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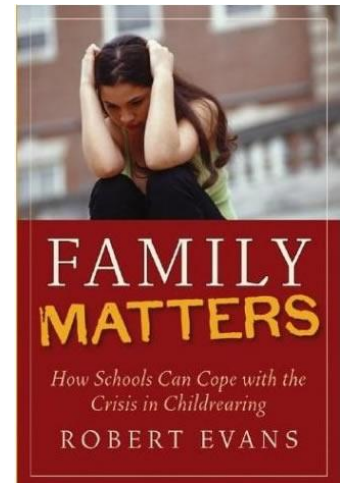
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**HELPING YOUR FAMILY SURVIVE AND THRIVE DURING HARD TIMES,
A 21st CENTURY PARENTING TALK BY ROB EVANS**
Acclaimed Author and Family Psychologist Presents at The Colorado Springs School

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) invites the public to attend a free lecture from Dr. Robert Evans, as he explores the challenges of parenting in the 21st century and helps parents and educators address the weighty topic of our time: surviving and thriving in hard times. He will examine the changes in parent and child relationships and discuss how parents and educators can impact school life by doing their jobs effectively in this new environment. Parents and educators alike are encouraged to join us on **Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Louisa Performing Arts Center** on The Colorado Springs School campus. Acclaimed author and family psychologist, Evans will address the changing context of childhood development and how parents and educators can improve their methods and assert purpose into children's lives. Evans' lecture will reference his book **Family Matters: How Schools Can Cope with the Crisis in Childrearing**. His book, which places a profound emphasis on the fact that, as student life in schools becomes more complex, the pressure of rising demands affects the morale and performance of educators, parents and students --- even in strong schools. The need to rekindle commitment and renew skills has never been greater.



In a recent article, Rob Evans said, "In hard times, seeking support is a necessity, not a luxury, a sign of strength, not weakness."

It is in the vein of "support" that The Colorado Springs School wishes to share the wisdom of this speaker with the entire educational and parent community of the Pikes Peak region. The lecture will focus on the practical skills which families and schools can collaborate

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on in order to bring children to maturity through education and nourishment. Evans offers realistic solutions to daily challenges facing schools and parents.

“We value strong parent partnerships and collaborations with the community,” said Kevin Reel, Head of The Colorado Springs School. “Rob Evans will reinforce these values and give us new steps to consider the opportunities of these times. Ultimately, we aim to prioritize our children.”

A book signing will follow the presentation.

In addition to the public lecture, Rob Evans also will be conducting professional development workshops with CSS’ faculty and staff on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

To learn more about CSS and other events open to the public, please visit www.css.org.

Requests for photography and interviews can be coordinated with the Director of Communications, Jessica L. James at (719)434-3506.

About Dr. Robert Evans:

Dr. Robert Evans is a clinical and organizational psychologist and the Executive Director of The Human Relations Service in Wellesley, Massachusetts. He is a former high school and preschool teacher and for many years a child and family therapist. He has served in schools for more than 30 years and now speaks widely at educational conferences and consults for schools throughout the U.S. and internationally, working with teachers, administrators, boards, and parents. He also works with human service agencies and corporations.

He appears at many state, regional, and national conferences of educators and has spoken to hundreds of parent audiences. His presentations are known for their lively wit and plain talk.

Dr. Evans is a graduate of the Germantown Friends School and received his undergraduate degree from Princeton and his doctorate from Harvard. His interests have focused on change and resistance in schools and organizations, and on the challenges of leading innovation. He is currently concentrating on the changes in American families and their impact on schools.

He is the author of numerous articles and two books: *The Human Side of School Change*, and *Family Matters: How Schools Can Cope with The Crisis in Childrearing*.

About the Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

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