



H E A D W A Y S

head-ways

noun, plural

Definition: To move forward or make progress, especially when circumstances make this slow or difficult.

Synonyms: Progress, make strides, gain ground, advance, proceed, move, get ahead, come along, take shape

HEADWAYS for Lower School Directors: Teaching and Learning During the Formative Elementary Years **2019-2020 Topics**

HEADWAYS for Lower School Directors will be facilitated by Betsy Gugle, Director of Lower School at Columbus School for Girls. Dates and times for the five discussions will be announced in mid-August.

- ❖ ***We're All in this Together: Supporting Families***
Topics to consider: family/parent education; parent/teacher conferences; community communications; tools for intervention and differentiation; transition meetings, orientation; setting realistic expectations/boundaries; etc.
- ❖ ***You've Got a Friend in Me: Social-Emotional Learning***
Topics to consider: curriculum development; encouraging a growth mindset; building/maintaining confidence; creating authentic connections; wellness and balance; etc.
- ❖ ***ABCs and 123s: Developing Literacy and Numeracy Skills***
Topics to consider: curriculum development; prioritizing skills; scaffolding learning; role of homework; providing PD for teachers; relevant research and data; guiding standards; etc.
- ❖ ***Assessment 2.0: Measuring Student Learning***
Topics to consider: standardized tests; informal assessments; rubrics; student-driven and peer-to-peer assessment; implicit bias; relevant research and data; etc.
- ❖ ***Fitting it All In: Stories from the Scheduling Trenches***
Topics to consider: balancing special area classes with core subjects; allowing for flexibility; key decision makers; coordinating with other divisions (if applicable); software/other scheduling tools; etc.