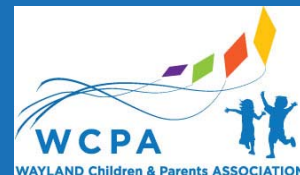


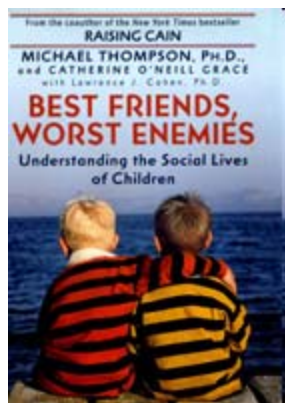


Spring Keynote Speaker Dr. Michael Thompson

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Wednesday, May 4, 7:30-9p



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Amy Potter Center, Weston Middle School

Wellesley Street, Weston, MA

RSVP strongly recommended to enrichment@waylandwcpa.org

*Doors open at 7p. Light snacks and refreshments served from 7-7:30p.

Social cruelty among kids is one of the most difficult things that adults have to confront in raising or educating children. Experienced teachers can be confused about how to protect a child in class, for fear of putting a rejected or controversial child in "the limelight." They can also feel defensive when parents of neglected or victimized children come to the school for help.

This talk provides a guide for parents on the complex social world of childhood

- What impact do childhood social relationships have on adult happiness? •
 - What is the normal sequence of child friendships? •
 - Why do cliques form? •
 - How to deal with cruelty? •
- What is the difference between popularity and friendship development? •
- How to help your child navigate this complex world without interfering? •

... helping parents be a guide to lay a positive foundation for social development.

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