



Wake Special Education PTA
Bridging The Gap to Success

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SEPTA is a district-wide PTA that connects parents and educators of children receiving special education services from preschool through high school.

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Annual dues are \$5

WCPSS Special Education Services Q & A with Senior Administrators

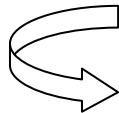
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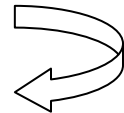
We will discuss proposed changes to cross-categorical placements and how year-round schedules will affect special education services.

Nationwide Insurance Building

4401 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh
(across from Crabtree Valley Mall)



Non-Members Welcome!
Bring a Friend!



Wake SEPTA's Library Project

Many of the local diagnosis-specific support groups have internal libraries from which their members can borrow books related to the diagnosis and how it may affect the child medically or educationally. And ECAC has a great FREE lending library that parents can access. But how accessible are these? Can you easily get the book when you want it?

In January, we started a "library project" to collect books related to disabilities and special education issues and place them in the Wake County library system so that any parent, educator, or other interested person could easily check them

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Civilization is the process in which one gradually increases the number of people included in the term 'we' or 'us' and at the same time decreases those labeled 'you' or 'them' until that category has no one left in it.

— Howard Winters, American Archaeologist (1923-1994)

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out or request that the book be sent to their closest branch for pick-up. You can access the library's inventory through their in-library computers or via the internet at <http://wakeipac.co.wake.nc.us/>

The first two boxes of donated books was delivered to the library's administrative office in early March and bookplates have been placed in the front indicating that they were placed in the collection by SEPTA. There were some books they chose not to use because they either had marks in them, were outdated, or had newer editions.

Through the Triangle Down Syndrome Network's grant program, we purchased copies of the book "Teaching Reading to Children with Down Syndrome: A Guide for Parents and Teachers" to be placed in the Wake County library system as well. This book has literacy strategies that work with particular learning styles that may occur in learning disabilities other than Down syndrome.

Our website will soon have a list of the books that have been placed into the library system. If you're interested in donating books from your collection that you no longer need, please contact us or bring them to any SEPTA meeting or social.

Get Involved!

Elections for the 2007-08 Board of Directors will be held April 26th at our Annual Meeting.

We are recruiting candidates for the 2007-2008 Board and Committee positions. Board positions require attending a monthly board meeting and on-going planning commitment.

The deadline for nominations is April 13th. Contact Laurie Jaegers at ljaegers@bellsouth.net.

Please consider giving your time to ensure SEPTA's future and give voice to those children and families without an advocate..

Have you joined the discussion?

Currently only about half of our members are subscribed to the YahooGroups discussion group for Wake SEPTA members.

If you are not currently subscribed, you can join by sending a subscription message to

Wakeseptasubscribe@YahooGroups.com

SEPTA DOES NOT PROVIDE DIRECT ADVOCACY SERVICES TO PARENTS. RATHER, WE SEEK TO EDUCATE AND SUPPORT BOTH PARENTS AND EDUCATORS ON THE LAWS GOVERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT AND SERVICES (IDEA).

THERE ARE RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY IF YOU ARE SEEKING ADVOCACY SUPPORT. VISIT OUR WEBPAGE OR CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION.

NC Department of Public Instruction:

Request for Public Comment

Proposed Changes to the NC Department of Public Instruction's Policies and Procedures Governing Programs and Services for Children with Disabilities.

The Department of Public Instruction's for Exceptional Children's Division is requesting comments regarding the state's interpretation and implementation of the recent changes to federal and state laws regarding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B.

Public comments are due by May 1st.

Members of the community (parents, teachers, family members, self-advocates, community services representatives) are invited to attend a public hearing on April 30th in Raleigh at the DPI offices, 301 N. Wilmington Street, Education Bldg, First Floor Room #150N.

**Teacher
Scholarships**

SEPTA has been given a grant to enable us to offer free memberships to teachers and other WCPSS staff.

**See our website or
call 788-2500
for more details.**

Many Thanks to
Nationwide Insurance
for the use of their
Raleigh facility for our
general meetings!

Calendar

April 11

Drop-In Social
1pm-3pm,
Café Carolina
Cameron Village, Raleigh

April 16

Drop-In Social
9:30am-11:30am
Bruegger's @ Stonehenge
Creedmoor Rd, Raleigh

April 19

Drop-In Social
11am-1pm
Java Divine, Holly Springs

April 20

Drop In Social
9:30am-11:30am
Manhattan Bakery, Wake Forest

April 21

Brooks Ave Church of Christ
Spring Carnival for Children with
Special Needs
11am-2pm
900 Brooks Ave, Raleigh

April 26

General Membership Meeting
(See page 1)

April 30

DPI Public Hearing
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May 3

Goodbye Early Intervention, Hello
Preschool Services!
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May 22

Drop-In Social
9:30-11:30
New World Café, Raleigh



First
Class
Postage
Required

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Goodbye Early Intervention, Hello Preschool Services!

May 3rd, 7pm-9pm, Wake County CDSA
319 Chapanoke Rd, #101, Raleigh

Wake County SEPTA and Family Support Network of Wake County are co-sponsoring a workshop for families transitioning their children from Early Intervention to Wake County Preschool Services within the next year.

Presenting will be representatives from Preschool Services, Early Intervention, and a parent who has been through the transition. A short presentation will precede the Q&A.

The workshop is FREE but registration is needed to ensure enough attendee materials. To register, contact Rene at 919/664-4600 x257.

Childcare will not be offered at this meeting.

Learn About:

- *The differences between IFSPs and IEPs*
- *What happens — When and Why?*
- *A typical preschool day*
- *The differences between*
 - *DD, AU, and Low-Incidence classrooms*
 - *Full-day, Half-Day, and Itinerant Services*
- *Transportation Options*
- *Resources and Networking*
- *Getting prepared to make the transition*