



# Virtual Parent and Family Empowerment Conference

**Educating Minds! Empowering Families! Engaging Virtually!**

In recognition and celebration of Georgia’s Family Engagement Month, DeKalb County School District will host a Virtual Parent and Family Empowerment Conference on November 16 -21, 2020 via a virtual platform. The Parent and Family Empowerment Conference will provide parents, guardians, families, and stakeholders in the district with various empowering resources. During this conference, we will highlight special presenters, engaging sessions, digital resources, virtual vendors and prizes. Also, there will be interpreters to translate for our diverse families. We look forward to an educating, empowering, and engaging conference for the parents and families in the district!

## Conference Schedule

*Please review the schedule below to choose the session you want to attend. You must register for each session you wish to attend. Click on the link for the desired session to register. Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to join the session. Please check your inbox, spam, junk, and “other” folders for the confirmation email from DCSD Family Engagement Team. If you have any questions or difficulties registering, please email:*

*[family\\_engagement@dekalbschoolsga.org](mailto:family_engagement@dekalbschoolsga.org)*

Day-Time	Session	Presenter(s)	Description
Monday Morning 11/16 10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Fostering Resilience during a Pandemic  Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_m4U7PFP-Rb-Spq7-KTdzK1g">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_m4U7PFP-Rb-Spq7-KTdzK1g</a>	School Psychologists Nicole Fresilli Jennifer Crosson Adrienne Hills  Psychology Intern James Pooley	This session will help parents navigate how to talk to their children about the current pandemic and school building closures. Participants will learn elementary appropriate language to use with their children to explain how life has been disrupted by COVID-19. Specific strategies to build a child’s resilience will be provided as well as easy hands-on activities that can be completed with household items to help maintain calmness during these challenging and uncertain times.

<p>Monday Afternoon 11/16 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM</p>	<p>De-stressing in the Midst of a Pandemic</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Mmzev7bxT-ZOXYC_qgQZtOw">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Mmzev7bxT-ZOXYC_qgQZtOw</a></p>	<p>School Social Worker Dr. Sandra Jones</p>	<p>If parenting wasn't stressful enough already... add on a global pandemic, virtual learning, and an increase in social and political awareness. This new normal has caused parents to take additional roles, and with additional roles, comes more stress. This interactive workshop provides participants with information and techniques on how to de-stress. Participants will define stress, recognize stressful situations, and demonstrate de-stressing techniques such as: Deep Breathing, Visualization, Emotional Freedom Techniques, and Shifting Perspectives on People. These techniques can be utilized by family members of all ages.</p>
<p>Monday Evening 11/16 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Social Emotional Learning</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I9nigwsGTdGLf-c9msRVKRw">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I9nigwsGTdGLf-c9msRVKRw</a></p>	<p>RTI Coordinators Kanessa Fain Dr. Scott McManus</p>	<p>Parents will learn about the 5 core components of Social Emotional Learning (SEL). What SEL is, and how to support their child? This session will provide the resources that are available.</p>
<p>Monday Evening 11/16 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Cool Tools for Access- ing Virtual Learning</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nkwLldX7RIS-q2XB88vE4kw">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nkwLldX7RIS-q2XB88vE4kw</a></p>	<p>Assistive Technology Specialist Ansley Smith</p>	<p>Participants will learn how to use and integrate universal accessibility supports that are free and readily available to all DCSD students. This workshop consists of academic and learning aids to support students who struggle with writing, spelling, and reading.</p>
<p>Tuesday Morning 11/17 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Exceptional Education Parent Mentor Partnerships</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SVu3H-rFRsO1NSuM-E0Hjg">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SVu3H-rFRsO1NSuM-E0Hjg</a></p>	<p>Parent Mentors Alexandra Wright Demetra Williams</p>	<p>Parent Mentor Partnership supports and assists exceptional education families in DeKalb County School District. Information will be provided that explains a pilot program that involves Infinite Campus. Explore how the parent mentors will assist parents and students obtain increased graduation rates.</p>

