

# Riverhead SEPTA

c/o Riley Avenue Elementary School

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**Website:** <http://riverheadsepta.weebly.com>

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## **Mission: K-12**

To **educate** and **support** parents, teachers and our community about the needs of our special children, so that each child is able to reach their fullest potential. SEPTA will bridge the gap between regular and special education through knowledge, in order to promote **acceptance** of people with special needs.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **September 3**

First Day of School. Welcome Back!!! Hope everyone had a great summer.

### **September / October Open Houses**

Aquebogue: Sept 17<sup>th</sup> (gr k-2) Sept 18<sup>th</sup> (gr 3-4)

Phillips Ave: Sept 9<sup>th</sup> (gr 2-4) Sept 10<sup>th</sup> (gr k-1)

Riley Ave: Sept 18<sup>th</sup> (gr k-4)

Roanoke: Sept 18<sup>th</sup> (grk-4)

Pulaski: Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> (gr 5) Sept 29<sup>th</sup> (gr 6)

Middle School: October 2<sup>nd</sup>

High School: Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

**September 20** 10:00am to 3:00pm Longwood Middle School

Longwood SEPTA Special Needs Resource Fair and Family Fun Day

**September 25 & 26** School Closed Rosh Hashanah

### **October 1**

7pm - Transition to Adulthood. Guest: Elva Beyer, RCSD Transition Coordinator. Rm 133 @ Riverhead High School



## **Questions & Comments:**

***WELCOME to our Back to School Edition of Riverhead SEPTA's Newsletter. This is a quarterly publication.***

***Please visit our Website and Facebook Pages for more information and instant updates.***

***I wish everyone a wonderful school year.***

***Stacy Nespoli - Editor***

**\*\* Parent Support is available when you need it. Contact any SEPTA Officer for assistance. (Contacts are on our website).**

**\*\* Any suggestions about meetings, events, support please contact Arlene Gagliano at [amgagliano@aol.com](mailto:amgagliano@aol.com)**

## **2014-2015 Officers**

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## 2014-2015 SEPTA Meetings:

SEPTEMBER 2014 See you at Open Houses

OCTOBER 1, 2014 Riverhead High School Rm 133 –  
How to open the Front Door and Transition to Adulthood  
Guest: Ms. Elva Beyer, LCSW RCSD Transition  
Coordinator

### ***Special Presentation on OPWDD & The Front Door***

OCTOBER 22, 2014 Transition Fair - Riverhead High  
School Cafeteria 6:30PM

NOVEMBER 5, 2014 Riverhead Free Library 7PM  
Guest: Ms. Terry Kalb, Special Educator and Child  
Advocate ***'Where Common Core and IDEA Conflict –  
Planning for Individual Needs'***

DECEMBER 2014 Happy Holidays

JANUARY 2015 Happy New Year

FEBRUARY 4, 2015 Riley Ave Elem Café 7PM -  
Assistive Technology Guest: Meg Flood, SLP

MARCH 4, 2015 Riley Ave Elem Café 7PM – BOCES  
Guest: Mr. Mike Flynn

APRIL 1, 2015 Riley Ave Elem Café Family Fun Night

MAY 2015 To Be Determined

JUNE 2015 Have a wonderful summer

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## **Riverhead Plungers 2**

Join us for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Town of Brookhaven Polar  
Plunge – For ***Special Olympics of New York***

Saturday November 22, 2014 at Cedar Beach Mount Sinai

Check in between 9:00 – 11:30am Plunge at Noon

Riverhead Plungers 2 team captain is our very own Gary  
Karlson. Please sign up with us or come down and show  
your support. [www.polarplungeNY.org/Brookhaven](http://www.polarplungeNY.org/Brookhaven)  
Make sure you choose the team **Riverhead Plungers 2**



## **IEPs According to Dr. Seuss Author Unknown**

Do you like these IEPs?

I do not like these IEP's  
I do not like them, Jeeze Louise  
We test, we check  
we plan, we meet  
but nothing ever seems complete.

Would you, could you  
like the form?

I do not like the form I see.  
Not page 1, not 2, not 3.  
Another change,  
a brand new box. I think we all  
Have lost our rocks.

Could you all meet here or there?

We could not all meet here or there.  
We cannot all fit anywhere.  
Not in a room  
Not in a hall  
There seems to be no space at all.

Would you, could you meet again?

I cannot meet again next week  
No lunch, no prep  
Please hear me speak.  
No, not at dusk and not at dawn  
At 4 p. m. I should be gone.

Could you hear while all speak out?  
Would you write the words they spout?

I could not hear, I would not write  
This does not need to be a fight.

Sign here, date there,  
Mark this, check that.  
Beware the student's ad-vo-cat(e).

You do not like them  
so you say  
Try it again! Try it again!  
and then you may.

If you let me be,  
I'll try again  
and you will see.

Say!

I almost like these IEP's  
I think I'll write 6003.  
And I will practice day and night  
Until they say  
"You've got it right".

## **SAVE THE DATES:**

**October 1, 2014** – 7 pm - Riverhead High School  
Room 133

Riverhead SEPTA will host an evening on Transitioning presented by Elva Beyer (RCSD Transition Coordinator)

This year's presentation will have a new spin on it. There will be a presentation and open discussion on OPWDD Eligibility, Respite Services (for all ages) and The Front Door process as well as how to prepare for your child's future after high school.

No matter how young your child is, this presentation will have invaluable information. It is **NEVER** too early to prepare for your child's future.

