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**ABOUT HIDDEN SPARKS**

Hidden Sparks is a non-profit whose purpose is to help children with learning differences reach their full potential in school and life. Hidden Sparks supports professional development for Jewish day schools to help increase understanding and support for diverse learners.

Hidden Sparks’ programs combine school-based professional development in learning and positive behavioral support, classroom observation and coaching. Our philosophy is that by helping teachers meet the needs of struggling students, ultimately all students will benefit.

Now in its 10th year, Hidden Sparks has trained 190 coaches in 65 Jewish day schools in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, Boca Raton, Chicago, and Israel.
Grit, Mindset and Motivation: Non-Cognitive Factors that are Essential for Learning

With Hollis Dannaham
February 22, 2017
Our Guest

**Hollis Dannaham, M.Ed.**, is a Hidden Sparks External Coach, a mentor to new Internal Coaches, and a regional meeting facilitator. She has been empowering complex learners for 30 years as a learning specialist, special educator, administrator, and consultant in public, private, and charter schools. Hollis created Transform Boundaries, an organization dedicated to helping schools create programs and creative solutions for reaching their complex learners. She served as the Director of Academic Intervention at Explore Charter School and co-created the Carmel Alternative High School for at-risk teens. Hollis also worked as a learning specialist at the Student Success Center of All Kinds of Minds. It is Hollis’ passion to understand the unique cognitive underpinnings of each learner’s triumphs and challenges to create more targeted interventions and solutions to facilitate joyful learning and student success. She was recently published in Jewish Educational Leadership Journal and Education Update.
Solve These Riddles

1. What is the ?
   16, 06, 68, 88, ?, 98

2. Alone I am 24th, with a friend I am 20.
1. What is the ?
16, 06, 68, 88, ?, 98

86, ?, 88, 89, 90, 91   Answer is 87
2. Alone I am 24th, with a friend I am 20.

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Overview of Workshop

1. Identify and learn the research behind the important non-cognitive skills of Grit, Mindset, and Motivation

2. Learn what you can do as a teacher in your classroom to foster these non-cognitive skills
Grit

Dr. Angela Duckworth
University of Pennsylvania

Grit = perseverance and passion for long-term goals

Grit and persistence are the best predictors of success in school and in life!
The Research

• Large sample of successful individuals across a range of disciplines including investment banking, painting, journalism, academia, medicine, law, as well as graduates of West Point and spelling bee champions.

• People with similar IQ’s at the same age, but with more grit achieved higher levels of success than those with self-reported lower levels.
1. SMART Goals

- SPECIFIC - can your goal be broken into smaller steps?
- MEASURABLE - can your goal be measured for progress?
- ATTAINABLE - can you physically achieve your goal? Do you have the means necessary?
- REALISTIC - don’t create a goal that will discourage you from accomplishing it.
- TIME - Does your goal have a start date and end date?
SMART Goals

I will learn the times tables in third grade.  

vs.

By the end of third grade I will be able to recite the times tables up to 12 automatically.

I will learn to count.  

vs.

I will learn to count to 100 by the end of Kindergarten.
SMART Goals

Turn this goal into a SMART goal

Students will learn about the Revolutionary War.
I Can Chart - Math

I can count to ___

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I can read 100 2nd grade sight words

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How to Integrate Grit into the Curriculum

1. SMART Goals

2. Focus on Process vs. Outcome
   - Set Expectations - Rubrics, Planning Sheets, Model outcomes
   - Planning
     - Brainstorming
     - Developing a Vision
     - Outlining or Organizing Graphically
   - Group work
   - Building the Project
   - Presenting the Project
3. Mindfulness around where students are already demonstrating Grit, i.e., writing process, extra-curricular activities
How to Integrate Grit into the Curriculum

• SRSD
• www.thinksrsd.com
Self-Talk Planner

What am I good at, or like to do?

__________________________________________________________________________
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What do I say to myself in my mind when I do this?

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What can I say to myself to encourage myself before writing?

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Self Regulation Plan

**Self-Regulation Plan... I will be in charge of my writing!**

**Before I write I will**
- write POD on source and follow it
- pull apart the prompt - “Do/What:” write it and think about it when I read the text sources
- use and write self-talk and writing goal
- squiggle and box words phrases that focus on the “do what”
- pick my ideas from my squiggles that will best inform my reader about the topic
- make a TREE map (if necessary) to create categories
- ORGANIZE my notes using TIDE planner
- write Gist and TS on planner
- Use “cave student” talk for ID and DE

**While I write I will**
- mark off my planner as I write and say more
- Say more and then write more when following planner
- dive back into the text to find facts and quotes
- take a deep breath, encourage myself and think
- think about the “Do What” to stay on topic
- tell reader a bit more about the topic (DE)

**After I write I will**
- Reread pretending I’m another person to ensure it makes sense
- I will check over my work to ensure I included everything and to see if there are any improvements I can make

Self-regulation goal: Strategies I will add to my writing

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What is your mindset?

