

**WESD Parent University-2016**  
**Confirmed Presenters**

	PRESENTER	ORGANIZATION	TOPIC/TITLE	STRAND	Description
1	Asbridge, Kaylene and Deborah Menendez,	WESD/Principals Group—SA and CW	Mom, Dad! I need help with my homework!	Academic Success	Provides parents with resources and strategies to effectively set up a plan that children can follow at home when doing homework.
2	Bonavito, Vicky	WESD/Desert View	Building a Better Brain For Your Child	Family Education	Introduces parents to key exercises and activities that they can do with their children to build a better and healthier brain for both children and parents. Shows parents how to reduce negative influences on the brain
3	Brandt, Mary and Sheryl Schauer	WESD/Academic Services-Professional Development	Strategies for Young Readers	Academic Success	Gives parents an understanding of how reading and writing develops in young minds and provides parents with strategies and resources to help their young children at home with reading and writing.
4	Barnes, Edward, Nathan Kleve and Walter Sampson	GUHSD High School Principals	Tips to Help Your Child Transition to High School	Academic Success	Introduces parents to the award-winning Glendale Union High School District and how parents can help their children successfully transition to high school, with tips on how to reduce the stress of going from junior high school to high school.
5	Cannon, Mike	WESD Technology Training	Synergy Parent Vue—Tracking Student Progress Online	Academic Success	Provides information on how parents can access “near real time” online information about their children’s assignments and grades, attendance, and demographic information; provides resources for accessing this information from anywhere they might go.
6	Chariker, Samantha	WESD/Academic Services-Professional Development	Arts Education and Student Achievement: A Powerful Connection	Academic Success	Provides an opportunity for parents to gain information regarding the benefits of Arts Education and the impact it can have on student achievement as well as the natural connections that exist between the Arts and other academic subjects.
7	DiSanto, Queta	WESD/WRIC	Parenting With Love and Logic (Preschool/Primary)	Family Education	Introduces parents to the four concepts of Love and Logic that teach children how to grow through their mistakes and how to live with the consequences of their choices.

<b>8</b>	Filloon, Cristy	Round Earth Solutions, LLC	Girl World: Understanding relational aggression and how we can model healthy friendships and communication for our girls	Family Education	Takes parents on a journey into their daughters' lives in the "Girl World" and examines how girls can "bully" by using friendships as their "weapons". Examines the devastating effects that this type of bullying can have on their feelings of value, safety, and self-esteem.
<b>9</b>	Gabriellini, Anne	AZ PTA	Be a Learning Hero: Understanding State Assessments	Academic Success	Helps families understand the Arizona state-wide assessments and how to help their children actively prepare for annual statewide testing without test anxiety or fears.
<b>10</b>	Herman, Luanne and Angela Clipper	WESD/Sweetwater School	Seven Habits of Leadership for School and Home	Academic Success	Introduces parents to the Seven Habits of Success and shows parents how they are implemented in a school and how they can be used at home to help children become leaders.
<b>11</b>	Johnson, Dr. Jennifer	Support Our Schools AZ (SOSAZ)	How Can I Get Involved in Parent Advocacy	Family Education	Provides parents with strategies for getting involved in advocacy - whether it is with a teacher, the school, the district, and state-level issues. Illustrates how their voices are essential in building and maintaining strong educational options for all students.
<b>12</b>	Jones, Lonnie and Brenda Cervantes	Women's Health Coalition of Arizona	How to Qualify for AHCCCS, SNAP (Food Stamps), and the Market Place	Family Education	Provides information and materials on qualifications and eligibility for AHCCCS, SNAP, and the Market Place. Offers referral to local enrollment sites, including one located within the District.
<b>13</b>	Londoño, Theresa, Justin McBride, and/or Paul Martinez	DrugFreeAZKids.org	AZ Parents Connect: Trends in Youth Substance Abuse	Student Safety	Offers evidence-informed information about the trends in substance abuse among youth and how parents can maximize protective factors in order to improve prevention outcomes. Provides parents with information on Effective Parenting workshops available to them at no cost through DrugFreeAZKids.org.
<b>14</b>	MASK Ambassador	MASK-Mothers Awareness on School Aged Kids	Digital Solutions/Digital Evolution	Student Safety	Introduces parents to the ways that their children are using technology, including social media, chat rooms, cell phones, etc. and guides parents through a discussion of how monitor technology use to keep children safe in the virtual world.

