

PTO MEETING: KIDS + TECH 11/14/2018

14 November 2018 / 6:30 PM / WILKES LIBRARY / SPECIAL TOPIC: KIDS + TECH

AGENDA

- Meeting Welcome **Megan & Jennifer**
- Brain + Technology Overview **Dr. Molly Linhardt**
- What we see at Wilkes **Amii Pratt, Principal; Sue Constan, School Counselor**
- Question & Answer
- Sharing of Resources & Adjourn

RESOURCES

- Family Media Plan Tools at <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/media/Pages/default.aspx>
- Wilkes PTO Website (will post additional resources): <http://wilkespto.org/resources/>

IMPORTANT DATES

1. School Directory will be available soon
2. Teacher grants: Review by end of November 2018
3. Curious about Careers Fair: Friday, November 30, 2018
4. Newly designed Wilkes Spirit Wear available in December 2018
5. Book Fair: December 2018 (will need volunteers)
6. January meeting (Friday, 1/18/19, 9 am): Speaker from BISD's Multicultural Advisory Council will share their work to promote

awareness about diversity and social justice throughout our schools. Kindness challenge: Being a good neighbor

7. Wilkes PTO contributed to HOPE speaker, Dr. Chan Hellman (in partnership with Bainbridge Youth Services and other PTOs) to support another talk which will discuss the significant ties between hope and happiness, success in school, career, and overall wellbeing.

Brain + Technology Overview

1. Family Media Planning Tool - extremely useful, clear, concise, easy for children to understand and the family to agree to
 - a. <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/media/Pages/default.aspx>.
2. Emerging Technology Issues with children
3. People who are in the Tech business set limits on their own children's allotted screen times:
 - a. Bill Gates didn't allow his children to have a cell phone until they were 14 years old, and doesn't allow devices in bedrooms, at night, or at the dinner table
 - b. (<https://www.businessinsider.com/how-bill-gates-limits-tech-use-for-his-kids-2018>)

What We See at Wilkes

1. Kids know how to use technology - and the older kids teach the younger kids
2. Just because a kid doesn't search something doesn't mean they won't be exposed to it- websites prey on children by using similar names to popular websites on the high chance a kid misspells the web address they are trying to go to
3. no technology devices are allowed to be used during school hours or on the buses
4. recommended for children to use internet under adult supervision (have computer, youtube, etc. in family area)