

Working Together...Making a Difference

HTSD Special Education Parent Newsletter

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Our Vision All Students Can Learn

Our Goal To educate all students in the Least Restrictive Environment appropriate to their needs.

Happy
Holidays!



Important Dates

- 12/15-12/17 Parent Conferences at Shaner/Hess
1/6 **Community Based Recreational Resources Fair and Special Education Parent Advisory Group Meeting**
- 2/9-2/10 Parent Conferences at Davies
3/2 Positive Behavior Supports for the Home and Community and Special Education Parent Advisory Group Meeting
- 5/4 Special Education Parent Advisory Group Meeting

From the Department of Education

Please refer to the Special Education page on the Department of Education website. The following web address will display information from the DOE for parents' of students receiving special education services.
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/pands.shtml>

Fair doesn't mean giving every child the same thing, it means giving every child what they need.

-Rick Lavoie

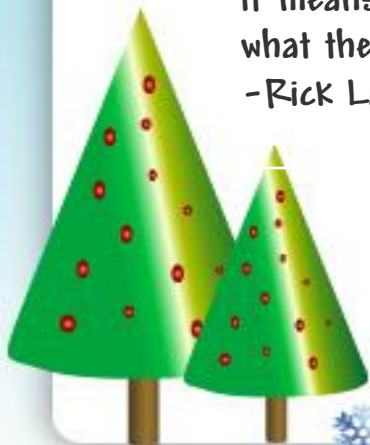
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General information, contact information for Child Study Team members and copies of the special education parent newsletters can be found on our website-
<http://www.hamiltonschools.org/cst.html>.



Special Education PAG

The PAG is the Parent Advisory Group. According to the New Jersey Administrative Code, "Each district board of education shall ensure that a special education parent advisory group is in place in the district to provide input to the district on issues concerning students with disabilities." 6A:14-1.2(h) The purpose of the PAG is to facilitate parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities. We have three PAG meetings coming up this winter/spring. The dates are listed below. All meetings will be held in the Davies School IMC. Generally meetings are held from 7-8:30 p.m. However, we have special presentations in conjunction with the January and March meetings, so please see the times listed next to the dates. All parents of students receiving special education services are encouraged to attend!

January 6, 2016 6:30-8:00 p.m.

March 2, 2016 6:00-7:30 p.m.

May 4, 2016

Unity

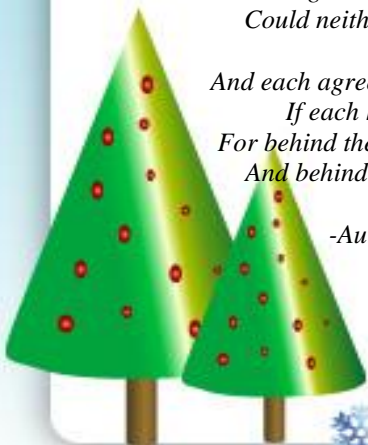
*I dreamt I stood in a studio,
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind,
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher, the tools he used
Were books, music, and art.
One a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle loving heart.*

*Day after day, the teacher toiled,
With a touch that was deft and sure.
While the parent labored by his side,
And polished and smoothed it o'er.*

*And when at last, their work was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had molded into the child,
Could neither be sold nor bought.*

*And each agreed they would have failed
If each had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher the home.*

-Author Unknown



Community Based Recreational Resources Fair

Come out to our first Community Based Recreational Resources Fair on Wednesday, January 6, 2015. The fair will be held in the Davies School IMC from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in conjunction with our Parent Advisory Group Meeting. Representatives from a wide variety of recreational organizations who provide recreational opportunities for students with special needs will be present to tell you about their organizations and to answer your questions. A few of the organizations that will be represented are FACES 4 Autism, Heart of Surfing, Field of Dreams, Danceability, Special Olympics, ARC. Additionally, there will be organizations or individuals who provide yoga, swim lessons, horseback riding, and piano lessons. Mark your calendar for this exciting event!

Positive Behavior Supports for the Home and Community

Christy Miller, Board Certified Behavior Analyst and Executive Director of Amazing Transformations will be presenting on the topic of Positive Behavior Supports for the Home and Community on Wednesday, March 2, 2015. This presentation will be held in the Davies School IMC from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in conjunction with our Parent Advisory Group Meeting.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be next week for students in Shaner and Hess Schools. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your children's teachers to discuss their progress.

