

Wake SEPTA News

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NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday, JAN 26, 7–
8:30 PM**

Brooks Avenue Church
700 BROOKS AVE
Raleigh, NC 27607-4132

**Evaluations: What Do
They
Measure and Determine? What
Questions Do They Answer?**

**with Dr. Lynne Myers
WCPSS Lead Psychologist**

The SEPTA Story:

**The Wake County Special
Education PTA** is a new, unique county-
wide PTA designed to focus on special
needs children in Wake County Public
Schools.

**A group of parents and
teachers** chartered SEPTA in February
2005, elected officers, and opened the
organization to new members.

130 people have joined.

**SEPTA provides you with a
chance** to connect with parents and
families of special needs children as well
as with professionals, and other
organizations that provide support,
training and resources.

To learn more or to join:

Call 788-2500 or send an email to
wakesepta-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Annual dues are \$5.

Presidential Greetings!

Welcome to our first official newsletter!

Thanks to the volunteers, speakers, exhibitors and those in attendance who helped to make our first membership meeting in October a great success! We had a great turnout and I think everyone came away from the meeting having learned something new, whether it was just putting a face to a name or learning about a new resource that can help your child or family. If you did not get your membership card at the meeting when you checked in, you will find it enclosed.

Good News! SEPTA received a small grant from the NC PTA in November to support "Parent Involvement" and our plan is to use that money to help with distributing newsletters to members and flyers to prospective members in the coming months. The more parents and educators we have involved in SEPTA, the more ambitious we can be with our program planning for next year. Even though we increased our membership by one-third on the night of the first meeting in October, we still don't have the membership and volunteer base to support monthly meetings or some of the other programs and projects that members have expressed an interest in having.

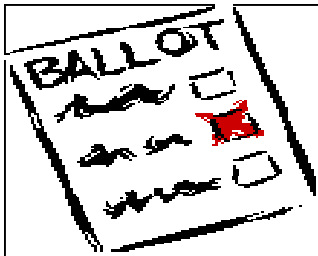
Our meeting on January 26th will feature Dr. Lynne Myers, one of Wake County Schools' Lead Psychologists, addressing the topic "Evaluations: What Do They Measure and Determine? What Questions Do They Answer?" She would like to tailor her presentation to specific concerns parents may have. Please email me at wakesepta@earthlink.net or leave a message on the SEPTA voicemail at 788-2500 with any specific questions you would like to see addressed.

Please extend an invitation to a friend or two to join you in attending the meeting in January – hope to see you there!

Leigh Menconi

*The central struggle of parenthood is to let our
hopes for our children outweigh our fears.*

-- Ellen Goodman



We are looking for YOU to Join Us!

SEPTA is seeking candidates to fill the officer's positions vacated for the rest of the school year, until June 30, 2006. If you or someone you know is interested in the following positions please contact a nominating committee member listed below BEFORE January 11, 2006:

President-Elect (PE)

During this calendar year, the PE will assist the President and oversee various committees. The PE will assume the office of President on July 1, 2006 until June 30, 2007.

Vice-President of High Schools (VPHS)

The VPHS will seek representatives from each HS to act as liaisons for the distribution of information. The VPHS should also consider programs and events specific to parents and students at that grade level.

Vice-President of Elementary Schools (VPES)

The VPHS will seek representatives from each ES to act as liaisons for the distribution of information. The VPES should also consider programs and events specific to parents and students at that grade level. The VPES works closely with the Vice-President of Preschools as some schools will overlap.

None of the above? Still want to help out?

SEPTA needs help in all our committees, especially school liaisons, membership, communications, website and hospitality. Just let us know at the contact info below!

To nominate yourself or another member, contact a nominating committee member as listed below with a phone number where you can be reached. All nominations must be received by January 11, 2006. The slate of officers will be posted on January 17, 2006 to the SEPTA listserve and voting will take place at the January 26, 2006 meeting at Brooks Avenue Church, 7 – 8:30 pm.

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