

# **Communication that Connects with Gifted Students**

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**Guest Speaker: Nicholas Thompson, LCSW**

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**6:00-8:00**

**(doors open at 5:30)**

**Timberline PK-8**

**233 E. Mountain View Avenue, Longmont**

This presentation will focus on fundamental communication models and techniques that will help parents develop a deeper connection with their children. We will discuss how slowing down, being present, and really being curious about their experiences allows for a deeper level of attunement and empathy. When concerned, parents often go into a fear-based pattern of advising, teaching, and directing their children. When an exchange begins to feel like a lecture, children will often feel attacked and disconnect. We will address how a focus on support, and not solutions, allows for a more authentic dialogue that will create a safe and supportive environment where children feel seen, heard, and valued.

**No RSVP needed**