**Parents in all grade levels should attend to learn how to get these services for your child.**

**October 22, 2014** 6:30pm – 8pm

Transition Fair at Riverhead High School Cafeteria

***\*\*This Event is Open to Anyone in the Special Needs Community who resides on Long Island\*\****

Some of the vendors that we have invited this year are:

- OPWDD ELIGIBLE
  - Abilities
  - ADD (Aid to the Developmentally Disabled)
  - AHRC
  - Camp Pa Qua Tuck
- SPECIAL NEEDS CONSULTANTS
  - Regina Brandow
  - April Gatz (Special Needs Advocate)
  - Craig Marcott
  - Erik McKenna
  - Community Enterprises
  - DDI
  - EED
  - EOC
  - FREE (Family Residences and Essential Enterprises)
  - Halo Network
  - Human First
  - IGHL
  - Ken's Krew
  - Little Flower
  - LI Parent Center

- Maryhaven
- Parent to Parent
- Rolling Thunder Special Needs Program
- Self Advocacy Association of NYS
- Riverhead SEPTA
- MENTAL HEALTH
  - Concerns for Independent Living
  - Family Service League
  - Synergy Center Clubhouse of Suffolk
  - Cheryl Williams, FDC (OMH Regional Parent Advisor)
  - Pederson-Krag
- HEALTH
  - Alexis Hugelmeyer, D.O. (Medical Education / Traditional Rotating Internship)
- VOCATIONAL
  - ACCES/VR
  - Career and Employment Options, Inc
  - Commercial Driver Training West Babylon
  - College Experience Program
  - Eastern Suffolk BOCES
  - Hunter Business
  - Island Drafting & Technical Institute
  - SILO
  - Suffolk County Community College
  - Suffolk County Dept. of Labor, Licensing & Consumer Affairs
  - SUNY @ Farmingdale
  - YAI/NIPD

**NOVEMBER 5, 2014** 7 pm @ Riverhead Free Library-  
Stage Room (lower level)

### **Where Common Core & IDEA Conflict – Planning for Individual Needs**

Ms. Terry Kalb, Special Educator and Child Advocate.

Terry came out of retirement after she witnessed what was happening to her former students when Common Core Curriculum was negating their IEP's.

Please come and hear how we, as special needs parents, must advocate for our children.

***\*\*Everyone in the Special Needs Community is welcome to attend. You Do Not have to be a Riverhead SEPTA Member to attend\*\****

**\*\*Special Education Teachers and Advocates Please attend. You are crucial to our children's futures\*\***

## UNDERSTANDING TEST SCORES

Z Score Range	T Score Range	Scaled Score Range	Standard Score Range	Percentile Rank Range	Interpretation
≥ +2	≥ 70	≥ 16	≥ 130	≥ 98	Very Superior / Very Significantly Above Average
+1.4 to +1.9	64 to 69	14 to 15	120 to 129	91 to 97	Superior / Significantly Above Average
+0.7 to +1.3	57 to 63	13	111 to 119	76 to 90	High Average / Slightly Above Average
-0.6 to +0.6	44 to 56	8 to 12	90 to 110	25 to 75	Average
-1.3 to -.07	37 to 43	6 to 7	80 to 89	9 to 24	Low Average / Slightly Below Average
-2.0 to -1.4	30 to 36	4 to 5	70 to 79	2 to 8	Borderline / Significantly Below Average
-2.9 to -2.1	21 to 29	2 to 3	55 to 69	0.2 to 1	Mildly Deficient / Very Significantly Below Average
≤ -3.0	≤20	1	≤55	≤0.1	Moderately to Severely Deficient / Very Significantly Below Average

- **Standard Scores:** Test developers calculate the statistical average based on the performance of students tested in the norming process of test development. That score is assigned a value. Standard scores and standard deviations are different for different tests. Many of the commonly used tests, such as the Wechsler Intelligence Scales, have an average score of 100 and a standard deviation of 15.
- **Percentiles:** These scores show how a student's performance compares to others tested during test development.
- **Z-Scores:** These scores range from +4 to -4 and have an average of zero. Positive scores are above average. Negative scores are below average.
- **T-Scores:** have an average of 50 and a standard deviation of 10. Scores above 50 are above average. Scores below 50 are below average.
- **Stanine Scores:** Stanine is a contraction of the term "standard nine." These scores range from one to nine and have an average of about 4.5.

**WISC-IV - Full Scale IQs between 90 and 110 are considered within the "average range" (Mean IQ is 100).**

below 20	Profoundly Intellectual Impairment - Profoundly Mentally Retarded (MR)
20-34	Severe Intellectual Impairment - Severe Mentally Retarded (MR)*
35-49	Moderate Intellectual Impairment - Moderate Mentally Retarded (MR)*
50-69	Mild Intellectual Impairment - Mild Mental Retarded (MR)
70-79	Borderline Intellectual Functioning
80-89	Lower Average - normal
90-114	<b>Average - normal</b>
115-129	Above Average / Bright
130-144	Gifted
145-159	Highly gifted
160 above	Profoundly gifted

**IDEA** – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004

**IEP** – Individualized Education Program

**BIP** – Behavior Intervention Plan

**FBA** – Functional Behavioral Assessment

**IEE** – Independent Educational Evaluation

**PBS** – Positive Behavior Supports

**LRE** – Least Restrictive Environment

**FAPE** – Free Appropriate Public Education

**ESY** – Extended School Year

**CBM** – Curriculum Based Measurement

**RTI** – Response to Intervention

**PLAAFP** – Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (also known as “PLOP”)