

# THE SOUTH RIVER ADVOCATE

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## Coming Events:

**Feb.3:** *ARISE: Services Available for College bound Special Education Students.*

7:30pm Holmdel Indian Middle School  
email [mrizzo56@aol.com](mailto:mrizzo56@aol.com) for more information

**Feb 4:** SEPTA Workshop:

### *Learn How to Manage it All -*

South River Public Library 6:30 pm

**Feb 5:** Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office seminar:  
*Internet Safety*

7pm South River Public Library

**Feb 18<sup>th</sup>:** *Develop an IEP that Makes Sense*

Paula Lieb at the Freehold H.S.

Call (732) 786-1208 for more information

**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>:** *Mock IEP's. Overview and discussion of the IEP process followed by role playing designed to give you the confidence you need at your child's IEP meeting.*

6:45- 8:45pm Manalapan Library

Call (732) 224-9073 for more information.

**March ? :** *Transition Planning and Your Child-What every Parent Needs to Know*

Time and location?

**March 15<sup>th</sup>:** *2004 SEPTA \$250.00 Scholarship :*

Applications Available from the Office of Special Education, your child's teacher or online at [www.specialeducationpta.org](http://www.specialeducationpta.org)

*Submission Deadline for Scholarship: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004*

## Learn How to Manage It All!

7pm Feb.4<sup>th</sup>

### at the So. River Public Library

This workshop will provide parents with an easy and "stress free" way to organize paperwork, create IEP goals and objectives, and how to create a successful partnership with all the medical and educational professionals in your child's life.

Registered participants will receive a binder organizational system and a computer CD-Rom containing information on recreational opportunities, special educational law, how to write letters to your school district/child study team, and much more!

*\*Please call (732) 651-7157 to register by telephone- Telephone registration deadline: February 2nd Registration fee of \$5.00 can be made at meeting.*

## Internet Safety:

*The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office will be hosting a seminar on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004 7pm at the South River Public Library.*

*Included in this presentation will be discussion, question and answer period and a short animated clip that will show the power, depth and dangers of the internet*

### Help Wanted:

Would you like to help with our Newsletter, or Website? Have you come across an interesting book, article or website that deals with education, special ed., disabilities, or parenting that you'd like to share with others. Write a short summary and we'll love to put it in newsletter and web page.

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Our Thoughts and Prayers  
are with our troops in the Gulf and around the  
world. May they all come home safe and sound.



**SEPTA Sponsored**  
**“Pre-K Music**  
**Appreciation Program”**  
**starts again at South**  
**River Public Schools**

For the second year the Special Education PTA of South River is once again sponsoring Pre-school music appreciation in Ms. Janice Weston’s AM and PM pre-school disabled classes.

After last year’s wonderful program of providing a “visiting musician” from the East Brunswick Academy of Music- the SEPTA board made an effort to continue to bring a formal music appreciation to the wonderful children on Ms. Janice’s classes.

Trained music teachers will be in on the following dates:

**AM PRE-K Class**

February 13<sup>th</sup>

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

April (to be announced)

May (to be announced)

**PM Pre-K Class**

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

February 5<sup>th</sup>

March 18<sup>th</sup>

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

***Look you the flyer detailing your child’s musical adventure and share the fun of their musical experience!***

**SEPTA Seeking Titles for 2004 Resource Library Donations:**

The South River PTA is asking for title / topic suggestions for 2004 Parent Resource Library located at the South River Public Library.

Each year SEPTA donates between \$200.00- \$350.00 in books, video, and computer software to the South River Public Library on topics concerning Special Education, Special Education Rights, Transition Planning and Education Advocacy.

If you have a title you would like to see at the SEPTA Parent Resource Library please contact us at (732) 651-7157 or email us at [info@specialeducationpta.org](mailto:info@specialeducationpta.org) subject reference line “septa resource library suggestion”

**Parents Coffee**

**Meets weekday mornings 9:30 – 11:30**

A support group for parents and guardians of special education students is sponsoring monthly morning coffees during the school year. This informal group meets monthly.

For more information and meeting locations call

*Vivian Paulus (732) 297-4028*

**Meetings dates for next year are:**

*Tuesday, February 10*

*Thursday, March 11*

*Thursday, May 13*

**SEPTA Would Like to Hear From You!**

*We are seeking parental and community input into the programs and services we provide...*

**If you would like to see a program or service initiated in the upcoming 2004-2005 school year please contact us with your ideas!**

*Call us at (732) 651-7157*

*Email: [info@specialeducationpta.org](mailto:info@specialeducationpta.org)*

*Or drop us a note in the mail:*

*SEPTA of South River*

*81 Johnson Place, South River, NJ 08882*

## **Our First “Family Fun Day and Community Picnic”**

The Special Education PTA of South River  
is planning a “Family Fun Day” from 2-5pm on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 2004.

We are in the planning stages of having our first “Family Fun Day and Community Picnic” for the disabled students and the families of the South River Community.

### **We will supply the fun...**

But do to possible food allergies-we are requesting that families bring their own food to the event.

We are looking for interested individuals to help make this day a terrific one for all who attend!

### **Yes! I can help with the following:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \*games /activities
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*set up / clean up
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*balloons (inflation and distribution)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \*other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **No, I am unable to help at this time but I/We would like to attend. Number of people \_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: SEPTA of South River  
Attn: Family Fun Day / Picnic  
81 Johnson Place  
South River, NJ 08882

You can also email us at [info@specialeducationpta.org](mailto:info@specialeducationpta.org) or come to our Aril 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTA meeting at 6:30-9pm meeting at the South River Public Library when we will be discussing the Family Fun Day and Community Picnic.

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## Future SEPTA Events:

**February 4** SEPTA workshop SR public Library 6:30 Learn how to Manage It All. Having a child in the Special Education System can be overwhelming at times Using simple strategies and effective system you can accomplish it. Reduce you stress and help your child all at the same time! (Registration deadline January 22, 2004 Fee \$5.00 per person to cover materials)

**March 3:** SEPTA Parent support group SR Public Library 6:30 – 7 pm

**March:** Transition planning workshop – guest speaker Alice Honeycut

**March 15:** 2004 SEPTA Scholarship applications available.

This scholarship is open to any graduating special education senior of the So. River Education System  
Be they from the South River H.S. or educated at an “out of district” school.

**April 7:** SEPTA Parent support group SR Public Library 6:30 – 7 pm

**7pm** *\*Planning for the “SEPTA Family Fun Day/ Community Picnic”*

**Please come and help plan a wonderful day for everyone to enjoy!**

**April 30:** Deadline for submitting an application for the 2004 SEPTA Scholarship.

**May 5:** SEPTA Parent support group SR Public Library 6:30 – 7 pm

**7pm** *SEPTA 2004 Scholarship Committee Meeting*

**June 2:** SEPTA Parent support group SR Public Library 6:30 – 7 pm

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