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Coming Events:

Oct.1: Wills & Estate Planning
1-3pm N.J. Bar Association
Call 1-800-FreeLaw to register

Oct. 2: SEPTA Executive Board
meeting 7-9pm S.R. Elem. Library

Oct. 8: No School

Oct. 12: Rutgers Seminar-
"Building the Brainware: Education
Children for Sound Character,
Nonviolence, Emotional
Intelligence & Academic
Performance in Safe, Caring
Schools" 9- 4:30pm
Call (732) 445-7795 ext.36 to register

Oct. 17: Rutgers Seminar-
"Functional Assessment of
Challenging Behaviors: An Effective
Approach to Intervention" 9 – 3pm
Call (732) 445-7795 ext.36 to register

Oct. 18: Board of Education
Pre-meeting 7pm Admin. Office

Oct. 19: No School – Teacher
inservice.

Oct. 20: SEPTA / SPAN
workshop at the S.R. Public Library
10:30 – 2:30 pm
"Developing an IEP for Academic
Achievement and the Least
Restrictive Environment"

Oct. 22: Board of Education
Meeting 7pm S.R. H.S. Library

Oct. 24: Special Education Law
7- 9pm NJ Bar Association
Call 1-800- Free Law.

Oct. 31: Happy Halloween!

SEPTA/ SPAN Free Workshops:

The Special Education PTA of South River
and the State Wide Parent Advocacy
Network will be holding 2 free workshops at
the South River Public Library on Saturday,
September 20th from 10:30 –2:30pm.

**10:30 am Workshop 1: "Developing an
IEP for Academic Achievement"** will teach
parents how to help write an IEP for their
child using effective methods and Federal
regulations to emphasize academic
achievement and get the related services your
child may need to succeed.

**A light lunch will be served between
workshops.*

**12:45pm Workshop 2: "The Least
Restrictive Environment"** will discuss
mainstreaming child with various special
needs into the regular education program
with the necessary support systems to insure
academic achievement.

*We ask that you register for either or both
of these workshops so that we may have
enough material to handout to all who
attend. Please register by calling the
SEPTA Information Line at (732) 432-
6747. Please leave your name, telephone
number and the workshop number(s) that
you will be attending or you may email
SEPTA at: septa_srnj@geocities.com*

*The Special Education PTA would like to
wish Ann Morning (Child Study Team 1
Case Manager) a speedy recovery while she
is out on medical leave. We look forward to
your return in mid November of 2001.*

Get well soon!

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Up Coming Seminars:

Rutgers University to Host Two Seminars:

*Oct 12, 2001 from 9 – 4:30 pm at
Rutgers Busch Campus Center*

**“Building the Brainware:
Education Children for Sound
Character, Nonviolence, Emotional
Intelligence, and Academic
Performance in Safe, Caring
Schools- A Workshop for
Educators, Professional School
Counselors, and those Concerned
with Enhancing Character and
Academics.”**

*Focus: Emotional Intelligence/ Social
and Emotional Learning (EQ/SEL).*

*EQ/ESL is the process whereby
children gain the ability to recognize
and manage their emotions, make
responsible decisions, and establish
positive relationships. Fee \$149.00
(includes materials and continental
breakfast)*

*October 17, 2001 from 9- 3pm at the
Rutgers Busch Campus Center*

**“Functional Assessment of
Challenging Behaviors: An Effective
Approach to Intervention”**

*presented by Douglass Developmental
Disabilities Center*

*Focus: Children with autism often
exhibit behaviors which interfere with
learning and disrupt classroom
environments. Functional behavior
assessment presents a model for
understanding these behaviors and
developing effective interventions.*

*Fee: \$100.00 (includes registration
fee, continental breakfast & materials)*

*For more information on either of
these workshops, please call the
Center for Applied Psychology at
(732) 432-7705*

Accommodations and Modifications for Testing Procedures for ESPA, GEPA, and HSPA State Tests