<p>Tuesday Afternoon 11/17 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM</p>	<p>Self- Care for Parents and Caregivers</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pqdSYzQmOngai3UQixw">https://us02web. zoom.us/webinar/ register/WN_ pqdSYzQmOngai3 UQixw</a></p>	<p>School Psychologist Patty Williams Jodi Compton</p>	<p>Parents will learn the importance of self-care, warning signs of chronic stress and secondary trauma, and strategies for self-care. Information and resources will be provided via emailed handouts that include warning signs and strategies.</p>
<p>Tuesday Evening 11/17 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM</p>	<p>ADHD is My Super Power</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SgK6_GK_QsW2oK90jEuKsg">https://us02web.zoom. us/webinar/register/ WN_SgK6_GK_ QsW2oK90jEuKsg</a></p>	<p>School Psychologists Faith Butler Giana Grice</p>	<p>This workshop helps parents understand the symptoms of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). How is it diagnosed and treated? Learn about the positive vs. negative impact and what it looks like in the classroom. Receive interventions for the classroom, home and virtual learning environments. Parents will receive handouts for resources, best apps for navigating ADHD, and 25 things to love about ADHD.</p>
<p>Tuesday Evening 11/17 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM</p>	<p>What is VERGE?</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RM8aSfH7RJWuK60Kr5juQ">https://us02web.zoom. us/webinar/register/ WN_RM8aSfH7RJWu K60Kr5juQ</a></p>	<p>Title I Parent Center Facilitator Region 6 Demetria Purkett-Brown</p> <p>Information Technology Specialist Dwayne Johnson</p>	<p>Participants will engage in an overview in the navigation of Verge and accessing their student's assignments.</p>
<p>Wednesday Morning 11/18 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Flipped, Turned, Up- side Down! Home Be- havior Supports During Remote Learning</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RILsZJl1SteFit-Fg0-BCQQ">https://us02web.zoom. us/webinar/register/ WN_RILsZJl1SteFit- Fg0-BCQQ</a></p>	<p>Special Education Behavior Liaisons Tawanna Robertson Tawanda Jenkins-Brown Tiffany Baskin</p>	<p>The abrupt change to virtual learning has presented challenges for parents and caregivers, especially those with children that have special needs. The demand of managing home life and providing a structured academic and behavioral routine can be overwhelming. This workshop is designed to provide strategies, recommendations, and ideas to parents and caregivers for a productive, safe, and manageable learning environment for students who need additional support during remote learning.</p>

<p>Wednesday Afternoon 11/18 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM</p>	<p>Navigating LaunchPad: Tools for Learning Literacy Skills</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN">https://us02web. zoom.us/webinar/ register/WN</a></p>	<p>Ed Media Lummie Baker Janie Kossak Pamela M. Taylor</p>	<p>Navigating LaunchPad resources that will support literacy and improve reading skills</p>
<p>Wednesday Evening 11/18 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Alternative Educational Resources: Exploring Options</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN">https://us02web. zoom.us/webinar/ register/WN</a></p>	<p>School Social Worker Gloria G. Leslie</p>	<p>This session is designed to explore the various viable options available for students to complete their education and move forward into their career of choice.</p>
<p>Wednesday Evening 11/18 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Reading Comprehension for ELs</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_K">https://us02web. zoom.us/webinar/ register/WN_K</a></p>	<p>EL Coordinators Angela Bokelman Norrie Mills</p>	<p>Parents will learn how to identify reading levels to support growth and achievement levels across the curriculum.</p>
<p>Thursday Morning 11/19 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM</p> <p>Pre- Recorded Session</p>	<p>Stress LESS</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-">https://us02web. zoom.us/webinar/ register/WN_-</a></p>	<p>Lead School Psychologist Dr. Alva Archibald Alanna Works</p>	<p>The DeKalb County School District's Department of Psychological Services would like to invite all parents to a two- part parent workshop: "Stress LESS: A family framework guide to identify and manage stress." In session 1, parents will identify their stressors, recognize the consequences of chronic stress, and learn effective ways of managing their stress.</p>
<p>Thursday Afternoon 11/19 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM</p>	<p>Social Skills in the Age of Social Distancing: Ways to develop children's social skills during remote learning</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN">https://us02web. zoom.us/webinar/ register/WN</a></p>	<p>School Psychologists Ashley Andrews Brittany Patterson</p>	<p>Participants will gain an understanding of social emotional learning (SEL) and learn about specific strategies they can use at home to help develop and improve their children's social skills. This session is focused on students that are preschoolers through first grade.</p>



<p>Premiere Video Session on the PFE YouTube Channel for National Family Engagement Day 11/19 2:00 PM</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to subscribe to our YouTube Channel</a></p> <p>Pre- Recorded Session</p>	<p>Self Awareness: More Than IQ Get To Know Your SQ &amp; EQ</p>	<p>School Psychologists Dr. Rosemarie Farngalo Dr. Judith Tynes-Jones</p>	<p>Participants will understand the definition of Social Emotional Learning (SEL). It's All About "Self Awareness" – How to support children at home? Engage virtually with children's books, games, conversations starters, resources, free webinars and podcasts.</p>
<p>Premiere Video Session on the PFE YouTube Channel for National Family Engagement Day 11/19 3:00 PM</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to subscribe to our YouTube Channel</a></p> <p>Pre- Recorded Session</p>	<p>All About Bullying</p>	<p>Social Worker Dr. Nicole Jennings</p>	<p>While bullying is a widely discussed topic, there are still many common myths about what it is and what it is NOT. Parents, students, and educators often struggle with accurately identifying and stopping bullying behaviors among our young people. This session will answer questions on how to recognize and stop bullying. Our goal is to eliminate the myths and get the facts on bullying.</p>
<p>Thursday Evening 11/19 5:00 PM-6:00 PM</p>	<p>Understanding the FAFSA &amp; Making It Count</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84561111111">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84561111111</a></p>	<p>Post-secondary Specialists Brandi Beavers Lauren Wright</p>	<p>Understanding the FAFSA- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is an application that colleges use to determine a student's eligibility for student aid. This session provides students and parents the basics of Financial 101 such as: Federal, State, ad institutional Aid, and how to fill out the FAFSA.</p>
<p>Thursday Evening 11/19 6:00 PM-7:00 PM</p>	<p>Engaging ESOL Families</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84561111111">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84561111111</a></p>	<p>Title I Parent Center Facilitator Region 1 Angelica Rosso  Anne Ferreira District Family Engagement Liaison  (Workshop will be facilitated in Spanish)</p>	<p>In this session, ESOL parents and caregivers will learn strategies to use at home to support their student in school. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss study habits, learn how to become more involved in their student's education, and receive information about free resources available for all families.</p>

