

Lake Washington School District PTSA Special Needs Group

The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Special Needs Group is made up of parents in the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) whose children receive special services and/or classroom support. The group meets every month of the school year except December and June. Anyone is invited to attend these informative meetings which provide opportunities to:

- Hear presentations relevant to the needs of special needs families and children in LWSD
- Learn about resources in the community
- Network with other parents
- Keep updated on district and PTSA issues that affect our children

Meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of the month in the LWSD Resource Center from 7-8:30 PM. For more specific information, go to the Special Needs Parent Groups page of the district web site special education pages: <http://www.lwsd.org/Parents/Special-Education/Pages/Parent-Groups.aspx>

To get on the email distribution list for the Special Needs Group and receive meeting and resource information, contact Chairperson, Beth Angelo 4bangelo3@verizon.net

Our **LWSD Web site** has some great information on Special Education resources, both in the district, locally and nationally. On these pages you will also find a link to our newly created "Special Education Guide" which contains tips on how to participate in and prepare for your child's program, what to do if you have a concern about your child's program as well as special education terms. You can go to:
<http://www.lwsd.org/Parents/Special-Education/Pages/default.aspx>

PTSA Special Needs Group Liaisons

Each campus in LWSD has at least one PTSA Special Needs Liaison. The liaison(s) keeps the families of that school informed of the PTSA Special Needs Group's upcoming monthly meetings and district updates on issues affecting families who have special needs children. The liaison(s) can often answer a family's questions regarding special education at their school.

For the 2009-2010 school year the **Northstar** liaison is:
Matt Newbold: mnewbold@lwsd.org

**PTSA Special Needs Group meeting schedule
or the 2009 - 2010 school year**

LWSD Resource Building
16250 NE 74th St, Redmond WA 98052
7-8:30 PM

September 22nd : Update from LWSD Special Ed Director, Paul Vine
Oct. 27th Food and Behavior- how it can impact learning for special needs kids
Nov. 24th Parent/Teacher Panel- get tips/strategies for school, life success
Jan. 26th Nurtured Heart Consultant- learn new positive behavior supports
Feb. 23rd Recreational Resource Options Fair- get ready for summer programs
March 23rd TBA
April 27th Autism, Aspergers, ADHD Options Fair
May 25th Family Resilience/Sibling Supports

You may check the LWHS Website via the district portal for a schedule of meetings in the area hosted by educational and health professionals on a variety of relevant topics for families with students on an IEP.