

WHAT BOYS NEED

A TRIBE, AS IT TURNS OUT.



At yet another standing-room only presentation, PIN's February speaker, Nick Jackson of The Boys School of Denver, spoke on the subject of raising boys. "Boys need a tribe," stated Jackson, "just as they have for thousands of years." Jackson urged parents to find ways to make sure their sons have a "tribe," warning that without one, boys will find potentially destructive alternatives.

So what does a positive tribe look like? Citing the work of past PIN presenter Michael Gurian, Jackson outlined these three core areas:

- **Family 1: Birth or Adoptive Parents** including grandparents who raise kids
- **Family 2: Extended Families** such as relatives, friends, teachers, peers or mentors
- **Family 3: Culture and Community** including media, church, government, institutions, and influential community figures



Dr. Leonard Sax, who will be PIN's keynote speaker at the Annual Brunch on May 2, states, "To be a man, a boy must see a man." Jackson used this quote to illustrate the importance of having positive male role models for boys so they can connect and learn how to be as they're growing older. "When a young man doesn't have a community of men, he's likely to look elsewhere for his role models, and that leads to a rise in violence, drug use, suicide and school drop-out rates," said Jackson.

Hear more about raising boys with character. Want to learn more? Download the free podcast of Jackson's presentation and look through his accompanying PowerPoint slides at www.PINccsd.org. Also, check out: *The Wonder of Boys* by Michael Gurian, and *Boys Adrift* by Leonard Sax.



Don't miss these last two PIN presentations of the year:

April 4th **Visual Processing Beyond 20/20: Improving Academics, Sports & Confidence**
Dr. Lynne Hellerstein

May 2nd **Instagram is Eating My Daughter...and My Son Won't Stop Playing Grand Theft Auto**
New York Times best-selling author Dr. Leonard Sax. PIN's Annual Brunch will be held at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church. For more information, visit www.PINccsd.org.