

The Methacton

Special
Education
Alliance

Background

- The SEA was formed in the fall of 2016 and functions as a committee under the MCC.
- Our planning committee includes 12 dedicated parents.
 - Each school in the district is represented by a committee parent.
 - The members are committed to serving as SEA representatives and liaisons at each Home & School meeting to share the SEA mission and to keep each school updated with future meeting dates/topics.



Mission

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Mission: Inform and Educate

- We engage presenters throughout the school year to share their expertise with our group on a broad range of topics.
- Topics are chosen and prioritized based on group surveys to insure that we are providing information on topics that are most relevant to our group.

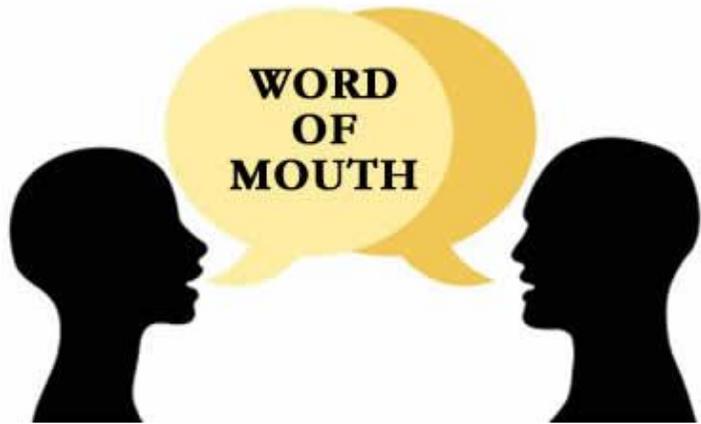


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- Transition through school years
- Transition to adulthood
- Executive Function
- ADD/ADHD
- Behavior (ABA and Coping Strategies)
- Sensory Processing
- Social Skills/Cognition
- IEP Clinics
- Procedural Safeguards
- Ask the Advocates
- Ask the Attorneys
- Inclusive Practices



Spreading the Word



INTRODUCTION TO INCLUSIVE PRACTICES

Presenters:
Marisa Crapella & Erin Barry
MCIU, Training and Consulting (TAC)

In this workshop, participants will learn the fundamentals related to **building an inclusive classroom community**, which means implementing practices where all students have opportunities to participate in general education classroom and on their individualized educational plans.

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COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING!

- Feb/March:** SEA Social! Stay tuned for date/time /location!
- *March 26th:** Calming the Chaos-MCIU, Training and Consulting (TAC)
- *April 30th:** Preparing for the IEP Meeting- Maureen Stankiewicz
- *May 21st:** Sensory Processing Integration- Sandra Wilde-Sutton from Theraplay
- June:** Stay tuned

* These presentations will be held in the Methacton High School library

Want to stay up to date on our activities/presentations? Join our facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/SEAofMCC/> Or send your email address to SEAMethacton@gmail.com to join our mailing list!

F.Y.I. Parents ARE Members of the IEP Team

This presentation will provide parents with ideas to plan, prepare, participate and persevere at their next IEP Meeting

Presented by: **Maureen Stankiewicz, Special Education Advocate**



Maureen Stankiewicz

Maureen Stankiewicz is a Pa. Certified paralegal and advocate who has worked in law firms regarding disability and special education matters for over 20 years. She has been affiliated with the Law Offices of Caryl Andrea Oberman, LLC, since 2001.

For more information about Maureen or The Law Offices of Caryl Andrea Oberman, follow the link below.

<http://www.CarylOberman.com>

Parents offer a unique perspective to their child's IEP meeting because they can provide insight and define their child's strengths and needs. However, attending an IEP meeting is often a very intimidating experience. Communication between all parties is critical to a successful meeting.

By actively preparing for your next IEP meeting, you can become more confident in being a voice at the IEP team table. The focus of this presentation and discussion is to explore ways to clearly share your concerns with the IEP team and assist in the development of an appropriate IEP.

Date: April 30, 2018

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Location: Methacton High School Library

Please register for this FREE presentation, using the link below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/dNXqrryIAJ78CrCp1>

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This is a great opportunity to learn how an advocate can help you navigate the complexities of special education and gain the services your child may need.

