

# FACE

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## CENTER-BASED NEWS

### FACE Celebrations

Thank you all for joining us for Regionals and thank you to the sites who prepared home- and center-based presentations and culture share-outs!

Please join us in celebrating the following high performing FACE teams!

- American Horse School
- Chief Leschi School
- Hannahville Indian School
- Little Wound School
- T'iis Ts'ozi Bi'Oita (Crownpoint)

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### Toyota, NCFL thanking teachers with \$150,000

Teachers mean the world to us, and this year they have faced extraordinary challenges and found new and meaningful ways to reach their students. Many have played additional roles in their students' lives. Others found ways to work with families in an even greater capacity than ever before.

That's why Toyota and the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL), who have together celebrated educators nationally for 25 years, have teamed up to give thanks.

During Teacher Appreciation Week and throughout May (May 2-20), we will ask families to come together to create a short video nominating a teacher who supported them during the past year. Simply visit NCFL's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts to click on the post to learn more.

A team of families will review submissions, and ultimately 150 teachers across the country will receive \$1,000 each from Toyota and NCFL to support learning next year.

It's a small way to recognize the big impact teachers have made over the past year. Our hats are off to you, teachers! On behalf of Toyota, NCFL, and the many families across the country, thank you for all that you do.

Feel free to share this information with the families at your site!



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## FACE Updates

End-of-year forms for SY21 have been shared with sites via email and will be up on the FACE website soon! LSG will share the process to submit them via email, on the FACE website, and through optional training sessions. If you have any questions about the EOY forms, please reach out to Laura Sullivan Gallegos at [lsg4schools@gmail.com](mailto:lsg4schools@gmail.com).

There are several opportunities to provide input in the annual evaluation process. If you are interested in joining the Evaluation Advisory Committee, enrolling your school as a Pilot Site, or sharing your perspective via a Feedback Meeting, please reach out to Laura Sullivan Gallegos.

## 2021 Families Learning Conference

The National Center for Families Learning (NCFL) is excited to announce that registration for the 2021 Families Learning Conference is now open! The Conference will be held October 25-27 in Dallas.

The Families Learning Conference is where passionate people go to discover innovative strategies, evidence-based best practices, and resources to help families succeed in accomplishing their educational and economic goals.

If you are interested in registering, follow the link [here](#).



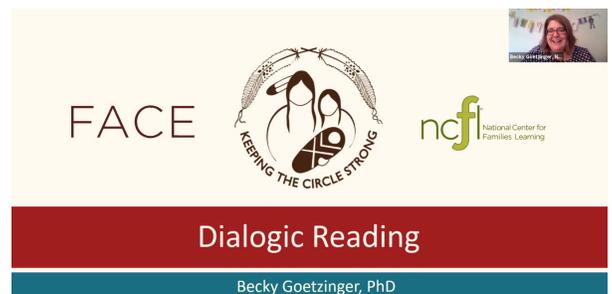
Thanks to all who sent in videos, stories, pictures, and more for the FACE 30th anniversary celebration! We look forward to sharing more with you during the first week of June 2021. Be sure to follow NCFL on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter so you're the first to see when the stories are shared!



## Professional Development

If you were not able to join us in March for our Dialogic Reading webinar, a recording can be found at the link [here](#).

Dialogic Reading is proven to be effective in improving students' vocabulary and oral language skills. NCFL Reading specialist, Dr. Becky Goetzinger, explains the concept and offers implementation strategies.



**Nancy Robertson, Adult Education Teacher at Tate Topa Tribal School, shared some exciting news from their adult education classroom:**

**Prior to the pandemic, Tate Topa Adult Education relied heavily on the Cankdeska Cikana Community for TABE and GED testing services and other social events. Then, on March 13, 2020, everything shut down like a flip of a switch, leaving the GED students with no testing options. Before taking the GED test, the local partner requests that students have a TABE score. This was very frustrating as an Adult Education instructor—to keep encouraging students to study knowing that the testing window was closed and not allowing them to move forward with their personal goals. The FACE team and school administration creatively solved the problem by applying to be a TABE testing site. In the fall, I hope to report that certification has been completed for our site to also offer GED testing. In doing so, we upgraded computer equipment and now, I'm happy to report that Margaret Bear is our first candidate to take her first test.**



## **Parent Engagement**

### **Box Play!**

An empty box is a great starting point for creative and imaginative play. What's fantastic about boxes is there's no right way to play. They can be stacked, flattened, pushed, or pulled. Let your child decide what they want to do and follow their lead. You could start by just talking about the box together. For example, ask, "How big is it?" "What can fit inside?" or "What does it remind you of? A house? A car?"

Try one of these ideas to get you started:

- Make a plane or a car. Use paper plates for wheels and steering wheels. Cut off the box flaps and stick them back on as the wings and tail of a plane. Let your child draw markings and racing stripes.
- Make a robot costume. Cut out a head hole and armholes and let your child decorate the box with foil and colored markers.
- Use the box to encourage active play. For example, turn it sideways to make a tunnel.

Your child may want to change or decorate the box. Some of these may be useful:

- Scissors
- Tape and glue
- Paints, marker pens, or thick crayons

Boxes of any size are fun to play with and will get your child's imagination working. Enjoy imagining and making together!



## Site Spotlight

The center-based team at Hannahville Indian School continues to work hard on a new project! They started creating their own Learning Snapshots featuring local businesses and resources for FACE families. The first Learning Snapshot featured a local community culture store called Noc Bay Trading Company. Holly Lovell, Adult Education Teacher, said:

This is where parents can go to get many supplies for beading, dream catchers, native music, native literature, etc. So last week I set up a virtual tour with the store manager for my first trial on giving my FACE parents Learning Snapshots on things they are interested in or need.

Parents are very excited when I talk to them about it. My next one I am setting up this week with the center-based team is to go to our Heritage Center (Turtle Building) located on our Hannahville Reservation. This is a very special Native museum-like center that provides information to our community... They invited the Hannahville Tribal Chair and Council. We are very excited to see how this one turns out!

I have future plans set up to work with our local community resources to do more Learning Snapshots and interview them to explain to our families what each of them have to offer.

If you want to view the Noc Bay Trading Company Learning Snapshot that Hannahville Indian School put together for parents, please click the link [here](#).



## Resources

**Camp Wonderopolis** is a free, self-paced, online summer learning destination that's full of fun, interactive STEM and literacy-building topics boosted by Maker experiments!

- Keep kids and their families learning together throughout the summer and out-of-school time. Camp Wonderopolis can help build vocabulary, background knowledge in science, reading comprehension, critical thinking, and other literacy skills along the way.
- When you register as a Camper (kids of all ages) or Counselor (parents, community and library program staff, teachers), you'll enjoy learning through wonder—an approach honed by the award-winning Wonderopolis.org!

**CAMP WONDEROPOLIS**

Thank you for reading our May 2021 center-based FACE newsletter! This will be our last newsletter for this school year but we will return in the fall and we look forward to connecting then!

Have a wonderful summer!