



## 2015-2016 Speaker Series

### **Expanding Working Memory Capacity in Students**

**Dr. Joy Granetz**

**Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 8:30-9:30am**

**RSVP by September 25: [ewilliams@johncroslandschool.org](mailto:ewilliams@johncroslandschool.org)**

Working memory is the mental scratchpad that helps us keep track of incoming information. It is key to paying attention and learning. In this talk, Dr. Granetz will discuss how working memory impacts academics, such as paying attention in the classroom, organization, reading skills, mathematics, and written expression. Dr. Granetz will also discuss tools to strengthen working memory so that learning is less of a struggle for students with weak working memory.

*Dr. Joy Granetz is a pediatric neuropsychologist in private practice in Charlotte. She provides neuropsychological testing services and therapy for children, and she is a Cogmed Qualified Practitioner.*



### **Developing Mental Imagery for Comprehension, Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, and Expression**

**Meghan Yoho, The John Crosland School**

**Thursday, October 29, 2015, 8:30-9:30am**

**RSVP by October 23: [ewilliams@johncroslandschool.org](mailto:ewilliams@johncroslandschool.org)**

Meghan Yoho will discuss the role of imagery, the need to develop it if it's not full and automatic, and how to use imagery for math word problems, oral and written expression, vocabulary development.

*After graduating from the University of Michigan, Meghan moved to Denver, CO and became a clinician at the Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes learning center and was the center director for the past 11 years. She is now a reading specialist at The John Crosland School.*

### **Asperger's is Awesome and yes, It Still Exists!**

**Dr. Frank Gaskill, Southeast Psych**

**Monday, February 8, 2016, 8:30-9:30am**

**RSVP by February 4: [ewilliams@johncroslandschool.org](mailto:ewilliams@johncroslandschool.org)**

This talk gives an overview and background of Asperger's. Dr. G also provides some practical tips for families in order to make life easier, and to help build a successful future for their Awesome Aspies.

*Dr. Frank Gaskill is a founding partner of Southeast Psych and the author of "Max Gamer: Aspie Superhero", a comic about an Asperger's boy who learns he's really a superhero. He is can be heard on the popculture podcast called, Entertainment Shrinkly, and he is the host of the Dr. G Aspie show. With Dr. David Verhaagen, Dr. G most recently co-authored the book, "How We Built Our Dream Practice: Innovative ideas for building yours". Dr. G believes Asperger's is awesome and is psyched to share his thoughts with you all.*

## **Kindergarten Readiness**

**Dr. Melanie Powell, Charlotte Behavioral Health Associates**

**Wednesday, April 13, 8:30am-9:30am**

**RSVP by April 11: [peley@johncroslandschool.org](mailto:peley@johncroslandschool.org)**

Dr. Powell will be speaking about typical development for 4 and 5 year olds. She will address signs of kindergarten readiness as well as signs that a child might not be ready for kindergarten and/or may be displaying early characteristics of learning disabilities or attention deficit disorders. She will also answer questions about when and if testing might be valuable or necessary as well as things you can do as parents to help improve your child's readiness for kindergarten.

*Dr. Powell received a B.A. in Psychology from Furman University (1993), and an M.A. (1995) and Ph.D. in School Psychology with a Specialization in Neuropsychology from the University of Georgia (1997). She is a Licensed Psychologist (NC#2478) and Health Services Provider (HPP). Her training includes a year of practicum, 3 years at the Center for Clinical and Developmental Neuropsychology (UGA), a one-year internship in the public school setting (GA), and pre- and post-doctoral fellowships at the Child Neuropsychology Clinic at the Medical College of Georgia. Dr. Powell's research is in the areas of Learning Disabilities and ADHD (including articles in professional journals and book chapters), which she has presented at national and international professional conferences. She also have served as a reviewer for manuscripts submitted for publication in the Journal of Learning Disabilities (1999).*