



Be There is a national movement that inspires parents to become more involved in their children's education.

Teachable moments are everywhere. Be your child's favorite teacher. Connect in meaningful ways and your simple actions will reap immense rewards at home, play, and school!



Parentvision airs for parents of teens

“Parentvision: Teen Issues for Concerned Parents” premieres Monday, Sept. 8, on GCPS TV. This new series of programs, hosted by counselor and graduation coach **Margaret Cheeley**, explores topics relating to raising teens in the 21st century. Each episode takes an in-depth look at this “millennial” generation and helps parents understand the issues facing teens today. Whether you’re a parent, an educator, or a concerned caregiver, you’ll want to mark your calendars and “**Be there**” for the season premiere.

Program summaries

The first four programs in the series center on the following CWK (Connect with Kids) Network productions:

GCPS TV can be found on the following Gwinnett County cable channels:
AT&T - Channel 21
Charter - Channel 22
Comcast - Channel 24, 26
(depending on location)

The Teenage Brain—

New scientific research shows that the adolescent brain is not virtually identical to the adult brain, as previously thought. An adolescent’s brain continues to develop until the early- to mid-20s. It comes as little surprise that one area of the teenage brain that is still growing is the area responsible for judgment and impulse control. These new findings raise further questions about the severity of the harm drugs and alcohol may cause in the developing brain.

Air dates & times: Mon.–Sun., Sept. 8–14, 7 p.m.

The Internet Generation— MySpace, FaceBook, YouTube. These and other “social networking” sites have become the *de facto* way for many kids to connect with each other. But do these Internet sites also foster antisocial behavior at a time when kids are just beginning to learn socially accepted mores? And can we really protect our kids while they are “out there” by themselves?

Air dates & times: Mon.–Sun., Sept. 15–21, 7 p.m.

Affluenza— *Affluenza* is a relatively new term describing the concern that we are raising a generation of kids who are spoiled, entitled, and bored; kids who define success and themselves by material possessions, especially brand names. Symptoms include low self-esteem, a need for immediate gratification, unrealistic expectations, and kids who are often in debt by the time they graduate college. Who is responsible? What do we do to avoid *Affluenza*?

Air dates & times: Mon.–Sun., Sept. 22–28, 7 p.m.

A Matter of Degree— Every year, millions of students skip class or drop out of school. This program explores the various reasons kids don’t attend school— feeling alienated from school, bullied, or excluded, and coping with the pressure to support their families financially or emotionally. How do you help convince students, and their parents, that staying in school is the foundation to a healthy and successful future? It all starts with *A Matter of Degree*.

Air dates & times: Mon.–Sun., Sept. 29–Oct. 5, 7 p.m.



Together, we will be there for our students—
Gwinnett County Public Schools and YOU!

Be There... Make the ordinary extraordinary!

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