ASK THE ADVOCATES

EVENT SPEAKERS

- Melissa Bilash
- Bonita J. McCabe
- Maureen Stankiewicz

MCIU MONTGOMERY COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT 23

The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit is proud to present:

Introduction to Secondary Transition Workshop

Dr. Susan Angstadt (Director of Pupil Services) and Dr. Jamie Gravinese (Supervisor of Special Education - Grades 9-12) will address the group at the start of the meeting to introduce them to the group.

The Introduction to Secondary Transition is part of the Montgomery County Parent Engagement Series, an array of parent engagement workshops designed to provide families with information, answers, and resources to maximize the student educational experience. All workshops are provided at no cost to the public.

Secondary Transition is the process of preparing students for life after they leave high school, including participation in post-secondary education or training, employment, and community living. These three areas are often referred to as "post-secondary outcomes" and are the driving force behind Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) written for students in high school.

If you should have questions about this event or other events in the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Parent Engagement Series, please feel free to contact Kristopher Koberlein, MCIU Training Consultant at 484-868-9599 or via email at kkoberlein@mciiu.org.

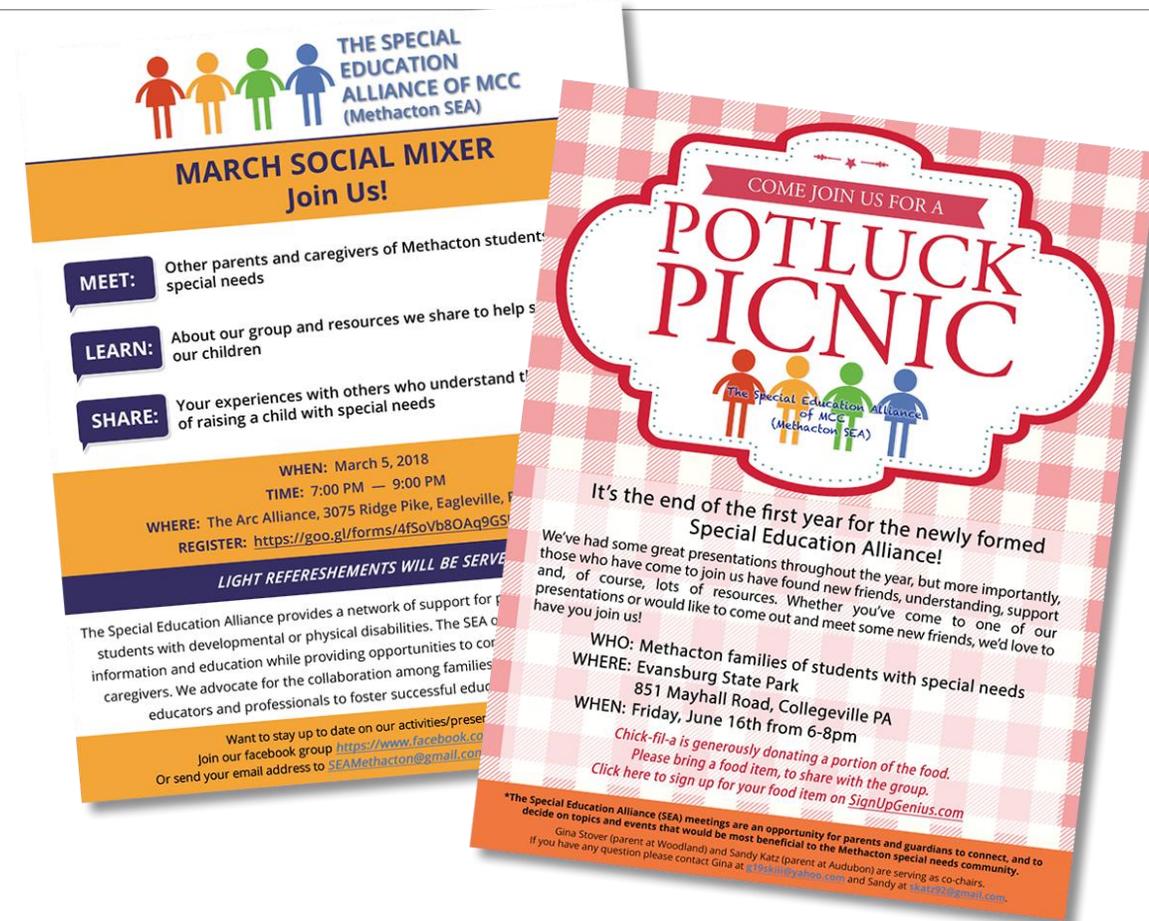
Title: Introduction to Secondary Transition
Date: October 30, 2017
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Location: Methacton High School

