



PARENT UNIVERSITY

Boone County Schools



WELCOME

Fall Catalog 2011-2012

Parent University is a community collaborative led by Boone County Schools to help parents become full partners in their children's education. The Boone County Schools partner with community agencies and organizations to offer free courses, family events and activities that will equip families with new or additional skills, knowledge, resources and confidence.

The goal of Parent University is to increase parent involvement in our schools and empower parents to raise children who are successful in school and in life. Workshops are held in schools, public libraries, and other community locations. Workshops range from topics like: *Supporting Reading Development to Completing the Financial Aid Application to Out-of-School Activities for Gifted Children*. All district offered sessions are FREE and require no registration unless noted.

Parent University programs have been selected based on interest and availability. The District will expand its programs depending upon interest and attendance. If you have suggestions for future Parent University offerings or would like to suggest a community organization for participation please feel free to contact: Dr. Anna Marie Tracy at 859-334-3792 or anamarie.tracy@boone.kyschools.us

We look forward to your participation. Please note: At this time childcare is unavailable for most session offerings.

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Florence, KY 41042
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Conner High School
3310 cougar Path
Hebron, KY 41048
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Ryle High School
10379 U.S. Highway 42
Union, KY 41091
859-384-5300

Cooper High School
2855 Longbranch Rd.
Union, KY 41042
859-384-5040

Camp Ernst Middle School
6515 Camp Ernst Road
Burlington, KY 41048
859-534-4000

Conner Middle School
3300 Cougar Path
Hebron, KY 41048
859-334-4410

Gray Middle School
10400 U. S. Highway 42
Union, KY 41091
859-384-5333

Ockerman Middle School
8300 U.S. Highway 42
Florence, KY 41042
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8000 Spruce Dr.
Florence, KY 41042
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99 Center St.
Florence, KY 41042

Alternative Center for Education
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Florence, KY 41042
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Burlington Elementary School
5946 Orient St.
Burlington, KY 41005
859-334-4440

Collins Elementary School
9000 Spruce Dr.
Florence, KY 41042
859-282-2350

Erpenbeck Elementary School
9001 Wetherington Blvd.
Florence, KY 41042
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Florence Elementary School
103 Center St.
Florence, KY 41042
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Goodridge Elementary School
3330 Cougar Path
Hebron, KY 41048
859-334-4420

Kelly Elementary School
6775 Mc Ville Rd.
Burlington, KY 41005
859-334-4450

Longbranch Elementary School
2805 Longbranch Rd.
Union, KY 41091
859-384-4500

Mann Elementary School
10435 U.S. Highway 42
Union, KY 41091
859-384-5000

New Haven Elementary School
10845 U.S. Highway 42
Union, KY 41091
859-384-5325

North Point Elementary School
875 North Bend Rd.
Hebron, KY 41048
859-334-7000

Ockerman Elementary School
8250 U.S. Highway42
Florence, KY 41042
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Stephens Elementary School
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Florence, KY 41042
859-334-4460

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10 Yealey Dr.
Florence, KY 41042
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Research has shown that parents can increase a child's academic success through their involvement with schools and communities. The most successful students are those whose parents are involved in their education. These students tend to earn better grades, score higher on standardized tests, have better attendance records and show a more positive attitude toward school. Parental involvement improves student morale, attitudes, and academic achievement across all subject areas. Effective involvement happens when parents have access to information and resources that encourage children to succeed. Awareness and education provide parents with a better way to raise incredible children. We encourage parents across the district to participate in these FREE workshops.

ADHD and Executive Function: Promoting consistent Behaviors at Home

ADHD is a weakness in Executive Functioning, the skills that allow us to plan, focus and complete tasks. This program helps parent to work strategically with their child at home while partnering with the school for greater academic success. Examples of topics cover are: getting your child up and out in the morning, making sure homework is returned to school, dealing with forgetfulness, and fostering compliance with rules. (Presenter: Springer Center)

Date: October 4, 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: Ockerman Middle School

Audience: PreK-12 parents

Dealing with Diabetes?

