and Yoga. Recently, Anthony has merged his passion for exercise and physical/emotional health with his love for public education. With humble gratitude, he thanks the administrators, colleagues, students and parents in the district for providing him with the "ultimate dream job."