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NEW!! Speaker Series

Join us in these important conversations! As we continue the process of evaluating and implementing our district's strategic priorities, the Colonial Fund is excited to sponsor a three part speaker series for caregivers, staff and the community. In November, March and April we will host three different experts in their field who will each address an important topic tied to the district's goals.

In November, Cathy Vatterott will be discussing the latest research on homework which falls within our strategic priority of "Connected Learning for a Complex World". Richard Weissbourd and Lynn Lyons will be presenting topics that relate to the strategic priority "Enhanced Well-Being for All". We hope you will participate in these conversations and attend all three evenings. More information about each speaker can be found on their websites, linked below their photos.



Cathy Vatterott
(aka The Homework Lady)
Rethinking Homework: Best Practices that Support Diverse Needs

Thursday, November 14
7:00 pm
Shrewsbury High School



Richard Weissbourd
Taming Admissions Anxiety; Navigating hopes, expectations & the minefield of status & achievement pressure

Thursday, March 31
7:00 pm
Shrewsbury High School



Lynn Lyons
Continuing the discussion about anxiety: Helping teens learn the important skills of tolerating uncertainty and discomfort

Tuesday, April 7
7:00 pm
Oak Middle School

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Keep us in mind! On Tuesday, December 3, the Colonial Fund will once again participate in #GivingTuesday as part of its annual appeal. Your past gifts have allowed the Colonial Fund to support important projects that impacted a variety of students, spanned all grade levels and

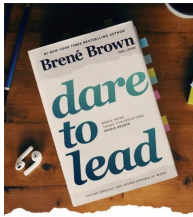


improved classroom experiences.

Most recently, your generosity has created a brand new "Design Lab" at Oak Middle School and updated and improved the Shrewsbury High School television studio with 21st century learning and high-definition ("HD") equipment. In the next 6 months, the Colonial Fund dollars will be sponsoring important conversations surrounding district initiatives through the speaker series described above.

Look for more communications from the Colonial Fund as #GivingTuesday approaches. Your support is as critical as ever this year, to continue to fund meaningful experiential learning for our students.

A New Read



As the weather gets colder and we all spend more time indoors, consider adding this book to your bookshelf or e-reader. *Dare To Lead: Brave Work, Tough Conversations, Whole Hearts* by Brené Brown is a collection of ideas and suggestions for the leader in all of us.

In the age of machines and artificial intelligence that can do so many things better and faster, Brown offers that it's leading with empathy, connection and courage that truly sets us apart and is most impactful. So whether you are a leader at work, at home, in your community or where you volunteer, this book encourages us all to be brave leaders because, while it is not always easy, it is always worth it. For more information go to <https://daretolead.brenebrown.com/>

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