

# Evenings with Family Academy a DPS Virtual Class Series

August 2020 – December 2020

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| Class   | Date  | Grades  | Class Objective  |
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| Meet Your New Learning Tool – Chromebooks and Hotspots                    | <b>Thursday</b><br>August 20, 2020<br>6:00-7:00 pm (English)<br>7:15-8:15 pm (Spanish)  | K-12  | Chromebook Basics will provide practical tips on ways to support your student's instruction, Internet exploration, parent responsibility and steps that will help you maintain the equipment. Parents will learn how to set up the Hotspot and troubleshooting tips.<br><br><a href="https://www.facebook.com/DurhamPublicSchools/live">https://www.facebook.com/DurhamPublicSchools/live</a>  |
|   | <b>Friday</b><br>August 21, 2020<br>6:00-7:00 pm (Spanish)<br>7:15-8:15 pm (English)    | K-12  |  |
| Interactive Video Conferencing Tools                                      | <b>Tuesday</b><br>August 25, 2020<br>6:00-7:00 pm (English)<br>7:15-8:15 pm (Spanish)   | K-5   | We will learn about the Interactive Video Conferencing Tools that teachers use with their students, including Google Hangout Meet, Microsoft Teams, and Zoom. <b>Google Hangout Meet</b> is a video conferencing tool seamlessly integrated into Canvas and Chromebooks. <b>Zoom</b> is a Cloud based service which offers Meetings and Webinars and provides content sharing and video conferencing capability. <b>Microsoft Teams</b> is a video conferencing platform offering file sharing, chat, and integration into Microsoft Office 365.   |
|   | <b>Thursday</b><br>August, 27, 2020<br>6:00-7:00 pm (Spanish)<br>7:15-8:15 pm (English) | 6-12  |  |
| Canvas Learning Management System   | <b>Tuesday</b><br>September 1, 2020<br>5:30-6:30 pm (English)                           | K-12  | Canvas LMS is a Learning platform that supports online learning and teaching. It allows teachers to post grades, parent information, and assignments online. Parents will learn how to set up their account as an Observer. Parents will be able to check grades, view due dates, read instructions, view announcements, follow calendars, and communicate with teachers. Parents will have the opportunity to explore the DPS Canvas Discovery Page <a href="https://canvas.dpsnc.net/">https://canvas.dpsnc.net/</a> , and download the Canvas Parent App on their mobile device so that they can connect as partners with their child's learning. |
|   | <b>Wednesday</b><br>September 2, 2020<br>5:30-6:30pm (Spanish)                          | K-12  |  |
| Finding the Rest in Stress  | <b>Thursday</b><br>September 3, 2020<br>6:00-7:00 pm<br>(With Spanish Interpretation)   | K-12  | Participants will explore basic skills that help manage stress and improve attention and focus, and Parent Self-care.  |
| Welcome to ARC CORE!<br>(A new Elementary School Literacy Curriculum)     | <b>Wednesday</b><br>September 9, 2020<br>6:30-7:30 pm<br>(With Spanish Interpretation)  | Grades K-5 at ARC Core Schools                                | This session is designed for parents to learn more about our new literacy curriculum adoption, ARC Core. Participants will learn more about how this program transforms literacy instruction. You will also learn about the resources available to support your child at home.   |
| Welcome to Into Reading!<br>(A new Elementary School Literacy Curriculum) | <b>Thursday</b><br>September 10, 2020<br>6:30-7:30 pm<br>(With Spanish Interpretation)  | Parents of Students Grades K - 5 at Into Reading Core Schools | This session is designed for parents to learn more about our new literacy curriculum adoption, Into Reading. Participants will learn more about how this program transforms literacy instruction. You will also learn about the resources available to support your child at home.   |

This year Family Academy and the Office of Title I will partner with DPS Academic and Student Support Services offices to offer a series of virtual class experiences to help families explore new elementary school curriculum adoptions, managing stress, and offering support for new Chrome Books and software applications utilized by schools. For more information contact [family\\_academy@dpsnc.net](mailto:family_academy@dpsnc.net).

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| <b>Using PowerSchool Parent Portal</b>   | <b>Thursday</b><br>September 17, 2020<br>5:30 - 6:30pm<br>(Spanish)                    | K-12        | PowerSchool Parent Portal gives parents and students access to real-time information that includes attendance, grades, and schedules.  |
| <b>Positive Behavior Support</b>   | <b>Tuesday</b><br>September 22, 2020<br>6:00-7:00pm<br>(With Spanish Interpretation)   | K-5         | Parents explore options that encourage positive behavior and create a plan of action for challenging behaviors.  |
|  | <b>Tuesday</b><br>September 22, 2020<br>7:15-8:15 pm<br>(With Spanish Interpretation)  | 6-8         |  |
| <b>Using PowerSchool Parent Portal</b>   | <b>Thursday</b><br>October 8, 2020<br>5:30-6:30 pm                                     | K-12        | PowerSchool Parent Portal gives parents and students access to real-time information that includes attendance, grades, and schedules.  |
| <b>Curated Digital Resources</b>   | <b>Tuesday</b><br>October 20, 2020<br>6:00-7:00 pm<br>7:15-8:15 pm<br>English          | K-5<br>6-12 | School Messenger, Canvas LMS, Class Dojo, SeeSaw, Remind, Google Classroom and Google Translate are all applications used to communicate student information and connect with parents. Learn the basics to communicate with your child's teacher. Parents will learn Digital Literacy Skills and explore digital tools that their student uses for Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, AIG, etc. |
|  | <b>Thursday</b><br>October 29, 2020<br>6:00-7:00 pm<br>7:15-8:15 pm<br>Spanish         | K-5<br>6-12 |  |
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| <b>Homework Help and Virtual Resources</b>   | <b>Wednesday</b><br>November 18, 2020<br>6:00-7:00 pm<br>7:15-8:15 pm<br>(Spanish)     | K-5         | Families will learn how to set expectations for homework routines, explore on-line resources that support comprehension, practice and mastery, and strategies for establishing good communication with your child's teacher.   |
| <b>Boosting Outcomes for Students of Color: Addressing Issues of Equity in DPS</b> | <b>Thursday</b><br>November 19, 2020<br>6:00-7:00 pm<br>7:15-8:15 pm<br>(Spanish)      | 6-12        | Parents and students will learn how to: 1) Set expectations for homework routines and completion; 2) Provide an optimal homework atmosphere at home; 3) Find and utilize resources to provide extra assistance; 4) Guide their students through the process of asking questions; and 5) Establish good communication with the classroom teacher.   |
|  | <b>Thursday</b><br>December 3, 2020 6:30 -7:30 pm<br><br>(With Spanish Interpretation) | K-12        | During this interactive session, participants will be able to answer the following questions - 1) What is educational equity?...and 2) How does equity impact outcomes for students in DPS? Participants will learn about the need to address issues of racial equity, reflect on the impact of implicit bias in schools, and consider ways to improve outcomes for diverse students and, particularly, students of color.                 |