

2019 Parents Go to School Night Session Schedule

Keynote Speaker: 5:45-6:15 p.m.		
Parents	Session Description	Location
Grades K-8	It's the End of the World As We Knew It! Avoiding Traps and Building Tools Using Social Media in Parenting: Joe Clark, Assistant Principal, Chilton Middle School Navigating adolescence in 2019 is completely different than navigating those years in 1999 or even in 2009. The average teenager spends upwards of nine hours per day on social media and technology devices, which influences every area of their lives. We programmed our parents' VCRs because they did not understand the "new technology." But not understanding or guiding our kids in their "new technology", the world of social media and technology devices has very real consequences. Social media does not just have to be a parenting trap. If used right, it can be an effective parenting tool.	Gym

Session 1: 6:20-6:50 p.m.		
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Grades K-1	K-1 Technology Integration; Facilitators: Maureen Weiner and Katie Sanchez, WCS Teachers Come in and learn about Westlake's Google Apps for Education (GAFE) student accounts with members from Westlake's Tech Team. We will explain how student safety is maintained and various ways students will be using their GAFE accounts in Kinder and 1st grade classrooms.	F105 (Aichele)
Grades K-2	Strategies for Building Number Sense in K-2; Facilitator: Amanda Furden, WCS Teacher Do you need some quick and easy tools and strategies to help build your K-2 child's number sense at home? Come learn about why this foundational focus on numbers is vital to your child's success in math, and how to strengthen his/her understanding of numbers and their patterns.	F119 (Grimaldi)
Grades K-8	What Do You Want to Know About Student Mental Health? Facilitator: Travis Ito-Stone, WCS Psychologist Have you ever wondered about what sort of mental health issues are common among students? Have you ever wanted to know how to support your student? What do you want to know about student mental health?	F106 (Chavez)
Grades K-8	Social-Emotional Growth, PBIS and Responsive Classroom; Facilitator: Vasa Lokteff, WCS Teacher At WCS, social emotional learning is just as important as academics. Come and see how we support that learning with PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Services) and Responsive Classroom.	G104 (V. Lokteff)
Grades K-8	Ditching "Typical" Homework for Personalized Goals; Facilitator: Kimberly Hewitt, WCS Teacher Not every student should be doing the same worksheet or assignment every day. Instead, they should be reading (a personal good-fit book for them), working on their NWEA goals and using online resources such as Free Rice, Newsela, FrontRow, etc. We will even go into how to set up a personal study goal schedule!	G105 (Hewitt)
Grades 3-8	Smarter Balanced Language Arts 101; Facilitator: Reese Ornellas, WCS Teacher Do you want to know what the language arts portion of the CAASPP test looks and feels like for your Westlake Explorer? Come take a practice test and then learn strategies/tips to prepare your students at home for the CAASPP language arts assessment.	F117 (Ellis)

Session 2: 6:55-7:25 p.m.		
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Grades K-3	K-3 Writing World; Facilitators: Amanda Furden and Ashlee Patel, WCS Teachers Come learn with Mrs. Patel and Miss Furden as they dive deeply into the world of K-3 writing. We will discuss the three writing text types, the workshop model, the writing process, how the standards and academic expectations build in each grade level and what you can do to support your young writer!	F119 (Grimaldi)
Grades K-5	Language Acquisition Through Project GLAD; Facilitator: Amy Rice, WCS Teacher Westlake Charter has adopted Project GLAD as our language acquisition program K-5! Come learn about essential strategies used to teach academic language to our students K-5, and how you can support your student at home.	G106 (Haley)

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Grades K-8	NWEA 101; Facilitator: Katie Davis, WCS Teacher on Special Assignment Every trimester, your Explorer participates in NWEA MAP testing. Come learn about this assessment and what your child's results mean. We will also discuss some online resources you can use at home to help your child grow as a learner based on their individual results.	F114 (Gately)
Grades K-8	How Can You Support Your Child with Math Skills? Facilitator: Sally Hoyt, WCS Teacher Our children are being taught math in ways that can be confusing to parents. Come learn about how math instruction has changed since you were in school, and take a tour through key resources that can help you at home.	F116 (Isaac)
Grades K-8	Bullying and Your Child; Facilitator: Emily Battin, WCS Principal What happens when teasing at school morphs into bullying? Parents are invited to learn more about the key characteristics of bullying and helpful strategies to support their kids during instances of bullying with peers.	F104 (Jackson)
Grades K-8	Standards-Based Grading 101; Facilitator: Jenifer Callau, WCS Director, Curriculum and Instruction Come and learn about standards-based grading. In this session, we will discuss the why, what and how of Standards-Based Grading as we prepare to launch our new K-8 standards-based report card in the Fall of 2019.	F109 (R. Lokteff)

Session 3: 7:30-8:00 p.m.

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Grades K-2	How to Get My K-2 Student Really READING! Comprehension is KEY! Facilitator: Ashlee Patel, WCS Teacher Are you wondering how teachers teach reading? Do you want some helpful tools to use to ensure your child not only develops in reading but also in comprehension? Come learn more about how to turn your K-2 student into a REAL reader for life!	F119 (Grimaldi)
Grades K-3	Supporting Your K-3 Student's Spanish Acquisition...When You Don't Speak Spanish; Facilitator: Luci Galvan, WCS Teacher In this session, we will explore the difference between learning and acquiring, some specific resources for use at home and strategies that support language acquisition. You can support your student's Spanish acquisition from home even if you do not speak the language!	F117 (Ellis)
Grades 2-8	Google Classroom Overview; Facilitator: Roland Aichele, WCS Teacher Come learn about how your child is accessing Google Classroom for assignments and organization. View this program from the student and parent perspectives to learn how to best assist your child.	F105 (Aichele)
Grades K-8	Autism 101; Facilitator: Danielle Christy, WCS Psychologist A discussion on how to support your child, relative, or friend with autism at home. We will discuss latest updates in research and evidence based practices for ASD, and how to navigate the multiple systems of support available for children on the spectrum.	F106 (Chavez)
Grades K-8	Gifted and Talented Education at Westlake Charter School; Facilitators: Christina Eick, Director, Student Support Services and Whitney O'Hagan, WCS Teacher on Special Assignment Join us for an informative presentation on Gifted and Talented Education at WCS. We will review the qualification process and share information about our current GATE program.	G105 (Hewitt)
Grades K-8	Understanding Growth Mindset and How to Foster it at Home; Facilitator: Lila McIver, WCS Teacher What if there was a way to help your Explorer embrace challenges, persist, and ultimately reach higher levels of achievement? Research supports that adopting a growth mindset could be the key to unlock this and more. Come learn about growth mindset and strategies to foster it at home.	G104 (Lokteff)