<p>Friday Morning 11/20 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Conversations with Your Children: School re-entry following COVID-19</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN</a></p>	<p>School Psychologists Kenyatta Braggs Tanisha Hall Ambah Kioko Kanika Stewart</p>	<p>Do you want to know how to have meaningful conversations with your children regarding transitioning back to the school building? If so, this session will provide parents with profound opportunities to engage in conversations to support students returning to school.</p>
<p>Friday Afternoon 11/20 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM</p>	<p>Virtual Learning Study Skills for English Learners</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N6UyWR_uS3amY--bRvm13A">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N6UyWR_uS3amY--bRvm13A</a></p>	<p>EL Coordinators Margo Williams Greg Wickersham</p>	<p>Parents will learn valuable strategies to help their children to engage in virtual learning sessions.</p>
<p>Friday Evening 11/20 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM</p> <p>Pre- Recorded Session</p>	<p>Plugging Into Parents Portal Infinite Campus</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN</a></p>	<p>Instructional Technology Team</p>	<p>This session will provide parents with an overview of Infinite Campus and the many resources to help parents and students stay connected.</p>
<p>Friday Evening 11/20 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM</p> <p>Pre- Recorded Session</p>	<p>Coping with Grief &amp; Loss</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xz_Li-TgRf67sW8WGpSStg">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xz_Li-TgRf67sW8WGpSStg</a></p>	<p>School Social Worker Naomi Merritt</p>	<p>This session provides best practice tips for coping and managing grief. Families will receive valuable resources that will support them during difficult times when experiencing grief.</p>
<p>Saturday Morning 11/21 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM</p>	<p>Educating Minds! Empowering Families! Engaging Virtually!</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g0IedNSdSVy-97Id1AKySwg">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g0IedNSdSVy-97Id1AKySwg</a></p>	<p>Greetings: Mr. Marshall Orson DeKalb Board of Education, Chair</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Mrs. Cheryl Watson-Harris Superintendent</p>	

<p>Saturday Morning 11/21 10:50 AM - 11:35 AM</p>	<p>Navigating the New Norm of Digital Learning as a Parent</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91615708634?pwd=MjZlTGp3bGZkdzY0dDZkd0p0ZW5kdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91615708634?pwd=MjZlTGp3bGZkdzY0dDZkd0p0ZW5kdz09</a></p>	<p>Title I Parent Facilitator Region 5 Tamesha Favors Instruction Technology Specialist Terri Webb</p>	<p>During these emotional times of the pandemic, our families have concerns about their students' academic success. This session is to ease the parents' concerns and provide them with the key tools to support their students while learning remotely from home.</p>
<p>Saturday Morning 11/21 11:40 AM - 12:25 PM</p>	<p>What Every High School Parent &amp; Student Should Know: College &amp; Career Ready</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91615708634?pwd=MjZlTGp3bGZkdzY0dDZkd0p0ZW5kdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91615708634?pwd=MjZlTGp3bGZkdzY0dDZkd0p0ZW5kdz09</a></p>	<p>Post-secondary Specialists Brandi Beavers Lauren Wright</p>	<p>Are you ready with your student's Post-Secondary plans for college and/or career? Do you have the blueprint detailing every step you need to take? Relax, don't worry, we are here to help you with Naviance, FAFSA Tips, Transcripts, Letters of Recommendation, Postsecondary Planning and so much more...</p>
<p>Saturday Afternoon 11/21 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM</p> <p>Pre-Recorded Session</p>	<p>"Build an EL Student", What is in Your Toolbox?</p> <p>Please click on the link to register: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91615708634?pwd=MjZlTGp3bGZkdzY0dDZkd0p0ZW5kdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91615708634?pwd=MjZlTGp3bGZkdzY0dDZkd0p0ZW5kdz09</a></p>	<p>EL Coordinators Yvette Drew Monica Gray-Mays Chandra Austin</p>	<p>Parents whose Primary Home Language is Other than English (PHLOTE) will discover tools and resources to help build successful English learners in this virtual era</p>