



Wake County SEPTA
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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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**Teacher
Scholarships**
Thanks to an anonymous donor, SEPTA is able to offer free memberships to teachers and other WCPSS staff. See our website or call 788-2500 for more details.

IEP Workshop

January 25, 2007

7:00pm

Presented by

***Exceptional Children's
Assistance Center (ECAC)***

***— Non-Members Welcome! —
Bring a Friend!***

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

Special Transportation

In early November, I met with Eddie Adams (Transportation Department) and Bob Sturey (Senior Director of Special Education Services) regarding persistent problems/issues that parents have reported to me. There seem to be several opportunities for communication breakdowns in the complaint process between parents, schools, contractors, and the Transportation Department. If you continue to have problems despite numerous complaints, please contact me so that we can make sure that the right people know about the complaints.

—Leigh Menconi, 788-2500 or President@WakeSEPTA.org

WCPSS Advisory Council for Students with Special Needs

Mission Statement

The Advisory Council for Students with Special Needs is a collection of community groups/resources that offer information and support for students with disabilities as well as senior members of Special Education Services for the Wake County Public School System. The Advisory Council meets monthly to exchange information about the services provided for, and the programs available to students with disabilities. The Advisory Council is a collaborative effort to forge a productive, beneficial and sustained link between those who offer services and those who receive them.

The Wake County Special Education PTA is one group representing parents and children with disabilities in the school system at the Advisory Council meetings. These meetings provide an opportunity to meet directly with administrators regarding issues that concern

Let us not look back in anger or forward in fear, but around us in awareness.

— James Thurber

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students and any upcoming changes WCPSS plans to implement. Meetings are usually held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month except for December, June, July, and August. Meeting dates are posted on the SEPTA website calendar.

These meetings are open to all interested individuals, you don't have to be an official representative of a particular group to attend; however, these meetings are not a forum for addressing personal situations or complaints.

If you have an issue which you feel needs to be addressed by the council, whether you're a parent or teacher, please contact us at info@WakeSEPTA.org or 788-2500.

Nominate a Teacher or WCPSS Staff Member!

The WCPSS Advisory Council for Students with Special Needs sponsors the "Friends of Exceptional Children" and "The Inclusive Program or People" awards each year.

The nomination form is published in the [Special Education Services Student/Parent Handbook](#) at the back of the handbook. If you access the handbook online, it is on page 44 of the PDF document.

Nominations are due by
March 17, 2007.

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.

MANY THANKS TO NATIONWIDE INSURANCE FOR THE USE OF THEIR RALEIGH FACILITY FOR OUR MEETINGS.

Get Involved!

We are seeking short-term volunteers for the nominating and by-laws committees. Please consider these time-limited commitments that will guide the growth and stability of the Wake County Special Education PTA for 2007/2008.

SEPTA "Drop-In" Socials

Zebulon

McLean's Café
418 W Gannon Ave
Thursday, January 4th
9:30am-11:30am

Holly Springs

Java Divine
128 Bass Lake Rd
Friday, January 12th
9:30am-11:30am

Wake Forest

The Well
331 South White St.
Thursday, January 18th
9:30am-11:30am

Calendar

January 25, 2007

General Meeting
Topic: IEP Workshop

February 2007

Lecture Topic:
Transitioning

March 2007

Liaison Meeting

April 2007

General Meeting
Topic TBA

May 2007

Lecture/Discussion
Transition from Early Intervention to Preschool Services

See website for SEPTA's and other community groups' events.