

Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee
(GEPIC) invites you to a virtual presentation

Thursday, January 29, 2026

From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



But That's Not How the Teacher Does it!

*Ways to Support K-5 Mathematical
Thinking at Home without
Stress and Tears!*



With Guest Speaker:

Dr. Cathy Marks Krpan

Expert Teaching and Learning Math Strategist

Families want children to become strong mathematical thinkers. This can be a challenging feat, as mathematics is often taught differently from how they learned it in school. Families want to support mathematical learning at home but are not always sure where to begin. In addition, doing mathematics at home can sometimes be confusing and stressful for everyone involved. During this engaging session, I will share examples of how mathematics is taught in Ontario schools and provide practical ways families can joyfully support rich mathematical thinking at home for K-5 learners.

About Dr. Cathy Marks Krpan

*A former classroom teacher and district education consultant, Dr. Cathy Marks Krpan is a professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education where she teaches graduate courses in mathematics education. Cathy often presents to educators and school districts across North America, Asia, and Europe on effective teaching and learning strategies in mathematics. Her current research projects focus on the development of argumentation in elementary classrooms and the implementation of think-aloud to deepen student learning. An award-winning author and educator, Cathy's recent publication, *Teaching Math with Meaning*, explores practical ways to foster teacher and student self-efficacies in mathematics. She enjoys conducting research in classrooms alongside teachers, students, and curriculum leaders. Cathy is the recipient of the 2021 Margaret Sinclair Award recognizing innovation and excellence in mathematics education.*



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