

## PARENT FORUMS

AOS 91 Schools in conjunction with a grant from the Stroud Fund of the Parish of St. Mary and St. Jude are pleased to announce the next two Parent Forums of a monthly series. All forums are held at the Mt. Desert Elementary School. Come join us for free pizza and refreshments from 5:30- 6, followed by the presentation that will run from 6-7:30. Childcare will be provided!

### Packaging Girlhood

*Tuesday, November 1, 2011*



The 2007 APA Taskforce on the Sexualization of Girls documents how the relentless barrage of sexualized media messages compromises girls' healthy social, emotional, and physical development. Hardy Girls Healthy Women explores the images that overwhelm girls each day and exposes the stereotypes and limited choices present. She will share strategies for educators, counselors, and parents to help girls navigate and resist these powerful and omnipresent messages. Reality TV, PG movies, magazines, and chic lit series are obsessed with girlfighting. What does this say about the way our culture views girlhood?

In this workshop, Hardy Girls explores media representations of girls' relationships, distinguishes myth from reality, considers the impact of these portrayals on girls, and discusses the importance of media literacy and strength-based approaches to working with girls.

### Packaging Boyhood

*Tuesday, December 6, 2011*



Jock. Slacker. Superhero. Player. In this workshop, Hardy Girls explores the narrow version of boyhood that is sold to boys, and what adults can do about it. Boys are fed a steady diet of media stereotypes about what it means to be a man, including messages about violence, risk-taking, sexual promiscuity, and slacking off. This multimedia presentation offers an overview of this cultural landscape that boys confront everyday, and provides tools that can be used to help boys resist these troubling messages and negative images.