

speak is a coalition of San Francisco K-8 Schools that have joined together to enhance parent education. Our goal: Enrich the education and learning experience for our families, our children and our communities.

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Brandeis Hillel Day School
Cathedral School for Boys
Children's Day School
The Hamlin School
Katherine Delmar Burke School
Live Oak School
Presidio Hill School
San Francisco Day School
San Francisco Friends School
The San Francisco School

Successful Kids: Redefining Goals

Today we live in a high-pressure, high-stakes environment that is pre-occupied with the easily observable measures of success, such as grades, trophies, and prestigious school admissions. While often romanticized as a simple and carefree time, childhood and adolescence are, in fact, a time of intensive growth and development and this narrow vision of success often impedes healthy maturation. As a result, we see an unacceptably high level of impairment among our children, even among those seen as "successful." Our distinguished panel will argue that success is complex, and that character, well-being, emotional intelligence, authenticity, and accomplishment are all necessary components of success. They will present the research data and outline how parents can reassess their view of success and make choices that support their children's healthy development. **Our Featured Speakers:**



Jim Loddell, M.A., is an educational consultant and co-founded

Teachers' Curriculum Institute, widely regarded as the nation's most innovative publisher of K-12 social studies curriculum. He authored several teaching methodology books, including *Bring Learning Alive! Engaging All Learners in the Diverse Classroom* and advised school districts nationwide on teacher-training and site-based reform.



Madeline Levine, Ph.D., is a psychologist with over 25 years of

experience and is the author of the New York Times best-selling book, *The Price of Privilege: How Parental Pressure and Material Advantage are Creating a Generation of Materialistic and Unhappy Kids*, and two books on child development and the media: *Viewing Violence* and *See No Evil*. Dr. Levine is regularly featured on national media, including such programs as The Early Show, The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer and National Public Radio.



Denise Clark Pope, Ph.D., has taught for the past 8 years at the Stanford

University School of Education. She directs SOS: Stressed-Out Students project, a research and intervention effort to help K-12 schools counter the causes of academic stress. She lectures nationally and has appeared on The Today Show, CNN and other national media. Her book, *"Doing School": How We Are Creating a Generation of Stressed Out, Materialistic, and Miseducated Students* received the Notable Book in Education by the American School Board Journal.

**Wednesday
November 19**

9am at the Hall of the Greek Orthodox Annunciation Cathedral
245 Valencia Street
@15th, San Francisco

Plus the short film **Slipping Behind** by filmmakers Vicki Abeles and Julie McDonald

An in-depth profile of American children and the challenges they face "Slipping Behind" asks the question "are we preparing our children to lead meaningful, productive lives?" The filmmakers take this question to top experts in education, economics history, public health and psychology as well as offering an intimate look at real families.

**Coming on
March 23, 2009**

Michael Gurian, author of the New York Times bestseller *Nurture the Nature*, and co-founder of the Gurian Institute talks about the latest brain research in child and adolescent development and the tools parents need to uncover their child's core nature: **Nurture the Nature of Children**