Thursday, Jan 14; 7pm-8:15pm PT

**DESIGNING YOUR FAMILY LIFE:**
*Reframing College (and Your Kids!)*

**DAVE EVANS and KATHY DAVIES, Stanford Life Design Lab**

Dave Evans, co-founder of Stanford’s Life Design Lab, and Kathy Davies, its managing director, will guide parents through the design thinking process to solve our way forward with our pre-college kids. Evans and Davies will share how to apply design thinking strategies to help our students reframe thinking, problem solve like designers and apply these strategies to planning college (and beyond).

Tuesday, Feb 9; 7pm-8:15pm PT

**FUTURE READY KIDS:**
*Raising the Bar on Critical Thinking*

**COLIN SEALE with RALPH WALES, Interim HOS, St. Matthew’s Episcopal School**

Colin Seale, educator, lawyer and author of *Thinking Like a Lawyer*, will cover powerful, but practical, strategies parents and educators can use to help students learn the habits and mindsets needed to apply and leverage critical thinking consistently. He addresses the need for developing critical inquiry skills so our children grow to be engaged students and involved citizens, who will lead, innovate, and engage with others to build better systems for everyone.

Tuesday, Feb 23; 7pm-8:15pm PT

**THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR COLLEGE:**
*An Entirely New Road Map*

**RON LIEBER with KATHERINE GEORGIJEV, Principal, Presentation High School**

There’s no consumer decision that inspires more confusion and emotion than the question of what to pay for college. Drawing from his new book, *The Price You Pay for College*, Ron Lieber shares the questions he poses to college presidents and pulls the curtain back on how schools set their prices. He helps families navigate the value proposition by summarizing the existing research and bringing context and clarity to what matters and what doesn’t in making a financially-savvy decision.

Thursday, Feb 25; 4pm-5:15pm PT

**FINANCIAL LITERACY 101:**
*Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart About Money*

**RON LIEBER with MARK SILVER, PhD, HOS, Hillbrook School**

Ron Lieber offers a detailed blueprint for introducing kids to the basics of financial literacy: from the tooth fairy to chores, to savings and part-time jobs. He identifies traits and virtues that embody the opposite of spoiled and shares how to embrace the topic of money to help parents raise kids who are more generous and less materialistic.

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**Thurs, Mar 18; 7pm-8:15pm PT**

**COVID AND CHRONIC STRESS:**
*Healthy Coping With Long-Term Pandemic Impacts*

**ROBERT M. SAPOLSKY, PhD** and **NADINE BURKE HARRIS, MD, MPH**, California Surgeon General

*Moderated by FUMIKO HOEFT, MD, PhD*

As we mark an unwelcome anniversary, a year of pandemic, we ask, what are the long-term effects of coping with Covid? Social isolation, illness, delayed or distanced education and prolonged uncertainty create havoc on the body. Three of the nation's leading experts on chronic stress and learning and the brain come together to discuss the pandemic's consequences and how families can mediate them.

**Thurs, Apr 29; 7pm-8:15pm PT**

**CHC PARTNER EVENT:**
*Supporting Learning Differences While Distance Learning*

*Moderated by DEBORAH REBER*

Children’s Health Council experts share best practices for parents who are supporting students with learning challenges at home, with a significant emphasis on mental health, promoting executive function skills, social emotional learning and academics. Moderated by Deborah Reber, author of *Differently Wired: Raising an Exceptional Child in a Conventional World.*

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**THE FUTURE OF DISTANCE LEARNING**

Education is changing, and hybrid and distance learning will be a significant part of its future. Leaders in the field of distance education review what worked during the pandemic and what needs to change to improve the experience for all students to receive a robust education.