



Parent University

September Workshops

The Racine Unified School District Office of Family & Community Engagement (FACE) is excited to launch a new initiative, Parent University. A community collaborative led by Racine Schools to help parents become full partners in their children's education. The FACE Department is partnering with community agencies and organizations to offer free monthly workshops, information sessions, activities and events that will equip families with new or additional skills, knowledge, resources, and confidence. These workshops are open to the entire community!

Special Education 101

Presenter: Niki Kirkwood & Beth Jones, Special Education, RUSD

September 12 • 5-6:30 p.m. • Julian Thomas School • 930 Martin Luther King Dr.

Overview of the referral evaluation and IEP development process, including what is special about special education.

Google Extensions/RUSD resources that can help students who struggle with Reading and Writing

Presenter: Ann Barry, Kate Sieg and Taylor Shannon, Special Education, RUSD

September 18 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Julian Thomas School • 930 Martin Luther King Dr.

This session will be an overview on the tools that are available through RUSD to help our struggling readers and writers.

Assessments & Data: The Big Questions Answered for the 9th & 10th Grade Aspire and 11th Grade ACT and WorkKeys

Presenter: Wendy Rowley, Executive Director of Assessment & Accountability, RUSD

September 20 • 9-10:30 a.m. & 5-6:30 p.m. • Julian Thomas School • 930 Martin Luther King Dr.

Student information is key to classroom decision making. It is important for our parents to have an understanding of how various data are used to drive instructional decisions to meet the needs of students for future success. This session will help you understand your high school student's results from the Aspire, ACT and WorkKeys assessments and how to use these data to support learning outcomes.

Pyramid Model Overview

Presenter: Joleen Carlson 4K Coordinator of Early Learning, RUSD

September 20 • 9-10:30 a.m. & 5-6:30 p.m. • Goodland School • 4800 Graceland Blvd.

This is for families with children 3 and 4 years old. It will go over the elements of the Pyramid Model for Social and Emotional Learning for young children. Parents will learn strategies to help positively guide and support their child's behavior and learn about how to create routines to see their child up for success.

Positive Solutions

Presenter: Pamela Wedig-Kirsch, School Readiness, and Family Resiliency Educator, UW Extension- Racine County

September 25 • 4-6 p.m. • Julian Thomas School • 930 Martin Luther King Dr.

A six weeks hands-on and interactive course that teaches parents and caregivers of children ages 0-6 tools for positive behavior.

Registration Required- Please contact Pamela Wedig-Kirsch, 262-767-2918 or Pam.Wedig-Kirsch@racinecounty.com

Social Media and the Internet: Keeping our Children Safe

Presenter: Deputy Chief William Macemon, Racine Police Department

September 26 • 9-10:30 a.m. & 5-6:30 p.m. • Julian Thomas School • 930 Martin Luther King Dr.

Social media and the internet are wonderful tools for learning, communicating and interacting, but is also filled with predators and traps that can cause harm to our children. Learn about the dangers that are out there and what you can do and teach your children so that they can safely enjoy these tools.