Strengthening Our Schools

Join us virtually October 9th, 16th, and 23rd
3:00pm-5:30pm
Gain tools and knowledge for when a student is impacted by a cancer diagnosis.

In collaboration with:

Featuring Keynote Speaker, Tara Geraghty, BA, REBT, Counseling Practitioner Certified, Mom of Miracle Kid and Author of “Making Cancer Fun”

**General Sessions**

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| **Childhood Cancer Experience** | **Using Games Therapeutically for Children and Teens Affected by Cancer**
  Kelly Blanchette, MS, CCLS  
  Child Life Specialist, Goryeb Children’s Hospital at Morristown Medical Center  |
| **Dance/Movement Based Therapy**  
  Morgan Rakay, MA, LPC, BC-DMT  
  Program Coordinator, Cancer Support Community Greater Philadelphia  | **Mindfulness in the Classroom**  
  Sarah Dennehy, M. Ed, RYT,  
  The Shanthi Project  |
| **Cancer, Loss, and COVID-19: Beyond Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic in the Classroom**  
  Mandi Zucker, MSW, LSW, CT,  
  Founder and President of Inner Harbor, LLC  | **Answering Difficult Questions:** How Kids Talk About Cancer  
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Keynote Speaker, Tara Geraghty, BA, REBT, Counseling Practitioner Certified, Mom of Miracle Kid and Author of “Making Cancer Fun”

“Finding the Fun, Parenting in the Face of Cancer”

Tara Geraghty brings a unique perspective for our keynote this year as both the mother of a childhood cancer survivor and the President and Founder of Making Cancer Fun. A Top 5 TEDx speaker, Tara teaches families and medical professionals how to use fun as a powerful coping tool when faced with the devastating diagnosis of childhood cancer.

By sharing her own personal story, attendees will get a firsthand glimpse into what parents and children experience after a diagnosis. They will hear about the most common struggles families faces and the support they really need. Attendees will also be empowered about how they can make a positive difference for families and feel comfortable having uncomfortable conversations.

With vulnerable transparency and a unique ability to weave humor around difficult topics she opens the space for people to feel safe to step out of their comfort zone and find their own power.

Tara’s keynote will be followed by a Q & A offering attendees the unique opportunity to ask difficult questions in a safe supportive environment.

You can learn more about Tara at www.makingcancerfun.com