

Jersey City Public Schools
Parents as Partners Conference
May 25, 2023
Workshops

Math Grades – K-2 Puzzling Out with Versa Tiles

Dr. Yalitz Vega & Stefanie Philips

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 554

This workshop will provide parents with hands-on learning activities in a challenging yet rewarding way.

Math Grades 3-5 Building Math Proficiency

Dr. Kimberly Crowley & April Fowler Hogan

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 627

This workshop will provide an opportunity for parents to participate in engaging, hands-on math resources.

Math Grades 6-9 - Connecting with your Child, One Algebra Tile at a Time

Jenna Napolitano & Norman Castro

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 646

The workshop will help explain to parents the uses and applications of algebra tiles in the classroom through hands-on activities. Parents will be able to utilize the algebra tiles in exciting ways to learn and explore algebraic polynomials by multiplying and factoring.

English Language Arts (ELA) – Grades K-2 – Rockin Read Alouds

Maria Ameruoso & Shannon Williams

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 648

Participants will learn about the importance of reading aloud to children and the 7 pillars of literacy (Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Word Recognition, Vocabulary, Spelling, Fluency, and Comprehension)

English Language Arts (ELA) – Grades 3-5 – The Journey of Wonder: A Novel Study

Angela Elder

& Tynetta Harris

Science Building – Room 105

Throughout this session, parents/guardians will learn how to journey with their children through a novel by using “I wonder” statements, connecting to the development of characters, and discussing how themes are universal.

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English Language Arts (ELA) – Grades 6-8 – Get Lit with Literature Circles

Dr. Mary Albanese & Mrs. Nicole Colon

Gilligan Student Union Building – Room 217

This session will provide parents with a review of the comprehension strategies used during literature circles. The strategies will include summarizing, questioning and discussion, text connections, vocabulary, and story elements.

English Language Arts (ELA) – Grades 9-12 – Get a jump on Your Childs Summer Reading Assignment! High School Summer Reading Assignment and Resources

Erika Schulz & Mandy Decker

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 228

This session will provide an overview of the Summer Reading Assignment and the library card initiative.

Social Studies – Grades K-8 – Civic Action! Middle School Civics with Student Presentations

John Emolo

Science Building – Room 303

In this session a group of Grade 7 students will present their civic action project. Laura Wooten Law – Civics Mandate.

Science – Grades K-5 – Get a Grip on Science: Phenomenal Hands-On Science Activities

Patricia Hudak

Science Building – Room 102

This session will provide hands-on science activities beneficial for enhancing student excitement and understanding of natural science phenomena from Mystery Science.

Accelerated Enrichment Program (AEP) – Grades K-5 – Every Child can Invent

Kristin Mattaliano & Jeannette Medwid

Science Building – Room 103

As a parent of the S.P.A.R.K.S. Summer Program, students experienced hands-on STEM activities. During this workshop parents will learn these two thematic modules and the positive effects on hands-on learning.

Science – Grades 6-12 – Up, Up and Away through STEM

Manisha Shah

Science Building – Room 104

Join me to explore the exciting real-world opportunities our students are exposed to throughout the school year. Participants will engage in a hands-on investigation that will apply to flight.

Physical Education – Grades K-12 – Jump, jump to it! Exercise Grows Brain Cells!

Valerie Craig-Ndiaye

Gilligan Student Union Building – Cafeteria

This session will discuss the importance of physical education and how it plays an integral role in the improvement of academic performance, social assimilation, reduces the level of stress, helps students focus, and instill positive behavior. Attendance at this workshop will require you to wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Multilingualism is Our Superpower: Arabic Storytime

Zeinab Abdelaziz & Vivian Martinez

Session 1 - Grades K-2

Session 2 – Grades 3-5

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 112

Parents will be introduced to reading strategies that they will be able to reinforce when reading with their children in their native language and English.

Multilingualism is our Superpower: Hindi Storytime

Neena Sarin

Session 1 – Grades K-2

Session 2 – Grades 3-5

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 114

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Multilingualism is Our Superpower: Spanish

Sayi Silfa & Silvia Moya

Session 1 – Grades K-2

Session 2 – Grades 3-5

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 116

Parents will be introduced to reading strategies that they will be able to reinforce when reading with their children in their native language and English.

Yoga

Melissa Dos Santos

Gilligan Student Union Building - Room 129

This session will provide parents with an opportunity to participate in a foundational 45-minute yoga class. During this class, participants will focus on breathing techniques and learn foundational yoga postures. The sequence is designed for stress release and relaxation. Attendance at this workshop will require you to wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Attendance Officer

Silkia Rivera

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 358

This session will provide an understanding of the Federal and State Laws regarding student attendance, residency issues and homelessness.

The How & Why All Families Should Apply for Financial Aid Services

Andre Maglione, Director State of New Jersey, Higher Education

Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)

Gilligan Student Union Building – Room 317

This workshop provides information to students and families with financial and informational resources for students to pursue their education beyond high school.

Supporting the Mental Well-Being of my Teen Child: A conversation for Parents and Caregivers

Dr. Melany Rivera-Maldonado

Session 1 – Presented in English

Session 2 – Presented in Spanish

Building – Room 302

As part of this workshop, you will have the opportunity to learn about your teen's brain and development, identify signs of mental health concerns, and obtain resources to support your child's well-being.

Review of Services from Jersey City Medical Center – JCPS Clinics

Kristen Luzzio-Dorisio

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 237

This workshop will discuss the services available from Jersey City Medical Center and the satellite locations available within the Jersey City Public School district.

New Jersey City University Opportunity Programs: A Village for Student Success

Sabrina Magiulo, Dominique Smith, Evelyn Ortega

Gilligan Student Union Building – Room 312

NJCU is committed to being an equalizer in providing its community with access to a college education. Learn more about Gear Up, EOF, and ASCEND, three (3) of NJCU's free student success programs that provide scholars and families with the ongoing support and guidance needed to successfully navigate college preparation, admission, graduation, and career success.

Career Technical Education – You're Hired! Acing the interview!

Melissa Merrington, Enza Cannarozzi

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 347

Employers hold interviews to evaluate job applicants' qualifications; their abilities, motivation, and fit with the team/company. Interviews are also an opportunity for applicants to evaluate the employer. Interview skills are taught and reinforced in all Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses.

Visual and Performing Arts – Grades 6-8 Jersey City Arts District-Wide High School

Alexis Martinez, Daniel Paolucci, Melissa Cuccinello, Stacy Feszchak

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 202

This session will provide parents with the opportunity to explore student Small Learning Communities (SLCs) available in the Jersey City Arts District Wide High School Program for specialization in Theater Arts, Instrumental music, Vocal Music, or Visual Arts. JC Arts teachers will review the application process, discuss the student experience, curriculum, and additional competitions, scholarships, and college/career preparation.

Homework Help – Grades K-5

Kara Ryan & Jennifer Valdora

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 429

This workshop provides strategies and tools parents can use at home to assist their children with homework.

Behavior Strategies to Support Families at Home

Jennifer Arends & Kristen Nardini

Karnoutsos Hall – Room 539

This workshop will provide families and caregivers with strategies to support them in managing and minimizing their child's behavior challenges in the home.