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Enlightened Parenting Seminar to be held at Stone Creek School ***Free Event Open to the Public***

Avon, Colorado ... Stone Creek Charter School in Avon is hosting a free seminar for parents, educators and the public in Eagle County. The event, called *Enlightened Parenting*, will feature two local experts, John Kuglin and Betsy Hill, speaking about some of the unique challenges facing parents today. It will take place on Monday, August 20th at 6:30 pm and will be held at the school on Yoder Avenue in Avon, East of Home Depot.

John Kuglin will talk about *Children and the Internet*, a discussion about how to keep kids safe as they use valuable and rich online resources. Kuglin will share the important truths about cyber bullying, predators, and what to avoid, as well as ideas on how to teach children online responsibility. An international authority on technology and children, Kuglin is the Director of Technology for Eagle County Schools and an educational consultant with Los Angeles-based Scope Seven. His thirty-plus years in education, telecommunications, television production, and Internet technology includes initiating online course environments, overseeing technology programs in educational settings, and training teachers on technology in the classroom. John's work has been featured and awarded through USA Today, The Learning Channel and CNN. He has delivered keynotes at educational summits throughout the world.

Betsy Hill will speak on *Raising Children Who Care*, a presentation that gives parents unique insights about teaching their kids to think independently, collaborate with others, take responsibility, do good in the world. A graduate of the Harvard Principal Center, Hill is the founding principal of Stone Creek School, a charter

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school serving grades K through 7 in Eagle County. She has more than 40 years in teaching and educational administration, including 26 years leading schools in Colorado and Washington State.

Prior to founding Stone Creek, Hill was the principal at Medina Elementary, a public school of over 400 students in the Bellevue School District near Seattle, home to many of the founders of Microsoft. Her 12-year tenure at Medina began at a time when the school had a record of marginal performance. Today, students at Medina consistently rank in the top percentiles in all national and regional assessments, a turn-around due in large part to Hill's leadership and the virtue-rich environment she created where students, teachers, and parents were all inspired to excel. Her legacy at Medina includes an upgraded curriculum, a widely-adopted staff development program, and innovative programs such as a before-school gifted program, supplemental math classes, the use of classical music to enhance learning, and a chess club. The mother of three grown daughters, Hill also created a book club for parents on parenting.

A highlight of Hill's career is her invited participation on the Human Genome Project, a cross-disciplinary research project that brought together world experts on human genealogy and DNA. Her involvement in the project has been instrumental in Hill's understanding of the brain and learning, and her focus on applying the latest research in classroom environment.

Says Hill, "We are excited to offer this seminar. Raising and educating our children is one of the most challenging jobs we are ever given. Our role is to empower children to recognize the greatness they have within them."

For more information on Stone Creek School, see the website at www.stonecreekschool.org or call (970) 748-4535.

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