Join us for a *Students with Diabetes Support Group*. Parents and students often feel overwhelmed with day-to-day activities; add diabetes to the mix and life can get very overwhelming. Join us for a parent/child support group to share, learn and move forward together. This is a new group – help us get off to a great start – for parents and students of all ages. (Contact: Sandra Loudon 918-5502)

Date: October 4, 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Location: Hebron Lutheran Church

Audience: Parents and students dealing with diabetes

Supporting Reading Development

Reading is the most important skill a student will master. Learn strategies to help your child with sounding out words, spelling, vocabulary and comprehension. This class gives you the tools and strategies to make reading activities more meaningful and less stressful at home. (Presenter: Springer Center)

Date: October 18, 2011 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Location: Stephens Elementary

Audience: K-5 parents

Helping Your Child Become a Strategic Learner

Learn how to help your child become a more successful and strategic learner. Learn how thinking styles impact the approach to learning. This hands-on course will assist parents in helping their child organize information using multi-sensory techniques to use with homework. (Presenter: Springer Center)

Date: October 25, 2011 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: Camp Ernst Middle School

Audience: Parents of K- 6 students

Time Can Be on Our Side: Insights and Strategies for Time Management at Home

Time is a limited resource, and it is difficult to manage. Learn strategies to make time work for you and your child including daily responsibilities, homework and long term projects including the use of technology to help. (Presenter: Springer Center)

Date: November 17, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Location: Ockerman Middle School

Audience: K-12

Your Child's Educational Career: Understanding College and Career Readiness, Testing, Grades, GPA?

This is a MUST attend opportunity for MS and HS parents! Kentucky has adopted new National Standards for Reading, English, Mathematics as well as new assessments including end-of-course assessment. Instruction and the accountability for student learning are affected. A parent's understanding of this information is vital to a successful school career for their child for college and career readiness.

Join us for important and timely information on student learning and assessment for middle school and high school parents and students. (Presenter: Alissa Ayres. Boone County Board of Education Staff)

Dates: October 11, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Location: Boone County High School

OR

Dates: October 18, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Location: Ryle High School High School

OR

Dates: October 25, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Location: Cooper High School

OR

Dates: November 1, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Location: Conner Middle School

Audience: Parents and MS & HS Students

Out-Of-School Opportunities for Gifted Children

Programs, services, and organizations are available in the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati area to meet the needs of gifted and talented students. In this interactive session, we will share ideas and resources for meeting the needs of our gifted children outside of school and throughout the year. Come ready to share, discuss, and explore our community. (Presenter: Dr. Kim Code, NKU)

Dates: October 4, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Location: Ockerman Middle School

Audience: All Parents

Healthy Snacks for Healthy Students: Hands-on Parent Engagement in the Kitchen

Join us for a hands-on evening of Fun Food Preparation working with school Food Services staff! Discover new ways to get your child involved in preparing fun healthy snacks and learning nutrition facts that count. These hands-on activities for parent and child guided by the Boone County Food Service Staff will help you and your child make the connection between food preparation, healthy eating and healthy lives. Perhaps you will find a new little chef in your home.

(Presenter: Barbara Kincaid, Director Boone County Food Services)

Date: October 18, ' 6:30-7:30 PM

Location: Ockerman Elementary

Audience: K- 6 parents

OR

Date: November 9, 6:30-7:30PM

Location: Erpenbeck Elementary School

Audience: K- 6 parents

New Standards? What's A Standard?

Come let *ReadyKentucky* staff lead you through the changes occurring in your child's classroom instruction this year. In this interactive presentation, you will discover how standards drive instruction, state testing and the school and district accountability. **(Presenter:** Robyn Oatley, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, a career educator who has led other reform efforts in KY at the state and local level.)

