

# (re)Educate: The Next Normal

Unleashing a generation to **learn** and **lead**

A VIRTUAL LIVING ROOM EVENT

## Hosting Your Own Watch Party!

A Comprehensive Guide



# A Quick Note

We are so excited that you want to give back to your friends and neighbors who, like you, are looking for answers and ways to impact the future of education! A watch party is a fun and easy way to bring your community together in one room to enjoy a meal, hear from nationally acclaimed speakers in the education space, and have meaningful conversations around the state of education and what we can ALL do to give our children the education they deserve.

This guide will give you step-by-step instructions for hosting your watch party so that you can focus on enjoying this incredible event!

## This Watch Party Guide Includes:

- ✓ Watch Party Ideas to Fit Your Context (Page 3)
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### [COVID Disclaimer]

COVID-19 is a global pandemic. It is reported to be extremely contagious and it is still present in the United States. If you choose to host a watch party for this event, Big Idea Project cannot prevent you from potentially being exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19. Therefore, if you choose to host a watch party for this event, you do so at your own risk, knowing that you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.



# Watch Party Ideas to Fit Your Context

## Your space. Your Plan. What kind of watch party works best for you?

You can host an early dinner for a group of friends in your home and then move over to the living room to watch the event on your TV!

- ✓ Enjoy some of our featured recipes (Page 6)
- ✓ Have a lively conversation with the help of our conversation questions (Page 8)
- ✓ Enjoy our pre-event musical entertainment



Or if you want to host a more relaxed and distanced gathering, host a watch party in your driveway or backyard and invite your neighbors to join!

- ✓ Play our pre-event musical entertainment for all of your neighbors to enjoy
- ✓ Have a lively conversation with the help of our conversation questions (Page 8)

**Want to spread the movement? Encourage your friends to host their own watch parties too! All they need to do is register for their complimentary ticket and they'll be able to cast the event onto their own TV.**

## You're invited to Dinner and a Watch Party!

Join us as we watch Big Idea Project's national living room event **(re)Educate: The Next Normal** in our home on **Thursday September 17th, 2020!**

Address:

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Dinner and a pre-show musical performance will start at 5pm MST, the live virtual event will begin at 6:30pm MST.

Please RSVP by Wednesday September 16th to:

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### Concerned about the current state of education?

This timely event will include storytelling, musical and spoken word performances, and most importantly, answers, compelling vision, and practical solutions from nationally-acclaimed education change agent Will Richardson and Tricia Halsey, founder and executive director of the Big Idea Project, a nonprofit organization with a mission to unleash the potential of students to energetically lead their learning.

## Join Us for a Watch Party!

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# Suggested Timeline for the Evening

**4:30pm MST**

Cast the event to your TV/projector and check the sound (Do this before your guests arrive so that you don't have to worry about setting up the live cast later).

**4:55pm MST**

Set out hors d' oeuvres right before guest arrive.

**5-6:25pm MST**

Enjoy dinner with your friends! Discuss some of the conversation topics provided (page 8) and enjoy the pre-show musical performance!

**6:25pm MST**

Transition to your Living Room and get ready for an incredible event!

**6:30-8pm MST**

Enjoy the Event Together!



If you are making your own dinner for a watch party, enjoy a popular recipe compliments of Footers Catering!



# Bacon Wrapped Medjool Dates

With Red Wine Dipping Sauce



## INGREDIENTS

### Bacon Wrapped Dates

- 20 dried medjool dates
- 1 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 12 slices smoked bacon
- 20 small wood skewers/picks

### Red Wine Dipping Sauce

- 1 cup burgundy wine
- 3/4 cup granulated Sugar
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp black pepper

**YIELD: 20 DATES**

**PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES**

**COOK TIME: 20 MINUTES**

## DIRECTIONS

Par cook bacon for approx. 8-10 minutes at 350F degrees.

Cool and scrape off remaining bacon fat. Cut bacon slices in half and then square off edges.

Remove pit by making a 3/4 inch slit down the side.

Fill date with blue cheese.

Cut date in half width-wise and wrap with bacon, with the cut side facing in so blue cheese doesn't melt out.

Skewer each date and cook in oven for 8-10 minutes at 350F degrees or until the bacon is fully cooked.

### Red Wine Dipping Sauce

Combine all ingredients in a sauce pot, set on medium heat and stir frequently. Reduce mix by two thirds until syrup consistency. Strain and cool.

## Additional Footers Recipes:

[Cranberry and Pecan Fall Salad](#)

[Braised Boneless Beef Short Ribs](#)

[Dream Cheese Cake](#)

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## How to Cast From Your Computer to Your TV

To get the most out of your (re)Educate event you should plan on connecting your laptop or phone to your TV.



### Direct HDMI Connection

If your laptop or device has a HDMI port you should be able to connect your device directly to the TV via a HDMI cable. Make sure you choose the proper input on your TV and you may need to configure the sound to transmit through the TV. Check [here](#) for more details.



### AirPlay with Apple

Use AirPlay to stream or share content from your Apple device to your Apple TV or AirPlay 2-compatible smart TV. For detailed instructions please visit the Apple Support page [here](#).



### Cast with Google or Android

Use Chromecast to stream or share content from your device to your Chromecast or Chromecast-compatible smart TV. For detailed instructions please visit the Google Chromecast Support page [here](#).

**Helpful Tip:** Test your device setup a few days before the event to avoid tech issues interrupting your enjoyment of the evening.



# Dinner Conversation Questions



How are you and your family managing the start of the school year so far?

What worries you most about this next school year?

How do you think the school-system was doing before the pandemic hit?

What did the pandemic reveal to you about the education system?

What would an ideal education system/paradigm look like to you?

What does student-centered education mean to you?

What are you hoping to learn about education from this event?

What do you want your student to gain from their education?



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## A Note About Tonight's Event

*Students across the nation are entering into another semester of confusion and discouragement, and parents, community members, and business leaders need perspective and solutions to questions like, "What is really going on in education? And what is our way forward?" Tonight's event is for anyone – parents, teachers, and business leaders – concerned or discouraged by what's going on in education and searching for perspective, vision, and a way forward. We all have an obligation to help our children see meaning and purpose in what they do. We need to be proactive and use this historic moment to create lasting change in order to unleash an entire generation to engage in a new way of learning.*

- **Big Idea Project's Founder and Executive Director, Tricia Halsey**

## Nationally Acclaimed Speakers & Performers



**Will Richardson**  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Will has spent the last 15 years developing an international reputation as a leading thinker and writer about the intersection of social online learning networks, education, and systemic change.



**Tricia Halsey**  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Tricia is a mom, wife, entrepreneur, education influencer and podcast host leading bigger-than-life vision to change "school as usual" through the Big Idea Project and her Generous Leadership® system.



**Torrence Jackson**  
EVENT EMCEE

Torrence has worked as a Principal, Director of Schools, and in educational spheres to lead and holistically develop and transform students from diverse demographics.

## Tonight's Virtual Live Event Includes:

- ✓ A Pre-Event Musical Performance
- ✓ Spoken Word Presentations
- ✓ Nationally Acclaimed Keynote Speakers
- ✓ Powerful Storytelling
- ✓ Practical "Next Step" Solutions

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