

Princeton Public Schools

Special Education PTO Newsletter

November 2016

News and Updates

This month we held two events that we're excited to share more about as well as some other exciting topics:

Meet and Greet Event, October 17, 2016

We had a great turnout for the Meet and Greet where we were able to hear more from the Office of Student Services. For an overview of the evening, please see the [writeup in the Town Topics](#).

At the forum, one of the priorities shared was that of the School to Work program. For those of you who asked for more information about this program, the Office of Student Services put together [this overview](#).

School Board Candidates Night, October 27, 2016

Election day is quickly approaching on November 8! For those of you who were unable to attend the school board candidates' forum, you can still learn more about the candidates by reading the [candidate statements and responses to questions](#). (Note: we are having technical difficulties getting the video online but will share as soon as we have it!)

The Boggs Center has this resource guide that outlines voting rights for individuals with intellectual disabilities. You can read more [here](#).

Coming in March 2017: Special Presentation on Executive Functioning

Open to Princeton and surrounding Districts. Watch for more details. If you are interested in sponsoring this event please email specialdpto@gmail.com.

Transitions from a Student's Perspective

My name is Jaclyn Perlman and I am excited to be part of the first class at PHS to have the opportunity to do an Independent Senior Project. My project is to create a pamphlet for students and parents who will be transitioning to the High School and have an IEP or 504 plan. I am hoping to provide pertinent information on what to expect and helpful hints. If you have any questions that you would like to see included or if you or your child are willing to be interviewed, please email me at phssenior17@gmail.com and I will get back to you. Thank you and I will be updating you regularly on progress!

Special Education PTO General Info:

For a quick summary of Special Education PTO goals, liaisons, and key initiatives, download [our reference sheet!](#)

Interested in getting involved with the Special Education PTO? Have ideas for what news and information you'd like to see here? Have a concern you'd like to share? Please email us at specialdpto@gmail.com!

Events and Happenings

Special Needs Fair, December 4, 1:30pm - 3:30 pm

We are partnering with Hopewell Valley Special Education PTO to offer this event and spread the word with families!

Held at [Schafer Sports](#) (5 Graphics Dr, Ewing Township, NJ 08628)

[Empowering Students with Hidden Disabilities: An Evening with LeDerick Horne](#), November 16, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Lenfell Hall, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Nationally recognized poet, author, and advocate Open to the public, admission is free

SPAN Transition Conferences (Various Dates November - December):

Learn more about how to advocate and prepare for transition

[English Brochure](#) [Spanish Brochure](#)

[CHADD of Mercer County Facilitated ADHD Support Groups](#) - Family and Adult, beginning Monday, November 14, 2016, 7:45pm - 9:00 pm (Adult ADHD Support group AND Parents of Children with ADHD Support group) Registration Requested, email chaddprincetonj@gmail.com Donation: \$5 Dollars per family/per meeting

[College Transition Information Sessions](#) by Elizabeth Hamblett, LDT-C, MS Ed, MAT, Author

Wednesday, November 30th, Governor Livingston High School, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, 7:00

Thursday, December 1st, Manalapan High School, Manalapan, New Jersey, 7:00

[Learning Ally Spotlight on Dyslexia Conference](#), Friday, December 2, 9:00 am -

6:00pm

Online conference for parents and educators

Renowned experts and speakers, highlighted in [this overview](#)

Resources

Each month, we'll highlight resources and articles available. If you have found a particular resource helpful that you don't see here, please share it!

Blogs and Reference:

[Processthis.org](#): Check out this amazing organization launched by PHS Alum, Megan Hayden. Megan has a learning difference and launched this organization based on her own experiences to help kids not feel alone and know that they are not defined by their "disability" but by who they truly are. She hosts workshops for transition planning, turning an IEP into a learning plan for college, parent-student communication, student- teacher communication, IEP Meeting Prep, and College Choices. Watch her [podcast here!](#)

[New Jersey Work Incentives Network Support Program](#): The Family Resource Network provides free resource planning services to individuals who are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and, or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and who are currently considering, seeking, starting or augmenting work efforts.

Activities:

[Hamilton Area YMCA SKOR-SOAR Program Offerings](#): Hamilton YMCA is currently accepting registration for their Special Kids Organized Recreation program.

[Princeton Special Sports Registration](#) is open for all 2017 sports! Schafer Sports hosts Special Needs Parents Night Out every few weeks.

[Follow this](#)

[link](#) for info and to see the schedule.

NJ Miss Amazing pageant will be December 3-4, 2017. See the [NJ](#)

[Participant Flyer](#),

for more info.

Articles:

[Education Department Aims to Improve Transition Outcomes:](#) The US Education Department recently awarded \$39 million to five states for demonstration projects providing work-based learning experiences.

[How to Organize Your Child's IEP Binder:](#) Understood.org put together this great reference with recommendations for creating a binder for your child's IEP.

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