

# Princeton Common Ground

## TRANSFORMING EDUCATION

For the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

*Tony Wagner*

Thursday, April 19, 2012

7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Peddie School**

201 South Main Street, Hightstown

One of the foremost proponents for change in American education describes the skills needed in the “innovation society” that is supplanting our unsustainable “consumer society” – and identifies best practices for cultivating these skills in the next generation.

- **What are the new career, college, and citizenship survival skills?**
- **How can schools avoid the pitfalls of “teaching to the test”?**
- **How do the best schools and companies elicit deep engagement?**

Dr. Wagner, the founder of the Change Leadership Group at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, consults internationally on school improvement. His books include The Global Achievement Gap: Why Even Our Best Schools Don't Teach the New Survival Skills Our Children Need—And What We Can Do About It (2008) and Learning to Innovate, Innovating to Learn: The Rise of the Innovation Generation and What They Need From Parents, Teachers, and Employers (2012).

[tonywagner.com](http://tonywagner.com)

Princeton Common Ground sponsors a free lecture series featuring distinguished speakers addressing topics related to child development, parenting, and education.

Founded in 1998, we are a collaborative effort of the Parent Associations of 14 Princeton area independent schools.

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## BULLYING

*It's Not Just "Joking Around"*  
*Can It Be Stopped?*

*Jodee Blanco*

Thursday, November 10, 2011

7:30 – 9:00 pm

The Hun School of Princeton

176 Edgerstoune Road, Princeton

Bullying and peer abuse have resulted in tragic events that have captured our nation's attention and headlines. What can parents, children, schools, and communities do to shift the social dynamic around bullying and prevent the seemingly irreparable harm that can result?

- **Why are kids mean to other kids?**
- **How do you know if your child is being bullied or is bullying?**
- **What about cyberbullying?**

Survivor, expert, and activist Jodee Blanco is a pre-eminent voice on the subject of school bullying. She has presented *It's NOT Just Joking Around!*<sup>TM</sup>, her acclaimed anti-bullying program, to over 500,000 students, teachers, and parents nationwide. Jodee Blanco's books include the New York Times bestselling memoir [Please Stop Laughing at Me...](#) and its award-winning sequel [Please Stop Laughing at Us... One Survivor's Extraordinary Quest to Prevent School Bullying.](#)

[jodeeblanco.com](http://jodeeblanco.com)

## SEX

*How to Talk to Your Kids About It*

*Dr. Elizabeth Schroeder*

Thursday, January 12, 2012

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Princeton Day School

650 Great Road, Princeton

Back by popular demand, Elizabeth Schroeder's engaging and informative discussion about kids and sex and how we can talk to our children without overwhelming them (or ourselves).

- **What's going on with teenage sexuality today?**
- **Do your children have accurate information about sex?**
- **How can you communicate effectively with your children about sex?**

Dr. Elizabeth Schroeder is the executive director of Answer, an award-winning national organization based at Rutgers University that is dedicated to providing and promoting comprehensive sexuality education to young people and the adults who teach them. Its programs include a national Teen-to-Teen Sexuality Education Project, which reaches millions of teens each year with teen-written sexual health information through a magazine and website, and a national Sexuality Education Training Initiative, which provides training, resources, and technical assistance to over 5,000 educational professionals each year.

[answer.rutgers.edu](http://answer.rutgers.edu)

## ADDICTION-PROOFING OUR KIDS

*Alcohol and Other Drugs*  
*And Teen Mental Health*

*Jeff Wolfsberg*

Thursday, February 2, 2012

7:30 – 9:00 pm

The Pennington School

112 West Delaware Avenue, Pennington

Drug-free kids cite parental influence as the #1 reason for their choices around drinking and other drugs. Jeff Wolfsberg will share his expertise on the attitudes, policies, and programs that successfully curb underage drinking and other drug use – and that get assistance services early to the minority whose behavior poses a problem to themselves or others.

- **What five things does every teen need for good mental health?**
- **What conversations between parents and their children are essential?**
- **What emerging drug trends should parents be aware of?**

Jeff Wolfsberg is an internationally recognized expert and leader in drug education, adolescent and family health, and personal leadership. He has worked with over 1,000 schools in 48 states and more than 20 countries to implement evidence-based programs for alcohol and substance abuse prevention and early intervention.

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