



# Riverhead SEPTA

c/o Riley Avenue Elementary School

374 Riley Ave, Calverton, NY 11933-1308

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

**Facebook Group:** Riverhead SEPTA

## **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

### February 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting “Advocacy for your Special Needs Child”

Guest Speaker: Ms. Danielle Brooks – Special Kids Advocates. This workshop will teach you a positive and proactive approach to communicating with your CSE Team. 7pm @ Riley Avenue Elementary - Library

\*Elections for Nominating and Award Committees

### February 16 thru February 20

School Closed – Winter

### February 27<sup>th</sup>

Crazy Sports Night 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ High School Gymnasium. Come and show your support for your school and Faculty

### March 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting “Special Education Strategies”

Guest Speaker : Mr. Mike Flynn – Boces 7pm @ Riley Library

\*Bylaws Adoption Vote

### April 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting “Assistive Technology”

Guest Speaker: Ms. Meg Flood – Speech Language Pathologist and Assistive Technology Consultant - 7pm @ Riley Library

\*Announcement of Senior Scholarship Award

## From the Editor:

*2015... Where does the time go. Just as we finally settle into the new school year, we start preparing for the next.*

*Please visit our Website and Facebook Pages for more information and instant updates on activities, summer camp/programs and special events that may be of interest to you and your child.*

*There is a lot to do and not enough time. So please take a moment and look at your beautiful children and say 'I am so lucky to experience life with you.'*

### **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**

Guy DiCosola, Co President

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Arlene Gagliano, Vice President

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Stacy Nespoli, Corresponding Secretary

Lori Marin, Treasurer

## Announcements

- ❖ It is CPSE/CSE Season. Please review your child's recent evaluations and reports. Meet with his/her Teacher and Support Staff prior to CPSE/CSE.
- ❖ If you have questions regarding your child's CSE or IEP – we are here to help.
- ❖ If you need help in organizing your child's Master File please contact Stacy Nespoli (SEPTA Member/Officer) [sdnespoli@gmail.com](mailto:sdnespoli@gmail.com)
- ❖ Senior Scholarship Award Applications and Nominating forms will be available soon.
- ❖ OPWDD – Front Door Informational Sessions – These sessions will offer participants an understanding of OPWDD's mission and purpose; the process to become eligible for OPWDD supports and services; types of supports and services available; and where individuals and families can go to get assistance.
  - 415 A Oser Avenue, Hauppauge
  - 2/10/15 2-4 pm
  - 3/10/15 6-8 pm
  - 4/14/15 10am – 12pm
  - 5/12/15 2-4 pm
  - 6/9/15 6-8 pm

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## Student Recognition: Attention Teachers, Therapists and Support Staff

We are now accepting nominations for student recognition. Any accomplishment that your student has achieved let us know. Remember no accomplishment is too small to award!!

Email the student(s) name, grade, school, nominating staff member and what you are recognizing them for. We will recognize them at our Family Fun Night and in our End of Year Newsletter.

Send emails to : Stacy Nespoli at [sdnespoli@gmail.com](mailto:sdnespoli@gmail.com)

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## BOWLING TIME

January 26, 2015 - 5 pm - @ The All-Star (Main Road- Rte 58- Riverhead)

Ages 8+ \$10 includes shoe rental and two games \*Adaptive Bowling Available

The group will meet every Monday (unless otherwise noted)

For more information or if you wish to join: Gary Karlson at: [garykarlson@yahoo.com](mailto:garykarlson@yahoo.com)



**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”)