

THIRD THURSDAYS



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Join us for this series of four free sessions about a variety of subjects that impact students and their families. The series is coordinated by Beth Murray-Wilson, Jackson Academy's Coordinator of Studies and head of JA's learning diversity program. Beth is certified in both gifted education and dyslexia intervention.

To register for a Third Thursday, email Beth Murray-Wilson at bmurray@jacksonacademy.org.

INSIGHT INTO THE GIFTED BRAIN

October 15, at noon in the Upper School Library

Gain insight into the gifted child's brain as we explore ways to maximize potential and keep learning fun and inspirational. Learn how to stretch learning at home and keep your child's interest level piqued.

Presenter: Beth Murray-Wilson, M.A., Supervision and Administration

Focus: Any age

Registration deadline: October 14

BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: UNDERSTATING HOW TO DISCIPLINE EFFECTIVELY

November 19, at noon in the Upper School Library

Discover how your child's environment contributes to his/her behaviors, how to implement behavioral techniques to reduce common problem behaviors (e.g., tantrums, non-compliance, etc.), how to motivate appropriate behaviors, and how to identify when professional clinical services should be pursued. Parents will learn about the field of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and how they can utilize ABA based strategies to address behavioral concerns.

Laura Mathisen, M.S., BCBA
Clinical Early Intervention Supervisor Beyond Expectations, Inc. Fort Walton Beach, Florida

Laura works with children ages 2-17 at a behavioral clinic as the Clinical Early Intervention Supervisor. Previously, she maintained a position as the Director of Behavior Analysis at Keystone Behavioral Pediatrics. Her areas of clinical interest include parent training, early intervention, skills assessment, and problem behavior reduction.

Focus: Preschool-Elementary

Registration deadline: November 17

EXPERIENCE DYSLEXIA—A LEARNING DIFFERENCE SIMULATION

January 21, at noon in the Upper School Library

Have you ever wondered what it feels like to have dyslexia, dysgraphia, ADHD, or a central auditory delay? This simulation puts you in the shoes of a person with these learning issues. The simulation is designed to increase awareness of the difficulties and frustrations students encounter daily. Participants will gain insight into working more effectively with children that can lead to greater empathy and understanding.

Presenter: Jackson Academy ARC Team

Focus: Any age

Registration deadline: January 19

MATH TECHNIQUES

February 18, at noon in the Upper School Library

Learn the tricks of the trade in the math world! Ways to conquer multiplication, subtraction, and addition facts will be covered, as well as techniques to support your child's math studies. Leave with a greater understanding of the applied math principles your child is learning.

Presenter: Jackson Academy ARC Team

Focus: PK-sixth grade

Registration deadline: February 16