



Wake Special Education PTA
Bridging The Gap to Success

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Annual dues are \$5

Wake County SEPTA...So Far

SEPTA chartered in February of 2005 and will close its 2nd full year on June 30. We've made tremendous progress this year — memberships went up almost 50%!

But we've still got a long way to go!

Your new SEPTA board, under president, Leslie Welch, will be meeting over the summer to develop plans for programs and priorities for the next school year.

Our charter requires 3 general meetings a year (October, January, April). With more volunteer support, we hope to add more monthly informational meetings as well as informal social opportunities for members to meet and share their challenges and learn from one another.

Your address label on the back indicates the expiration date of your membership. If it says 6/30/08, you have joined or renewed since March 15th and do not

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Wake SEPTA 2007-2008 Board Members

The 2007-2008 Board of Directors were elected on April 26th at our Annual Meeting.

President:	Leslie Welch
President-Elect:	Leigh Menconi
Secretary:	Laurie Jaegers
Treasurer:	Andrea Pacyna**
VP High Schools:	Maggie Neumann
VP Elem/Preschool:	Brenda Monforti**

Joan Alessandri** volunteered to serve as the VP for Middle Schools after the election was held and her appointment was approved by the board at the May 21st board meeting.

-New Board Member

Yesterday I dared to struggle. Today I dare to win.

— Bernadette Devlin

Teacher Scholarships

SEPTA has received a grant to fund **FREE MEMBERSHIPS** to teachers and other WCPSS staff.

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



We are seeking sponsorships to help fund the printing and distribution of our newsletter. The sponsorship levels are \$500 to \$1000 depending on the number of newsletters to be distributed.

If you know of an individual or company that would be interested, please have them contact us!

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need to resubmit dues. If this is the case, please pass along the membership form on the next page to someone you know!

I greatly appreciate your support in my position as president these past two years and look forward to continuing to help build the base from which we can grow and have more impact for the benefit of our children and students, both in school and in the community.

***Leigh Menconi
President, 2005-2007***

Thanks to
Nationwide Insurance
for donating meeting space
for our 2006-2007 general
meetings!

Clear your Bookshelf!

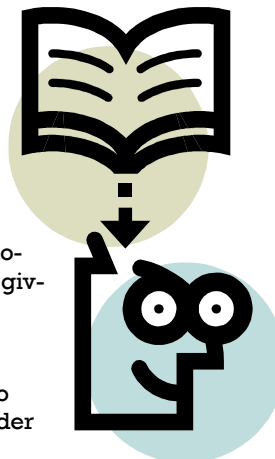
In January, we began to collect books related to disabilities and special education issues and place them in the Wake County library system's collection to increase the resources available to local parents and teachers.

Some books have been acquired through grants SEPTA has received, most have been donated by members.

Bookplates are placed inside the donated books indicating that they were donated by Wake SEPTA and giving our contact information.

If you have books you no longer need, please consider donating to SEPTA.

You can access the library's inventory through their in-library computers or via the internet at <http://wakeipac.co.wake.nc.us/>



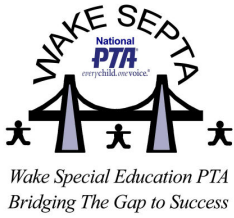
SEPTA DOES NOT PROVIDE DIRECT ADVOCACY SERVICES TO PARENTS. RATHER, WE SEEK TO EDUCATE AND SUPPORT BOTH PARENTS AND EDUCATORS ON THE LAWS GOVERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACEMENT AND SERVICES (IDEA).

THERE ARE RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY IF YOU ARE SEEKING ADVOCACY SUPPORT.

VISIT OUR WEBPAGE OR CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION.

In the printed version of this newsletter, the 2007-2008 membership form was inserted on this page.

Click [HERE](#) to print the membership form.



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Don't Let Your Membership Lapse!

Most PTAs don't start enrolling members until the beginning of the school year. But we're not like most PTAs!

Starting March 15th, we began accepting new and renewal memberships for the 2007-2008 school year.

If you are subscribed to the YahooGroups listserv, you must renew before August 1st to maintain your subscription.