



The Kirtland School District  
along with  
The Kirtland Education Council

are **O.P.E.N.**ing  
**New Doors!**

The Organized Parent Education Network (O.P.E.N.) is a **collaborative** effort aimed at improving communication between parents and professionals while assisting parents in navigating the education system. O.P.E.N. builds effective partnerships among parents, teachers, school personnel and the Kirtland community who are involved in our children's education, lives and future success.

- ◆ O.P.E.N. provides support, information and resources for parents, teachers and staff for student academic, social, and emotional success.
- ◆ O.P.E.N. provides an opportunity for parents to network with each other.
- ◆ O.P.E.N. provides opportunities for parents to become informed and updated about regular and special education topics.



The **Organized Parent Education Network** is designed to offer support and education to parents of children with special talents and abilities in the Kirtland School District.

Our Parent Mentor, Lisa Lutz and Becky Malinas, Pupil Services Director, are parents of students with different educational abilities. They are available to confidentially assist families with their concerns or questions regarding Kirtland's Education System, including but not limited to: Identification, Testing, Individual Education Plan (IEP) Development, 504 plans, and Gifted Identification and Course offerings. O.P.E.N. will hold meetings throughout the school year to discuss different topics that affect every parent and child. O.P.E.N. also provides parent to parent as well as parent to professionals support and collaboration opportunities.

We want to hear from our Parents, Teachers and Community, so that we can team up for the success of our students and families!

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**O.P.E.N.**  
**(Organized Parent Education Network)**  
**Schedule of Events**

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**Wednesday, April 22 from 6:30-8:00**



Optimizing Student Success: Understanding the affects of Vision on academics, sports and concussions

**Thursday, May 28 from 6:30-8:00**



Avoiding the Backslide:  
How to Help My Student to Grow over the Summer

**Monday, July 7 -Thursday, August 7**



C.H.A.M.P.S. (Camp Hornet for Achievement, Mastery, Progress and Success) for students currently in Grades K-3

**Wednesday, September 16, 2015**



How Do I Help My Struggling Learner?

**Thursday, October 22, 2015**



Navigating the Special Education Process

**Tuesday, October 27, 2015**



Concussions: Prevention, Detection and Treatment

**Thursday, November 5, 2015**



Title I and 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee

**January, 2016**



Understanding and Developing Executive Functioning in Children and Teens

**February, 2016**



Common Behavior Concerns and Strategies for Parents and Teachers to Help at Home and at School.

**April, 2016**



Understanding Gifted Identification and Services

**May, 2016**



How to Help My Child Stay on Track Over the Summer

**Kirtland  
Local  
Schools**

All Kirtland Parents , Teachers and Community Members are invited to attend the presentations.

All presentations will be held at Kirtland Middle School in the Forum unless otherwise noted.

Specific dates for the 2015-2016 school year will be announced in Summer, 2015.



We encourage everyone to participate.

Anyone is welcome to stay after the seminars for individual questions and/or guidance.