To Register Visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-secondary-transition-tickets-38433090408>

*The Special Education Alliance (SEA) meetings are an opportunity for parents and guardians to connect, and to decide on topics and events that would be most beneficial to the Methacton special needs community.
Gina Soveri (parent at Woodland) and Sandy Katz (parent at Saywell) are serving as co-chairs.
If you have any question please contact Gina & Sandy at SEA@methacton.com.

Mission: Opportunities to Connect

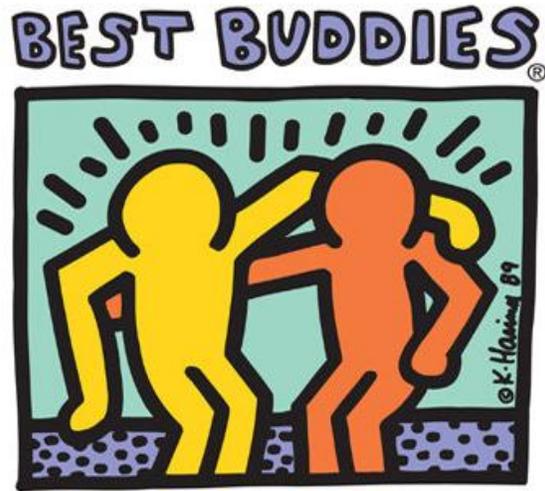
- Informal Social Gatherings
 - Annual Picnic for families
 - Social Mixers
- Fundraising Events



Mission: Advocate for Collaboration

- Reach the 800+ families in our district
 - District wide email blasts
 - Back to school nights
- Partner with the district to identify professionals to speak, train or consult, who offer strategic opportunities to effect positive change in special education at Methacton
- Schedule regular meetings with school administration and board to share feedback and collaborate on new and existing initiatives

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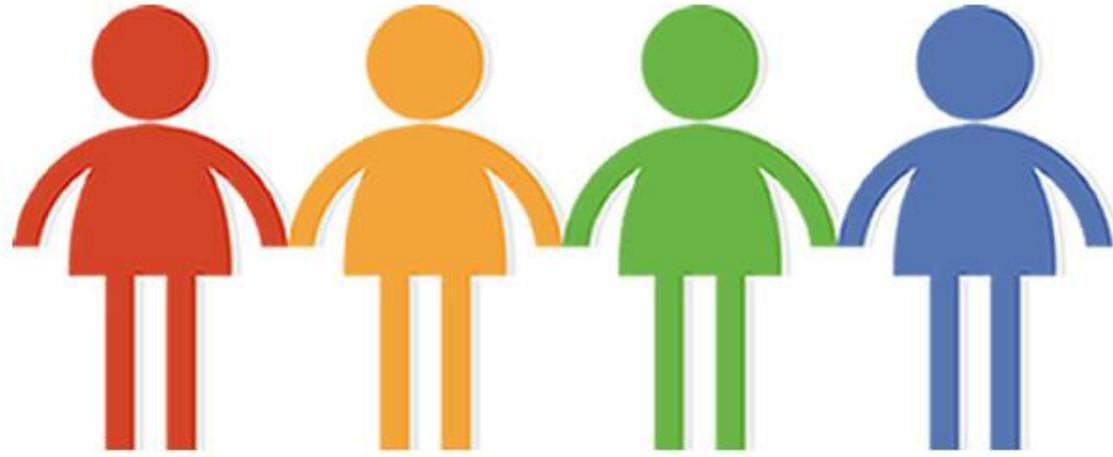


Special Olympics



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