

Inside Private Schools

*Conversations with Child Specialist Dr. Jennifer Jones
and Manhattan Private School Teacher Erica Poon*
...plus a special guest each week!

A Three-Part Series For New York Parents of Children in Grades 3-5

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Helping parents become more powerful in the lives of their children.

Part 1: The Inside Story on Back-to-School Assessments

Monday, September 10, 2007, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Are you ready for your child's back-to-school assessments? Do you know how your child will be assessed and how the results will be used?

In this workshop, find out what types of assessments are typically given, how they can be used by the classroom teacher and other specialists to group children, how students react to such assessments, and how to reassure your child if he or she is upset by not doing well on the first tests of the year.

Part 2: What You May Not Know About Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, October 22, 2007, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Have you ever walked out of a parent-teacher conference not fully understanding what was just said about your child? If so, then you may need a lesson in Teacher-Talk!

Learn the terminology teachers use to discuss your child's emotional, social, and academic growth so that you can more effectively communicate about his or her progress.

How do school policies affect what information teachers can share with you? Get an inside look into the various complex dynamics that occur during the parent-conference. For example, what does your child's teacher know about you beforehand and how does this affect what is shared with you in the parent conference?

Part 3: Reading Between the Lines of the Home Report

Monday, December 3, 2007, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Do you truly understand what the teacher is saying about your child in the Home Report? Do you feel like there is something the teacher simply is not saying? When looking at the checklists, do you understand what all the categories mean?

Due to school policies, most teachers are not permitted to say what they would really like to say in your child's Home Report. In this workshop, learn how to read between the lines and how to understand exactly what is being evaluated so that you can become a better advocate for your child.

About the Speakers



*Dr. Jennifer Jones is the founder and CEO of LearnGarden, Inc., and the author of *The Three P's of Parenting: Advice for a Lifetime*. Dr. Jones has 20 years of experience in education and child development and holds a Masters and Ph.D. from Columbia University Teachers College. Her company, LearnGarden, is a place where parents can learn methods for supporting the development and learning of children from infancy through high school.*

Erica Poon has been teaching in Manhattan private schools for ten years. She has been an elementary school teacher at Ethical Culture School and Village Community School and is currently teaching at an all-girls school in the Upper East Side. Ms. Poon is a graduate of Amherst College, Bank Street College of Education, and Teachers College.



Each session includes a special guest from one of Manhattan's top private schools, providing additional insights and tips for parents.

The Private School 101 series informs parents through structured Q&A led by Dr. Jennifer Jones and provides an open forum where parents can ask questions or discuss their concerns. Come join other parents of 3rd-5th graders and enjoy refreshments from Sarabeth's!

Registration

Three Monday sessions: **September 10, October 22, and December 3**, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at St. James' Church, 865 Madison Avenue, between 71st and 72nd Streets.

Pre-registration is required, and seating is limited. Registration must be completed by the previous Friday at noon. \$125 each session (\$175/pair) \$300 each entire series (\$450/pair).

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