Date: October 25, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Camp Ernst Middle School

OR

Dates and Times: November 3, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Gray Middle School

Audience: K-12 Parents

Understanding and Using the ILP (Individual Learning Plan) for Parents

Each Kentucky student and their parents in grades 6 through 12 has an ILP. This easily accessible software provides parents and students with fantastic career planning assistance over the course of middle school and high school. This session presents an overview and assistance for parents in understanding how this instrument can help you help your child in exploring their interests and planning their future. This is a MUST attend session for parents who have not viewed their child's ILP on-line.

Date: November 1, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Camp Ernst Middle School

Audience: MS & HS Parents

Born Learning Academy

Fall Class at Goodridge Elementary

Born Learning academies are a series of workshops that teach parents and caregivers of children birth to five years of age how to turn everyday moments into learning opportunities. This FREE academy aims to give children the tools they need to achieve success in school and beyond. Childcare and dinner will be provided. Get your young child off to a GREAT start! Space is limited. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

Please contact Laura Mosqueda at Goodridge Elementary School 859-334-4420.

Dates: September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25;
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Goodridge Elementary School

Audience: Parents of children birth to 5 years old.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

OR

Born Learning Academy

Spring Class at Collins Elementary

Dates: April 12, 19, 26 May 3, 10, 17; 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Collins Elementary School

Audience: Parents of children birth to 5 years old.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED Contact Betty Pennington at 282-2350

OR

Born Learning Academy

Fall Class at Ockerman Elementary

Dates: Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, and 17,
6:00 to 7:30 PM

Audience: Parents of children birth to 5 yrs.

Registration is Required Contact Melissa Rapier Ockerman Elementary 282--4620

Transition to Life:

Readiness and Transitions for Special Needs Students

The Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services will present information for parents, including an introduction to the Regional Interagency Transition Team (RITT) who represent adult agencies in our region (i.e. BAWAC, The Point, OVR, etc.). The presentation assists parents and caregivers of special needs students with the tools for meeting the big step and changes after high school. (Presenter: Vanessa Groneck, NKCES)

Date: October 25, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Camp Ernst Middle School

Audience: MS & HS Parents of Special Needs Students

STEM - Is Technology in Your Future?

Come and visit the Boone County Area Technology Center and learn about developing programs in technology, connections with businesses and manufacturing, on-hands approach in preparing for a career in technology> Learn what the BCATC has to offer your student. (**Presenter:** Gary Harper, Principal, Boone County Area Technology Center)

Date: October 6, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Boone County Area Technology Center (opposite Conner High School)

Audience: MS & HS Parents and students

Hands-On STEM Education: Explore the Expanding Future of Diesel Engineering Careers

Get a first hand view of STEM education in progress. Explore STEM education at the Boone County Area Technology Center and see our Diesel Education program in action. Listen to our students as they explain the joy of a hands-on educational experience working to be college and career ready for a promising future in the 21st Century.

(**Presenter:** Boone County Area Technology Center staff and students)

Date: October 27, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Boone County Area Technology Center

Audience: MS & HS Parents and students

Basic Finance for College

Paying for College: When to start thinking about the cost of college, weighing considerations and different saving options. (Presenter: Chris Candelaresi from Pave the Way, Connexus Clearpath)

Date: October 11, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Boone County High School Auditorium

STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics): Make It a Female Future Too!

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) will drive many future careers. Help your child to get in on the ground floor. Find out the potential STEM careers have for your child, what it takes to earn a degree in the STEM field and the plethora of opportunities STEM field bring to your child's future. (Presenters: Dr. Anna Marie Tracy and Dr. Bethany Bowling, NKU)

Date: November 3, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Location: Rush Staff Development Center

Audience: Parents and Students 6-12

STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics): Biological Sciences and Future Careers

Talk about bio-diversity! STEM futures have a wide variety of careers within the Biological sciences. Explore what it takes to prepare for a career in the multitude of biological sciences with presenters from several STEM professions. (Facilitators: Dr. Anna Marie Tracy and Dr. Shannon Galbraith, Thomas More College)

Dates: November 17, 6:30 – 7:00 PM

Location: Ockerman Middle School

Audience: Parents and Students, 6- 12

Where to Find College Scholarships and Why Applications Are Critically Important.

