

# 2011-2012 Schedule of Events



The Westford Parent Connection, founded in 2001, strives to offer the best in parent enrichment and education programs for Westford and surrounding communities. Our programs are appropriate for parents and anyone who works with children. For more information, please go to [www.westford.com/wpc/](http://www.westford.com/wpc/) or contact Mary Anne Seraphin at [mseraphin@comcast.net](mailto:mseraphin@comcast.net).

*Note: All programs begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. See our website for any updates or cancellations. Tickets may be purchased at the door the night of each event. In addition, season passes are available for \$25 at the door until November 15.*

DATE	EVENT	SPEAKERS	WHO SHOULD ATTEND	LOCATION
October 5 Wednesday Tickets \$5	<b>Letting Your Kids Go Without Losing Your Marbles</b>	Joani Geltman, MSW	Parents of high school students	Stony Brook Auditorium
October 20 Thursday FREE **6:30pm**	<b>An Evening With Lyle Cogen: Upstanders, Bystanders and Bullies</b>	Lyle Cogen Sponsored by Lowell General Hospital	Parents & children in grades 1-5	Stony Brook Auditorium
November 15 Tuesday FREE	<b>Positive Parenting Works: Dealing With Self-injurious Behaviors, Anxiety, and Oppositional Defiant Disorder</b>	Dianne Walsh, LICSW and Sue Hanly, RN, NCSN	Parents of middle and high school students	Blanchard Auditorium
November 30 Wednesday FREE	<b>Be An Advocate For Your Children</b>	Attorney Ray Wauford, in partnership with the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)	Parents of children of all ages and abilities	Blanchard Auditorium
January 18 Wednesday (snow date 1/19) Tickets \$5	<b>Fiscal Responsibility: What Parents Need To Teach Kids About Money</b>	Christine Cournoyer, Westford Academy Teacher	Parents of middle and high school students	Stony Brook Auditorium
January 24 Tuesday (snow date 1/25) Tickets \$5	<b>Consuming Kids: The Commercialization Of Childhood</b>	Dr. Susan Linn, Director, Campaign For A Commercial-Free Childhood, and the Westford Health Department	Parents of children of all ages	Stony Brook Auditorium
February 8 Wednesday (snow date 2/9) FREE	<b>Bullying &amp; Teasing: Ending The Bullying Cycle</b>	Donna Shea, Director, Peter Pan Center	Parents of children of all ages and abilities	Stony Brook Auditorium

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March 7 Wednesday FREE	<b>Making A Difference</b>	Ed Gerety	Parents of children of all ages	Stony Brook Auditorium
March 12 Monday Tickets \$10	<b>The Distracted Family: Overstretched, Overbooked, and About To Snap!</b>	Dr. Edward Hallowell	Parents of children of all ages	Westford Academy Performing Arts Center
March 29 Thursday Tickets \$10	<b>Emerging Adulthood: The New Life Stage From Late Teens Through The 20s</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Arnett	Parents of high school students	Westford Academy Performing Arts Center

### Professional Development Points (PDP)

Two-hour Professional Development Point certificates will be available to early childhood, public/private school teachers, and any other professionals in need of points. Not sure you qualify? Check with your school, district, or organization. The Westford School District will give points for all workshops, provided they meet district requirements. Typically, points must be submitted in sets of 10 hours in the same field area. Be sure to request a PDP certificate when you attend any of these programs.

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