What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?

**Growth Mindset**
- I can learn anything I want to.
- When I’m frustrated, I persevere.
- I want to challenge myself.
- When I fail, I learn.
- Tell me I try hard.
- If you succeed, I’m inspired.
- My effort and attitude determine everything.

**Fixed Mindset**
- I’m either good at it, or I’m not.
- When I’m frustrated, I give up.
- I don’t like to be challenged.
- When I fail, I’m no good.
- Tell me I’m smart.
- If you succeed, I feel threatened.
- My abilities determine everything.
Study with NYC minority rising 7th graders

All students received a six week workshop

A. Control Group
  • Study Skills Workshop

B. Intervention Group
  • Study Skills + Growth Mindset Workshop
  • You can improve brain connections and get smarter with effort
Experimental Test: Math Grades in Junior High School
(Blackwell et al., 2007)

![Graph showing the effect of growth mindset on math grades in junior high school.](image-url)
Explicit Instruction

- Hard Work Makes You Smarter
- You Can Change Your Brain
- With effort you can improve your performance
You Can Change Your Brain

Before in 

After Inte
Study of ethnically and economically diverse 5th graders

Both groups were given a moderately difficult set of problems from a non-verbal IQ test.

One group was praised for effort:
“That’s a really high score. You must have worked hard at these problems.”

The other group was praised for performance and intelligence:
“That’s a really high score. You must be smart at these problems.”
To measure the students’ reaction to setbacks and their resiliency, the students were given a very difficult set of questions, and followed up with a third set of questions that were comparable in difficulty to the first set.

*Here are the results…*
Students praised for intelligence...

- became stuck in their concerns about their ability
- did not want to try hard problems
- interpreted their failure on harder problems to mean they lacked ability
- showed no interest in finishing the problems at home
- performed worse on the third set of problems
- developed a Fixed Mindset
Students praised for effort…

• chose to work on hard problems
• thought they could improve their performance with effort
• wanted to take the problems home with them to finish
• improved performance on the third set of questions
• developed a Growth Mindset
Praise

- Process vs. Product
- Effort vs. Talent/Intelligence

Examples:
“I like the way you persevered through that difficult word problem.”

“I noticed how you went back into the text to find the answers that you were unsure about. That extra effort increased your brain’s muscle.”

“Wow! You easily answered all the problems on the page! I am going to have to make the problems more challenging next time to help your brain get smarter”
Type in a process Praise Phrase.....
The Motivation Equation

Dr. Kathleen Cushman

“Value + Expectation of Success = Motivation”
Motivation Strategies

1. Check for lagging skills

• What is the task at hand?
• What are all the skills necessary to complete that task?
• How can I check for mastery of these prerequisite skills?
Motivation Strategies

2. Make sure the goal is challenging enough to motivate, but within the range of development and properly scaffolded.
Motivation Strategies

3. Make tasks valuable by connecting to:
   - Student’s life
   - Student’s interests
   - Long-term goals
Mindset Growth

**Growth Mindset**
I can get smarter with effort

**Grit**
I will preserve through the challenge

**Motivation**
I see value in the task and I expect to succeed

I am motivated to work hard

My effort and focus leads to growth

I value effort toward my goals
Share 1 idea from this webinar that you will incorporate into teaching immediately.
Hidden Sparks Programs

EXTERNAL COACH PROGRAM (ECP)
The Hidden Sparks External Coach Program offers school-based training, coaching, and mentoring in understanding and teaching to diverse learners.

INTERNAL COACH PROGRAM (ICP)
The Hidden Sparks Internal Coach Program trains a member of the school faculty to become a resident expert in diverse learning styles.

HIDDEN SPARKS WITHOUT WALLS (HSWow)
The Hidden Sparks Without Walls program makes available short-term classes on differentiated learning to teachers in Jewish day schools and yeshivas across North America. The WOW design, which combines audio and online content, but does not rely exclusively on access to a computer, allows the program to be used by a range of teachers, including those who do not have computers in their homes.

TITLE PROGRAMS
Hidden Sparks offers both workshops and coaching services to New York City non-public schools as part of the No Child Left Behind program. Eligible schools may use their Title funding to access these services.
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