Students spend hours worrying about what major to take and which college to attend. Unfortunately, they often forget to have the "Money Talk" with their parents. **Don't procrastinate any longer!** Come join College Expert Dan Bisig as he shows students and parents together where to hunt for College Scholarships. Dan will identify the biggest mistakes he sees students make on their college and scholarship applications and explain WHY accurate and timely completion of these forms is critical! **All attendees will get a chance to register for a future \$500 College Scholarship drawing.**

(Presenter: Dan Bisig from College and Beyond)

Date: October 27, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Location: Boone County High School Auditorium

District Improvement Planning Meeting:

Parents are invited to participate in the Boone County Schools District Improvement Planning Team. The district will review district achievement status and addressing goals and strategies for improvement district-wide.

Parents are encouraged to contact Anna Marie Tracy 334-3792 if they plan to attend this planning session.

Date: October 20, 2011 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Location: Rush Staff Development center

Helping Gifted and Talented Students Look Both Ways Before Crossing the Digital Highway

We teach children not to take candy from strangers or to look both ways before crossing the street. Given the amount of time that gifted youth spend using the internet parents must teach their children how to safely navigate the digital arena.

Attendees learn about different ways their gifted children digitally interact with one another and strategies they can use to help their children to successfully navigate this world. Resources such as websites and portals designed for gifted children will also be shared. (Presenter: Dr. Kim Code, NKU)

Date: October 25, 6:30 -7:30 PM

Location: Longbranch Elementary School

Getting Into College: Walk Me Through an Admissions Process

The college admission process can be daunting for even for the 2nd time around parent and student. This session outlines what to look for, when to start and how to keep on track.

(Presenter: Chris Candelaresi from Pave the Way, Connexus Clearpath)

Date: October 25 6:30 – 7:30PM

Location: Rush Staff Development Center

Beginning the College Search and Financing

Students spend hours worrying about what major to take and which college to attend. Unfortunately, in the process they often forget to have the "Money Talk" with their parents. Come join College Expert Dan Bisig as he shows students and parents together where to hunt for Colleges, Aid and Scholarships. How to work with a mutual understanding between student and parents. Dan will identify the biggest pitfalls students and parents make in the process of searching, deciding and funding their college career. **All attendees will get a chance to register for a future \$500 College Scholarship drawing.**

(Presenter: Dan Bisig from College and Beyond)

Date: November 1, 6:30 – 7:45 PM

Location: Conner High School

OR

Date: November 30, 6:30 – 7:45 PM

Location: Ryle High School

Where Do You Look for Financial Aid for College Costs?

The cost of college is steep but worth it in the end. How do you find help in paying for college? What is the Financial Aid process? Join us for an overview of the process. (Presenter: Chris Candelaresi from Pave the Way, Connexus Clearpath)

Date: November 1, 6:30 – 7:30

Location: Rush Staff Development Center

Completing the Financial Aid Application (FAFSA)

The presenter will assist parents and students in understanding the on-line FAFSA application. (Presenter: Chris Candelaresi from Pave the Way, Connexus Clearpath)

Date: November 17, 6:30 – 7:30PM

Location: Rush Staff Development Center

Paying for College 101: Nuts and Bolts of the Financial Aid Process.

