



Family And Community Engagement Office

A publication featuring important news and information from the SEL Schools' Office of Family and Community Engagement

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Message from FACE Coordinator

Dear SEL Parents, Guardians, Caregivers and Community Supporters,

I am pleased to share this first edition of the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Newsletter! The Family and Community Engagement office is new within the district's Center for Student Services & Strategic Partnerships. The FACE office was created in the 2020-2021 school year to support you and your family by offering resources and sharing information about opportunities in and around our SEL school community.

In SEL schools, we believe in cultivating and maintaining partnerships with parents, caregivers, and community members. Through this unified community effort, our students will achieve success and become productive citizens. SEL's Office of FACE is committed to increasing family engagement to positively impact our students' learning and development. Please visit the links below to see how **FACE** is aligned to state policy and national PTA standards. In future editions, I will provide information about Joyce L. Epstein's Framework of Six Types of Parent Involvement.

However, in this first edition:

- 1. Please mark your calendar! **Beginning March 10**, you can participate in brief, 30-minute virtual sessions on relevant and timely topics AND there is a **raffle each Wednesday!** Please continue reading for details.
- 2. We also feature one of our partners. Please visit the links to see **parent workshops** as well as a recent panel discussion to celebrate Black History. A link to the **artwork completed by families and staff** in the SEL school community is also provided.
- 3. Finally, and in each FACE newsletter, you will find links to various services and resources in and around the SEL community and throughout Cuyahoga County to help your family thrive during and beyond the pandemic. If you need something that is not listed, please let me know. I will connect you to the appropriate provider, including our licensed school social workers or other staff in our school community.

In partnership,

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Social Emotional Wellness for Parents

The Center of Student Services and Strategic Partnerships in collaboration with SEL staff and partners present *SEL in SEL* Wednesday afternoons during the third quarter for students, staff, and parents to promote wellness. Parents can join the brief, 30-minute Google Meet sessions covering various topics. **Please see the schedule below for tomorrow, March 10, and click the link to join.** I will provide additional information next week for the remainder of the sessions. **Remember, there is a raffle each Wednesday session!**

Date	12:30-1:00pm	1:00-1:30pm	1:30-2:00pm	2:00-2:30pm
March 10,		Mommy Matters During	Mindfulness	Option 1:
2021	Money Matters During	the Pandemic Part 1:	How to pay attention	Mental Health Matters
	the Pandemic Part 1:	Support for moms	to what is happening	During the Pandemic Part
	How to plan and recover	balancing work and	in the present moment	1: How to manage stress
	from the financial impact	family in COVID	(Presented by Ryan	created by COVID
	of COVID	(Presented by Sister	Dugan, SEL Wellness	(Presented by Life
	(Presented by Phe'be	Girlfriends)	Coordinator)	Enrichment)
	Foundation)	Click here to join	Click here to join	Click here to join
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	Option 2:			
	Kindergarten Parent			
	Check-In with SEL			
	School Social Workers:			
	How to support your			
	kindergarten student			
	during the pandemic			
	Click here to join			



SEL Community Partner Spotlight



We spotlight **Angela C. Flowers, MSSA, LISW-S** Co-Owner of *Making A Difference Consulting & Family Therapeutic Solutions*. Ms. Flowers provides youth programming, mental health counseling, and professional development. As one of our district partners, Ms. Flowers and her team support the work of the Center of Student Services and Strategic Partnerships. She has collaborated with the FACE office to provide parent workshops and assisted with the Black History Cultural Celebration sponsored by SEL FACE. Check out the YouTube links below to see the SEL FACE workshops in collaboration with Ms. Flowers.

Q & A Navigating Remote Learning

A Flash in Time- Black History Cultural Celebration

What's on Your Plate- Identifying Ways to Cope with Stress

Paint and Punch Photo Booth

What's on Your Plate Part II- Mindfulness Activities



🖊 Community Resources

City Websites:

https://www.cityofsoutheuclid.com/

https://www.lyndhurst-oh.com/

Food Assistance:

www.foodpantries.org/ci/oh-cleveland

Bethany Covenant Church- 5120 Ridgebury Blvd (24/7 little pantry)

Boulevard Elementary – Cleveland Food Bank School Market 216-371-7140 1749 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 First Tuesday of each month from 2:30-4:30pm

Church of the Good Shepard - 23599 Cedar Road (Free community meal last Saturday of the month)

Garfield Memorial Church - 203-516-7024 (Call for appointment 4th week of the month)

Gearity Elementary – Cleveland Food Bank School Market 216-371-6515 2323 Wrenford Road, University Heights, OH 44118 Second Thursday of the month, from 2-4pm

Heights Emergency Food Center

3663 Mayfield Rd, Cleveland, OH 44121

Heights Émergency Food Center is a non-profit corporation staffed by volunteers to provide for people in emergency situations. It currently serves the cities of Cleveland Heights, University Heights, South Euclid, and Lyndhurst. Hours: Monday 4-6pm, Tuesday 9-11:30am, Thursday 9am-2:30pm, Friday 9-11:30am Communal Meal the last two Thursdays from 5:30-6:30pm

Oxford Elementary – Cleveland Food Bank School Market 216-371-6525 939 Quilliams Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44121 Third Tuesday of each month from 2:30-4:30pm

Peace Lutheran Church 3740 Mayfield Road Hot meal 3rd Thursday of the month 5:30pm

South Euclid United Church of Christ Bin 4217 Bluestone Road **Second Saturday of the month opens at 9:00am**

<u>Additional Websites:</u>

211 Hotline for Community Resources

Children and Family Services Resource Guide

Mental Health Resources

For more information on FACE state policy and national frameworks, please visit the following links:

Ohio State Board of Education's Parent and Family Involvement Policy

National PTA's National Standards for Family-School Partnerships

Joyce Epstein's Six Types of Parent Involvement