

Press Release



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D303 Parent University Presents the Film “Paper Tigers” District and SCEA Team Up to Present Award-Winning Film

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Chances are that you have experienced a point in your life where the stresses of life have caused you to react in a way that is not “like yourself”. You may have experienced a similar situation with your child. Stress is known to have an impact on our minds and our behaviors, and in most cases this stress is temporary. But extensive research has shown that there are stress factors called toxic stress that carry more long-lasting effects. More importantly, there is something that we can do to reverse the effects of toxic stress on our children.

Join us for **District 303 Parent University** when we present the **Documentary Film “Paper Tigers”** on Wednesday, January 25 at 7 p.m. in the Norris Cultural Arts Center, 1040 Dunham Rd. in St. Charles. This screening is being provided in collaboration with the St. Charles Education Association, St. Charles Education Support Professionals, and St. Charles Transportation and Maintenance Association.

“**Paper Tigers**” is an intimate look into the lives of selected students at Lincoln High School, an alternative school that specializes in educating traumatized youth. Set amidst the struggling rural community of Walla Walla, WA, the film intimately examines the inspiring promise of Trauma Informed Communities - a movement that is showing great promise in healing youth struggling with the dark legacy of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Following six students over the course of a school year, the film shows Lincoln’s staff trying a new approach to discipline: one based on understanding and treatment rather than judgment and suspension.

To RSVP, visit www.d303.org. Parents and teachers from Districts throughout the Fox Valley are welcome to attend. Those who RSVP are invited to come to the St. Charles East H.S. Commons at 6 p.m. for a light meal prior to the movie.

(Due to some of the mature subject matter addressed in “**Paper Tigers**”, parents may find the film to be unsuitable for younger audiences.)

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