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“THE GIFT OF FAILURE” by JESSICA LAHEY

Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 7:00-8:30 pm, Redwood High Gym

Please join us on October 7th for a presentation by Jessica Lahey, author of *The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed*.

Jessica will talk about why parents must learn to refrain from stepping in when kids experience disappointments and frustrations so they can learn from life’s inevitable mistakes and setbacks and grow up to be successful, resilient, and self-reliant adults.

The Gift of Failure is a manifesto, an outlet, and resource for parents, educators, and psychologists who work to help children succeed. Providing a path toward solutions, Lahey lays out a blueprint with targeted advice for handling homework, report cards, social dynamics, and sports – but more importantly, she sets forth a plan for what doesn't come naturally to most of us: stepping back and embracing our children’s failures.

JESSICA LAHEY is teacher of English, Latin and writing, and has taught every grade from six to eleven in both public and private schools. She writes the bi-weekly "Parent-Teacher Conference" advice column for the *New York Times* and her work appears regularly in the *Atlantic*. She is a regular commentator for Vermont Public Radio and has appeared on the *Today Show*, *Fox & Friends* and *HuffPost Life*. Jessica earned a J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Juvenile and education law) and is an Albert Schweitzer Fellow for Life. She lives in New Hampshire with her husband and two sons.