This workshop is designed to help parents and students understand the nuts and bolts of the financial aid application process. Participants will walk through a detailed case study of how a college financial aid package is put together and will learn the methods used to award aid. Session will include: Building a financial aid package, award by award; Comparing costs and financial aid awards at a community college, a 4-year public university and a 4-year private school; Learning the formula that determines financial need; Breaking down a school's cost of attendance; Understanding the Expected Family Contribution (EFC); Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form; and Reviewing student loan choices (Presenter: Mr. B. McDermott, KHEAA)

Date: October 18, 6:30– 7:30 PM

Location: Boone County HS

OR

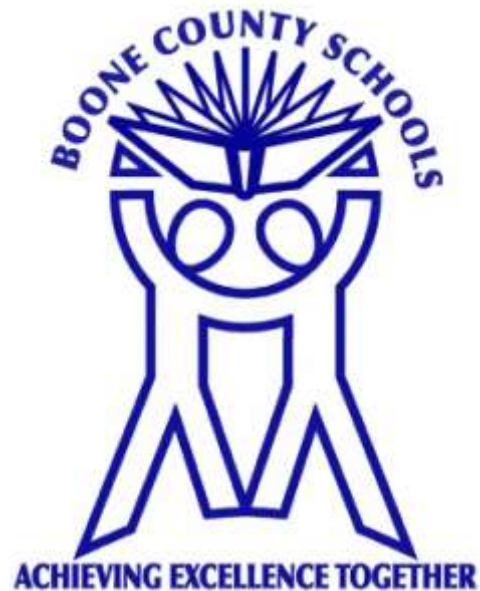
Date: November 9, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Location: Ryle High School

OR

Date: January 10, 2012 6:30 -7:30 PM

Location: Cooper High School



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST TO FAMILIES

College Goal Sunday:

On-line FASFA Application Assistance

Mark your calendar for this helpful event! Receive guidance and assistance in completing the FASFA form on-line. More information to come.

Date: January 29, 2012 1 to 4 PM

Location: Thomas More College

Gatton Academy - Preview Information

Learn about Kentucky's premier residential learning environment for 11th and 12th grade students in Science and Mathematics located on the campus of Western Kentucky University. Gatton Academy representative will be providing information and answering questions about the program.

Date: October 20, 2011 7:00 PM

Location: Northern Kentucky University, Student Union Ballroom

Preview weekend dates: The Preview Day sessions for the Gatton Academy on campus begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m. September 24, Nov. 5 and Jan. 28. For more information contact Gatton Academy: <http://www.wku.edu/academy/>

Managing in Tough Times: Family Economics

The Managing in Tough Times Initiative is part of a nationwide effort by the Cooperative Extension Service to help individuals, families, and communities learn positive money management techniques to adapt to tough economic times. For more information visit

www.ca.uky.edu/moneywise. Like "Moneywise" on Facebook.

Diabetes Awareness

Learn the basics of diabetes and its management. Lunch provided for those who register. \$3.00 for Extension Homemaker members, \$5.00 for non-Homemaker members. Scholarships available—call for information. 586-6101

Date: October 25, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Location: Boone County Extension Office, Burlington

Shedding a Light on Light Bulbs & Energy Conservation

Join Duke Energy representatives to learn ways to conserve energy in your home. Also, discover the latest about light bulbs: incandescent, LED, CFL, Halogen, and more

Date: October 18, 6:30–8:00 PM.

Location: Boone County Extension Office, Burlington

Operation: Military Kids Ready, Set, Go!

Make plans to attend the Operation: Military Kids Ready, Set, Go! (RSG) Training is a comprehensive training toolkit designed to educate people on the issues facing military kids and families who are experiencing or have experienced a deployment. You will walk away with numerous resources and inspiration to help those who serve us by serving our country. This training is open to **ANYONE** who desires to reach out to military children, youth and families to build community capacity to take action in support of military families in our own backyard. The training is completely **FREE**. Lunch will be provided. **Please RSVP no later than October 14th**, to Tyrone Atkinson, OMK coordinator, at tcatki2@uky.edu or call **859-257-3019**.