The N.J. Department of Education- Office of
Special Education Programs has listed on the
New Jersey Department of Education web
site (www.state.nj.us/njded) a compiled
listing addressing the
accommodations/modifications that may be
used during the administration of the ESPA,
GEPA, (HSPT11/A) and the Special Review
Assessment. *It should be noted that the
accommodations used should be consistent
with the instructional and assessment used in
the classroom as well as listed in the
student's IEP (Individualized Education
Plan) or 504 Plan.*

Areas addressed in this document include:

***Setting accommodations**

***Scheduling Accommodations**

***Test Material Modifications**

***Test Procedures Accommodations/Modifications
(covering both administration and responses)**

***Other Considerations**

For more information or to view this
document in its entirety listing all the
accommodations /modifications and how
they are applied to these statewide
assessment tests;

please go to

www.state.nj.us/njded/specialed/accom900.html
or call your school's case manager for more
information.

Testing schedule in South River:

HSPT- Oct. 2nd, 3rd, 4th March 5th, 6th, and 7th

ESPA – Oct. 16th and 17th April 29th and 30th

May 1st, 2nd, 3rd

GEPA- March 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th,

**Developing an Individualized Education Program
(IEP) For Achievement
and
The Least Restrictive Environment**

Date: Saturday, October 20, 2001

Time: 10:30-12:15 & 12:45-2:30pm * A light lunch will be served
between workshops.

Location: The South River Public Library

55 Appleby Ave., South River, New Jersey

Special Guest Speaker: Penny Dragonetti -SPAN Reg. Dir.

Families are introduced to their role in developing and implementing an effective Individualized Education Program for their child with special needs / learning disabilities. This workshop provides a step-by-step overview of the IEP process, and demonstrates how families can participate as equals in that process. Useful parent tools including Positive Student Profiles and the IEP worksheet are introduced and discussed with parents to maximize their child's potential in academic achievements. Families also learn about the federal requirements for IEPs, and the mandate that they participate as equal partners in the IEP development.

Don't feel intimidated at an IEP meeting again! Come and learn your child's rights and your rights as a parent in helping to form an IEP that will provide and lead your child towards achievement.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HSPT Testing 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Make-up dates: 9 th , 10 th , 11 th ESPA Testing: 16 th and 17 th	1	2 Wills & Estate Planning 1-3pm NJ Bar Foundation Call 1-800-Free Law to register.	3	4 SEPTA- Exec. Board	5 Principal/Pare nt M.S. Round Table 9 am	6
7	8 Columbus Day No School	9 Progress Reports (1-12)	10	11	12 Principal/Parent Elem. School Round Table 9am Rutgers Seminar 9 - 4:30pm	13 SAT Test 7:30am- 12 noon
14	15	16	17 Rutgers's "Functional Assessment of Challenging Behaviors" 9-3pm Call (732) 445-7795 Ext 36	18 Pre Board Meeting 7pm Administratio n Office	19 Teacher Inservice Day No School	20 SPAN / SEPTA Workshop 10:30-2:30pm S.R. Public Library "Developing an IEP and the LRE"
21	22 Board of Education Meeting 7pm H.S. Library	23	24 Special Education Law 7-9pm NJ Bar Foundation Call	25	26	27
28 Daylight- Savings Time Ends *Put clocks back an hour	29	30	31 Happy Hallowee			

SEPTA Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

7-9pm South River Cafetorium

**"Parent's Role in Self-Assessment,
Monitoring, and the Corrective Action Plan"**

*Find out how to help your local school
district get in compliance with special
education regulations.*

NJ Bar Foundation Seminars:

*The NJ State Bar Foundation offers free
law related seminars to the public.*

**Seminars are held at the
New Jersey Law Center
off Ryders Lane in New
Brunswick. Advanced**

Rutgers Seminars: For
more information on
seminars held at Rutgers'
Busch Campus Center, please
call (732) 445-7795 ext. 36.

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