

NBISD Parent Newsletter

NBISD Special
Education Dept.

Winter 2017

District Website

Changes have been made

The New Braunfels ISD department of Special Education has made some changes on their website to make it easier and more user friendly to locate information you as parents or guardians may want. Some of the areas that have changed that may be of interest are: a new description of the Sp.Ed. Mission, the Directory, where

you can now also find staff by campus, our resources have been updated, and finally the SEPAC information has been updated with current representatives and Agendas.

Curriculum in Special Education

Always improving

Our charge this year has been to strategically look at how our students are improving and what else we need to do to continue to push the bar higher for every child. We have been looking at STAAR scores, benchmark scores, and data from observations to set new expectations for our department and students. Our Sp.Ed. teachers have been working very hard with general education teachers to

align what we do with our students to the general education curriculum while implementing IEPS to make sure everything we do is individualized. As spring nears we will continue to raise the bar for our students and staff.

SEPAC



SEPAC stands for Special Education Parent Advisory Committee. This organization is made up of parents of students with disabilities. The meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month. Each campus has a representative or two. Please contact the representative of your campus to suggest any ideas you would like presented at the SEPAC meetings. Contact info is on the NBISD Sp.Ed. Website, under SEPAC. The representatives are listed below:

CSE: Allison Lynch

LE: Thomas and Karen Ballenger, Shelly Ray

LSE: Shelly Alrich, Molly Lightsey

SE: Samantha Morrison

CLE: Hunter & Deanne Martinez, Hector and Angelixa Alicea

KRE: Stacy Wetz, Michelle Gonzales

ME: Pamela Flanagan

WSE: Amanda Vinson, Stefany Watson

NBMS: Joann Wofford

ORMS: vacant

NGC: Joann Wofford

NBHS: Ed Guillen

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEWS

New Braunfels was well represented with 45 athletes competing in the Area 13 Bowling Competition which was held Nov. 4-6 in Austin at Highland Lanes and Dart Bowl. The Athletes performed to the best of their abilities and brought home a total of 41 medals, (16 Gold; 11 Silver; 14 Bronze & 4 fourth place ribbons).

Next up for the athletes is the State Bowling Competition which will be held in Austin on Feb. 2-5, 2017. Athletes from all over the State who are at least 12 years old and competed in their Area competition are eligible to compete in the Winter Games.

Special Olympics Booster Club

The Nicole Meurin Annual Special Olympic Fundraiser was held Saturday, October 1. The Booster club report it to be a huge success bringing in \$3,600 for our athletes.

After Serving NBISD Special Olympic Athletes for the past nine years Donna and Donny Meurin have decided to step down as Booster Club presidents. On behalf of the athletes, their parents and coaches we will be forever grateful to them for their unselfish service.

At the Booster Club meeting held on Nov. 7th a new president was elected, congratulations to DeAnna Espinoza Barrientos. DeAnna has been actively supporting NBISD Special Olympics for the past seven years.

12th Annual Parent to Parent Conference

Statewide Parent Conference

The 12th Annual TXP2P Statewide Conference is Friday and Saturday June 17th and 18th. They will have more than 60 sessions including sessions in Spanish. They will have skilled child care and multiple exhibitors. You can find more information on their website:

<http://www.txp2p.org/training/conference.html>

The conference will be held at:

Embassy Suites, Spa & Conference Center

1001 McCarty Lane, San Marcos TX

If you have not received this newsletter by email, please contact Sylvia Taylor, so she can add you to the email list.

Sylvia Taylor

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RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Transition resource can be found: Symbaloo: <http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/nbisdtransition>

SERS- Special Education Resource System- (Educational Resources available to use at home) contact Sylvia Taylor to set up appointment.