<b>15</b>	Mason Biggers, Beverly and Sonya Brinton	Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)	Power of Parents	Student Safety	Empowers and equips parents with the tools they need to talk to their children about alcohol and the issues associated with underage drinking and its possible consequences.
<b>16</b>	McCormick, Michelle	WESD/Washington	Come Coupon With Me	Family Education	Explains the best methods to collect and use coupons in a way that will increase the amount of money that families save on every day and luxury items.
<b>17</b>	Metcalf, Ben	WESD/Academic Services/Professional Development	Supporting Math Instruction at Home	Academic Success	Explains the shifts in expectations for students, teachers and schools and provides ideas for parents to engage and support their children at home in their learning of math.
<b>18</b>	Mikulich, Nina and Alice Pickel	WESD/Academic Services/ELL Programs	Grammar—The Key to Unlocking English	Academic Success	Explores English learning by using a colorful “Grammar Wall” that makes writing sentences easy and fun; provides parents with a personal “Grammar Wall” for helping their children with their writing/English homework.
<b>19</b>	Parent, Abigail	WESD/Social Services—Palo Verde	Bully Prevention	Student Safety	Provides an overview and definition of bullying and the prevention programs and policies that are in place in the WESD to assist students and their families with the issues of bullying.
<b>20</b>	Perrone, Jonathan and Mariano Guerra	WESD/Mountain Sky	The Importance of STEM Education	Academic Success	Introduces parents to what STEM is and why it is important for their children to have opportunities to explore STEM topics. Highlights STEM programs offered by the District.
<b>21</b>	Post, Barbara	WESD/Gifted Services	Games That Will Engage Your Gifted Student	Academic Success	Provides parents with ideas and strategies to support their gifted children at home and provides them with resources and information about local and national gifted support organizations.
<b>22</b>	Ramos, Maria Luisa and Julio-Cesar Saucedo	State Farm Insurance/Maria Luisa Ramos State Farm Agency	Financial Literacy (Two presentations: one in English and one in Spanish)	Family Education	Introduces parents to strategies and resources that will help them become financially educated, focusing on creating a budget, fixing poor credit, and understanding credit and how to maintain it. Offers tools necessary for financial health and wellbeing.
<b>23</b>	Ramos, Maria Luisa and Julio-Cesar Saucedo	State Farm Insurance/Maria Luisa Ramos State Farm Agency	Your Child’s Academic Success (Two presentations: one in English and one in Spanish)	Academic Success	Addresses the relationship between school, the parent, and the community and how the partnership of the three supports and contributes to a child’s long-term academic success.

<b>24</b>	Reeves, James	AZ PTA	Safe Kids, Healthy Kids	Student Safety	Shares information about healthy lifestyles for families, as well as ways to keep kids safe in the virtual and interactive world.
<b>25</b>	Robertson, Elizabeth	WESD/Academic Services/Professional Development	Fun Family Math Games	Academic Success	Teaches parents how to play fun math games with their young children at home while practicing basic math facts.
<b>26</b>	Royan, Michele	Michele Royan Consulting, LLC	Parenting With Love and Logic (Intermediate and Upper)	Family Education	Introduces parents to the four concepts of Love and Logic that teach children how to grow through their mistakes and how to live with the consequences of their choices.
<b>27</b>	Sarin, Joan	Emotionally Intelligent Training	One Heart, Two Homes	Family Education	Provides parents with strategies to protect children from the negative outcomes often associated with divorce; and strategies for raising whole, happy children through good parenting, communication, and understanding, so children from divorced homes can grow up happy and resilient.
<b>28</b>	Schwartz, Emily	MidFirst Bank	How to Talk to Your Kids About Money	Family Education	Teaches parents how to get their children started understanding money skills, including the value of saving and appreciation of the value of a dollar.
<b>29</b>	Simek, Beth	AZ PTA	The Power of Parent and Family Engagement in Schools	Family Education	Helps families understand the who, what, when, where, why, and how of family engagement with their local schools.
<b>30</b>	Vales, Breanna, Brandon Vales, and Jennifer Rodems	Red Light Rebellion	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Stranger Danger: Child Sex Trafficking Prevention	Student Safety	Provides parents with training about what sex trafficking is, the signs of a trafficker and victim, available resources for proper response, safety measures to teach their child, and how to address their student's potential vulnerabilities.
<b>31</b>	White, Anna and Laura Hager	Phoenix Public Library	Every Child Ready to Read	Academic Success	Demonstrates the importance of early literacy and how to develop early literacy skills in children, ages birth to 5. Includes hands-on activities and tips
<b>32</b>	White, Anna and Laura Hager	Phoenix Public Library	Ready, Set, Kindergarten!	Academic Success	Introduces parents to what it takes to be ready for kindergarten and them with strategies they can use to prepare your 3-5 year old for school.