



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

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**Annual dues are \$5
Join & Pay Online
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Planning Ahead

I am a consummate planner – actually the word my husband would use is obsessive...but hey, he benefits from it in the end, so he can just quit complaining now. Planning is a great thing and also something that keeps you up in the middle of the night for no good reason. And it is something that seems to come relatively naturally to us moms – and some dads too.

So as we are wrapping up the 07-08 school year, the board is already starting to plan for the next. Thinking up workshop topics, meeting with school officials and other groups to see how we can best partner to get information to families, creating a calendar, roping folks into creating committees for SEPTA as well as undertaking our first survey.

With only \$300 in the bank, this won't be the loftiest of surveys – or the most statistically valid – but we are trying to get a bead on what matters most to our members and potential members. And, because we are using a free online service, we are limited to the number and type of questions we ask.

It is our hope that the information we gather in this “starter” survey will help us draft and shape further ones that can delve deeper into how we can best serve families of special needs children in Wake County.

Over the course of the next year, we hope to have further surveys. We ask that you participate in each and every one. Too often we think that our small voice does not count or that someone else will speak for us.

Just watching the news these days I see just how much one persons voice – or vote in this election year – can matter. It is wonderful to see so many people participating in a large discussion about our county, country and SEPTA too. So let us know your thoughts!

The survey can be found on our website's homepage. Thank you for participating.

Leslie Welch
President
Wake SEPTA

***“The path to success takes massive, determined action”
—Anthony Robbins***

2008-09 Meeting Calendar



SEPTA will start our monthly meeting again in the fall of 2008. Meetings are typically held on the 3rd or 4th Thursday of each month (except December and summer months) at 7pm. The following meeting topics are planned to date:

WrightsLaw Conference: September 18th, 2008. The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, NC.

Cosponsored by Wake SEPTA, The Triangle Down Syndrome Network and the NC Chapter of the International Dyslexia Association. To register for this event go to www.WakeSEPTA.org/conference.html — SPACE IS LIMITED!

Secondary Education Services, Bob Sturey, WCPSS Senior Director of Special Education Services and Jeff Larson, Director of Secondary Support Services, Thursday, October 23rd, 7pm,

IEP 101 and Beyond — back for its third year by popular demand! January 2009

See our website for more local workshop and event information.

Emergency Alert



*Occupant with a disability.
May not respond to verbal
commands.*

www.wakeSEPTA.org (Wake County Special Education/PTA)

What if you were unable to speak for your child in an emergency?

Available at our meetings at a cost of \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Online, due to payment processing fees and mailing costs, they are offered at \$4 each or 3 for \$10

Go to
www.WakeSEPTA.org

SEPTA needs YOU!

SEPTA is looking for a few — actually more than a few — good volunteers! We need to make sure that our children's needs are represented at PTAs throughout the county.

Consider becoming a SEPTA Liaison for the upcoming school year.
Duties include:

- Joining your school's PTA and attending meetings,
- Making contact with your school's special education personnel,
- Assisting in getting SEPTA's Newsletter distributed periodically,
- And serving as an ear for families in your school that need assistance navigating the special education system and accessing resources.

Pay: satisfaction in knowing children in your school are well represented.

Time Commitment: One training session and what you make of it.

To become a liaison, contact Leslie Welch at
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