## Workshops

### Session 1

**Understanding the I.E.P. Process**

This workshop will help you better understand the I.E.P. process and how to work collaboratively with the Child Study Team to ensure your child’s success in school.

**Linda Colucci, MEd**

### Stress and Communication:

**Family Challenges**

The focus of this workshop is on the impact of stress on modern life, and to explain what stress is and how people react to it – physically, emotionally, and behaviorally in the family setting.

**Joanne McGhee and Erika McGhee**

### Session 2

**What Can We Do For You?**

**Overcoming Obstacles**

This is an open forum to discuss strategies to enhance your child’s educational experience.

**Pamela Jenkins and Rosa Ramos Muldoon**

### Session 3

**COPE Setting Boundaries and Communicating:**

**The Best Ways to Help Your Child**

This fast-paced workshop will provide you with concepts and resources that others have found effective in coping with difficult situations. The workshop materials will also give you additional information that you can reference in the future.

**Mary Lysinger, MEd, Ed and Connie Ducaine, MA**

## Program Agenda

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### RAFFLE

Five autographed copies of *Something Beautiful*, one $75.00 Pathmark food gift card, and grab bag gifts will be raffled.

Recipients will receive their gifts at the conclusion of the program.

**It takes a village to raise a child… whatever it takes it is worth it.**
Keynote Speaker

SHARON DENNIS WYETH, author and motivational speaker. Sharon Dennis Wyeth has written over 50 books for children and young adults, and has received numerous awards and recognitions including:

- Shuster Award for Outstanding Master’s Thesis, Hunter College
- Parents Magazine Best Book
- Reading Rainbow Book
- Children’s Book Council Notable Book
- Books for the Teen Age, New York Public Library
- Best 100 Books, New York Public Library
- LAMDA Literary Award, Newark Public Library
- Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Creative Fellow
- Virginia Center for Creative Fellow
- Geraldine R. Dodge Fellow
- Rockefeller Foundation grant co-recipient

Mrs. Wyeth’s writing career began in 1989 with the creation of Pen Pals, a 20-book pre-teen series about girls who write letters to boys. Her current books spring from her African American childhood and other explorations of the African American experience. Publications for younger readers include Something Beautiful, entering its 12th year, A Piece of Heaven, Cory’s Underground Railroad Diary series, Once on This River, The World of Daughter McGuire, Always My Day, and others. Her book for high school age readers, Orphea Proud was published in 2005. Mrs. Wyeth is also a poet and member of the Cave Canem Fellowship for African American poets. She received a B.A. with honors from Harvard University in Psychology, Anthropology, and Sociology. In 2010, she received her MFA from Hunter College in Creative Writing/Memoir.

Mrs. Wyeth has been the keynote or featured speaker for such organizations as the International Reading Association and the National Council of Teachers of English. She visits schools throughout the country inspiring in students a love of reading and writing.

Registration Form

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Address: __________________________
City/Zip: __________________________
Cell: _____________________________
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Yes, I need transportation

Yes, I require childcare

Educational Childcare Provided

Number of children: ________________________________
Ages: ________________________________

Register now to ensure your choice of workshops.

Send Early Registrations to:
Sylvia Bryant, Parent Coordinator
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Late registration available on Saturday, February 12, 2011 from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Participants

Charles H. Bullock School
Principal: Dr. Barbara Weller

Hillside School
Principal: Michael J. Chiles, Sr.

Mt. Hebron School
Principal: Guy Whitlock

Nishuane School
Principal: Gail Clarke

Presenters

Christina DelliSanti-Miller
The founder of Athena Collaborative Group, a non-profit dedicated to expanding the population of women entering industries like investment banking. She has over 20 years experience in the development of individuals and groups in the Transportation, Aerospace, and Financial Services industries. Drawing from her extensive and progressive experience in Human Resources and Organizational Development, she is noted for her proven capability leading data-driven, large-scale, long-term cultural change initiatives through consulting to leaders and managers at all levels. Christina earned her master’s degree from Columbia University in Organization Psychology: Consultation and Change. She serves her master’s degree from Columbia University in Organization Psychology: Consultation and Change. She serves.

Alex O. Ellis
An award-winning author, motivational speaker, custom clothier, and mentor, turns heads across the nation through his well-dressed stature and inspirational words. Honored with the distinguished ‘40 Under Forty Award’ from the Network Journal, Ellis heralds a powerful message that generates the inside out. He is CEO and founder of Tied To Greatness, an innovative international program that calls on distinguished male role models and mentors to join forces with Ellis to teach young men about the power of a positive image and how to convey their inner and outer personalities with a strong sense of character, pride, and dignity. Ellis holds a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina A & T State University and a master’s degree from Rutgers University.

Planning Committee

Sylvia Bryant, Parent Coordinator
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