



Wake Special Education PTA  
Bridging The Gap to Success

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# Upcoming Meetings

You would think life would slow after the first of the year, but that is hardly the case with us on SEPTA's board and in our community. Because of all the activities and meetings on the books for us and other groups, this issue is devoted to meetings, meetings, meetings. So get out your calendars and pencils!

## SEPTA Meetings:

*All SEPTA meetings are held at the Kresge Auditorium at the Cate Center on the Campus of Meredith College off Hillsboro Street in Raleigh. See our website for directions and further information. Meetings are FREE and all are welcome. No childcare is provided.*

**February 19th, 2009 7pm, Assistive Technology Resources.** *How can assistive technology help your child in school?.* Presented by A. Lynne Deese, M.A., ATP; North Carolina Assistive Technology Program.

**March 19th, 2009, 7pm. Teacher's Panel: What Teachers Wish You Knew!**

**April 16th, 2009, 7pm. The State of Our Schools.** Presented by Bob Sturey, Director Special Education Services, WCPSS. SEPTA General Meeting and Board Election also.

## In Our Community

### Autism Society of North Carolina

#### Newly Diagnosed Workshop

February 19th, 2009, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Autism Society of North Carolina, 505 Oberlin Road, Suite 230, Raleigh. For parents with a child that has been recently been diagnosed with Autism. Contact Lisa Townsend at (919) 743-0204, ext. 36 [Ltownsend@autismsociety-nc.org](mailto:Ltownsend@autismsociety-nc.org) (this workshop also runs 3/10/09)

## Educator Scholarships

SEPTA has received a grant to fund **FREE MEMBERSHIPS** to teachers and other WCPSS staff. See our [website](http://www.wakesepta.org) or call 788-2500 for more details

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## **Autism Spectrum IEP Workshop**

March 3rd, 2009, 10am-noon. Autism Society of North Carolina, 505 Oberlin Road, Suite 230, Raleigh. Covers the basics of the IEP process and how to prepare and advocate for school age children on the spectrum. Registration is required. Childcare is not provided. Contact Lisa Townsend at (919) 743-0204, ext. 36 [Ltowsend@autismsociety-nc.org](mailto:Ltowsend@autismsociety-nc.org)

## **Family Support Network**

**March 10th, 2009, 7pm, *Goodbye Early Intervention Services: Hello Preschool.*** Co-sponsored by Wake SEPTA and Triangle Downs Syndrome Network. Presenters from the Raleigh CDSA, Wake County Preschool Services and a parent who has navigated the road to preschool and survived! Everything you need to know about transition will be presented.

## **Raleigh Parks and Recreation**

### **Camp Friendly Open House**

February 28th, 2009 10am—1pm. Durant Nature Park (in the Training Lodge), 8305 Durant Road, Raleigh. Contact Jennifer Tabery at (919) 807-5402 or [Jennifer.tabery@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Jennifer.tabery@ci.raleigh.nc.us).

## **Special Education Advisory Council Meetings**

**March 5th, 2009, 7pm.** Special Education Open House. Come and learn about various classroom types and service delivery models available in Wake County Schools. Location: Broughton High School.

## **Triangle Downs Syndrome Network**

### **Feeding and Oral-Motor/Speech Development Seminar.**

February 21, 2009, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, 4415 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Raleigh. TDSN Parent Support Meeting. Presented by Joan Dietrich-Comrie of Carolina Pediatric Dysphagia. Contact Leigh Menconi at (919) 788-3646 or [leigh@triangledownsyndrome.org](mailto:leigh@triangledownsyndrome.org)