

# Greater Lewisville Special Education PTSA

News for January and February 2010



Join SEPTSA today! Memberships are now available ONLINE! See our website or call Amy Turner at (469)293-6343. Cost is \$6 for Educators and \$9 for all other Members.



## Special Needs Bounce Hour

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month Boomerangs will open at 11:00a.m. (one hour early) to special needs families so parents can jump with their children. Admission will be half-price. Siblings are welcome. Parents are free. Boomerangs is located at 2301 Cross Timbers in Flower Mound. For more information, please call (469)549-4400 or see the website at [www.boomerangspartyandplay.com](http://www.boomerangspartyandplay.com)



## The LISD Special Education Department presents FOCUS: Families Of Children with Pervasive Developmental Disorders United and Supported

FOCUS is for families of children who are diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Parents attend an informative lecture series while your child is provided with social skills training. Childcare for Siblings and Social Skills Groups are open only to Lewisville ISD residents whose children have been identified through Special Education under the category of Autism.

January 14, 6:30pm - 8:30pm.  
*Communication Strategies*  
presented by Carin Thompson and Plenty Duderstadt at Parkway Elementary

February 18, 6:30pm - 8:30pm.  
*Parent Panel on Family Dynamics*  
(open discussion with parents who have children with PDD) at Donald Elementary

Reservation is required  
by the preceding Tuesday @4p.m.  
469-713-5199

## The LISD Special Ed PTSA proudly presents: Microboards: An Overview By Jennifer Mathews from the Arc of Texas

A Microboard is formed when a small group of committed Family and friends join together with a person who has a disability to create a nonprofit organization. This group develops a person-centered plan called a PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope) to address the individual's support needs. This PATH - the goals and dreams of the person who has a disability - becomes the Microboard's mission. The biggest benefit of a Microboard is that the individual who has a disability has control over his or her own life with supports from a nonprofit organization run by those who know and care about them most.

Thursday January 21, 2010

Refreshments and social time begin at 6:00 pm, short PTSA General Meeting and Presentation to follow

Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church, Room 215  
6101 Morriss Rd, Flower Mound, TX 75028  
(next to Marcus High School)

Childcare is available by reservation online from January 11<sup>th</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup>. See our website or call Heather Brogan-Myers at (972) 899-2939

Please RSVP for this event on Big Tent or by contacting: Kerri Evanson [kevanson@grandecom.net](mailto:kevanson@grandecom.net) or 972-899-3915

## Lunch & Learn

with Cheryl Klager from the DARS Carrollton office

DARS is a Federal Mandated but State executed plan to assist those with disabilities in job placement. Ms. Klager will be presenting the variety of services DARS offers including counseling, job coaching, job training, and tools needed for a client's particular disability to help them become employed. Parents with children with disabilities age 10 and up should come and find out what services may be there to assist in the future.

Date: Wed Jan 20, 2010

Time: Presentation will be from Noon to 1PM followed by 30 minutes of open discussion & questions.

Location: Special Services Building, 400 West Main Street in Lewisville (West Entrance)

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