A year in review 2022 - 2023



history

The Special Education Alliance (SEA) of Methacton was formed in the fall of 2016 as a committee of the Methacton Coordinating Council. In March 2023, the SEA became a Home & School Department of the MCC. The SEA's members are committed parents serving as representatives and liaisons at each Home & School meeting in the district to share the SEA mission and to provide updates on its activities.

mission

The Special Education Alliance Home & School (H & S) provides a network of support for parents and caregivers of students with developmental or physical disabilities. The SEA H & S offers access to relevant information and education while providing opportunities to connect with other parents and caregivers. We advocate for collaboration among families, school administrators, educators and professionals, to foster successful educational outcomes.

What we did:

- Attended each school's Back to School Night
- Facilitated educational presentations & community workshops FREE of charge for all families, educators, and administrators in MSD
- In-house presentations by district administration, supervisors and faculty including updates on Inclusion, DEI, Behavior, SEL, and Transition Plans
- Nationally recognized speakers, including:
 - -"10 Secrets You Need to Know About Special Education Law & Inclusion of **Children with Disabilities**" with Pat Radel, Esq.
 - <u>"Belonging Matters: Unlocking the Power</u> <u>of Relationships to Build a More Inclusive</u> School Community" with Al Condeluci
 - "Starting with the End in Mind" with Dan & Samuel Habib, the PA Inclusion Collective a 4-part presentation series on building an inclusive life for students with disabilities and postsecondary transition in collaboration with the PEAL Center
- Sponsored MHS Unified Sports Track & Field team attendance at The Arc Alliance Awards Night, where they were recognized as the Outstanding Program of the Year
- Donated **A Day With No Words** by Tiffany Hammond to all district libraries to foster belonging within MSD
- Held annual End of Year picnic with entertainment by Fun Fieldz











How we did it:

- District and community support
- Fundraising
 - * Kendra Scott's Shop for Good
 - * Reading Fightin' Phils
- Seven generous donations, one from each Home & School Association.

We are looking forward to:

- A full schedule of SEA H&S social events throughout the school year
- Growth in parent participation in SEA H&S
- Increased fundraising efforts to continue to provide quality presenters free of charge
- Exploration of new ways to engage and support the Special Education community in all 7 district schools.