Date: October 18, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Location: Boone County Extension office

FARM FRENZY

Look for the big white tent! The farm comes to town to show how today's farms and farmers help put food on our tables. Explore the interactive displays and talk with local producers and Extension professionals.

Dates: **October 4 & 5** 5:00–7:00 PM.

Location: Boone County Extension Parking Lot 1961 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY (the old Farmers Market Parking Lot).

MONEY TALK

Discover basic information about money, finances, and investments that all women should know in this 5-session program. Participants receive a 192 page workbook to help them improve their knowledge, assess their situation, or set their goals.

Dates: MONDAYS, October 1 through Nov. 7, 2011
9:00 AM to Noon

Location: Boone County Extension Office

FREEZER MEALS

Discover combination dishes that can be made in advance and frozen to help reduce food waste, improve nutrition, and help alleviate the cost of eating out. (Registration required.)

Date: October 17, 10:00 AM

Location: Boone County Extension Office, Burlington

FRIDAY FOOD FUN GROUP

This group is for any adult interested in learning more about cooking and food during topic-focused monthly programs. Novice and experienced adults interested in learning and sharing their knowledge and tips are invited to join in the fun.

Date: FRIS, 10/28, 11/18, 12/9, 10:00–11:30 AM. 10/28–Yogurt; 11/18–Coffee; 12/16–Pasta

Location: Extension Office

Foods, Customs, and Cultures

Learn about world cultures as we explore similarities and differences in foods and customs.

TUE, 11/1, 10:00–11:30 AM, (*Boone County Extension Service*)

Home Organization:

“Organized Interiors by Carrie” will present tips and tricks on how to create an organized home in today’s busy world. (Presenter: Carrie Grause)

Times: October 20, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Boone County Library – Scheben Branch

Audience: K-12 Parents

LinkedIn: Advance your career or find a new job.

Learn how the LinkedIn’s network can assist you in a job search and take you to the next level.

Date: October 26, 10:00 a.m.

Location: Boone County Library – Scheben Branch

Audience: K-12 Parents

Eat Smart, Live Strong!:

Rev up your well-being by eating more fruits and vegetables and being more physically active. Diane Mason of the Boone County Extension Service shares tips and easy recipes.

Date: October 17, 24, 31, 3:00 p.m.

Location: Boone County Library – Walton Branch

Audience: K-12 Parents

Save Power and Money:

Everyone wants a lower utility bill! Join us when an expert from Duke Energy explains ways to save power and money.

Date: October 5, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Boone County Library – Main Library

Audience: K-12 Parents

Storytimes

Stimulate your baby’s development through interactive music and play. Help your preschooler build language and literacy skills through stories, songs, and play. Please see

www.bcpl.org for specific times and library locations

Date: Daily, October 31 – December 10, 2011

Location: Boone County Public Library

Audience: Birth – 5+ and parents

Llama Llama Red Pajama. Read for the Record

Join us for an interactive reading of *Llama Llama Red Pajama* and meet a real, live llama. Pet and feed Zeus and participate in fun “llama” activities with your child.

Date: October 6th, 9:45-10:45 or 11 to Noon

Location: Boone County Library – Lents Branch

Audience: All Ages

Artreach: The Frog Prince:

Artreach Children’s Theater presents the tale of a young prince transformed into a frog. Will he break the spell and become human again. Participate in an interactive children’s theater performance with your child.

Date: October 14th, 7:00 pm

Location: Boone County Library – Main Library

Audience: Ages 5+ and Parents

Author Reception: Keiko Kasza and Ingrid Law.

Join two renowned children’s authors at this one-time event.

Keiko Kasza, author/illustrator of *The Wolf’s Chicken Stew* and numerous other favorites and **Ingrid Law**, author of *Savvy* and *Scumble*. Refreshments provided. Book signing to follow reception.

Date: November 4, 6:00 pm

Location: Boone County Library – Main Library

Audience: All Ages