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Coming Events:

- October 2:** SEPTA Exec Board Meeting Elementary School Library 7-9 pm
- October 17:** Board of Ed. Pre-Meeting Board Confrence Rm. 7 pm
- October 21:** Board of Ed. Meeting High School Library 7 pm.
- October 22:** Family Support Center, Awareness Day. The Pines Manor Edison 8 am – 4 pm
- October 22:** SEPTA workshop: *How to Improve Your Child's IEP, Using Practical Tips Learned by Other Parents* South River Public Library 7 –9 pm.
- October 29:** New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education workshop *Making a Difference: Preparing for Public Advocacy* East Brunswick Public Library 10 am - 2 pm
- November 13:** SEPTA Exec Board Meeting Elementary School Library 7-9 pm
- November 14:** New Jersey Bar Foundation Seminar on 'Special Education Law' 7-9 pm

F **or** **Y** **our** **I** **nformation**

Kidstuff Coupon Books

SEPTA would like to thank everyone who purchased a book. We still have some *Kidstuff* Coupon Books for sale. There are coupons for over 190 local and national merchants. To Order one call (732) 651 – 7157.

Parents Coffee

A support group for parents and guardians of special education students is sponsoring a morning coffee on November 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Future coffees are set to take place once a month during the school year. This informal group meets monthly. For more information and meeting locations call Vivian Paulus (732) 297-4028

V-Tech Scholarships

VTech is sponsoring the VTech XLence Awards. It's easy to nominate a child, just write a 50 to 100 word essay telling them how a child you know excels. It is open to kids ages 5 to 11 years old. For more details contact SEPTA or go online at www.vtechkids.com

The Special Education PTA
of South River

Would like to thank the following local business for their recent donations:

Laffin Chevrolet
Of South River

Magnifico's Ice Cream
Of East Brunswick

Thank You!

Special Education PTA of South River Workshop

How to Improve Your Child's I.E.P.

Using Practical Tips Learned by
Other Parents

October 22, 2002

7-9 pm at the So.River Public Library 55
Appleby St., So.River

Learn practical tips and tools other parents have
used to help improve their child's individual
education plans.

For more information visit our web site:
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SEPTA MEMBERSHIP

SEPTA needs your support to continue to provide you and your children with the programs, speakers, and activities you currently receive. Your support has allowed us to provide a Scholarship to a South River graduating Senior, a Music appreciation class to the Pre-School Handicapped class and speakers for parents and teacher.

Please Mail the below membership form to:
SEPTA of South River
81 Johnson Place
South River, NJ 08882

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Membership Application

2002 – 2003

Name	_____	Membership Type	
Address	_____	Parent	_____
	_____	Faculty/Staff	_____
	_____	Other	_____
Phone	_____		
E-Mail	_____		
# of memberships	_____ X \$4.00		
One year MAILED subscription to the South River Advocate \$4.00 (S&H)			_____
Faculty/Staff NOTE: The South River Advocate is distributed FREE via <i>backpack express</i> , email and our website			
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New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education

Making a Difference: Preparing for Public Advocacy

Workshop presented by Diana Autin, SPAN, NJCIE

Parents and professionals can work together to change the policies and practices that encourage exclusion – rather than inclusion. This training will provide the information and tools you need to be an effective grassroots public advocate for inclusive schools. Helpful hints on how to work with others to prepare a public policy “action plan” will be addressed. This workshop will also strengthen your ability to participate in the current debate about reauthorization of IDEA, the federal special education law. Don’t sit on the sidelines – be a part of the action!

Tuesday, October 29, 2002, 10 am to 2 pm, East Brunswick public Library

No charge, but you MUST register. Call NJCIE at 732 – 613- 0400

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In Order to serve you better please take a moment to fill out this questionnaire:

Dou you have a Special Needs Child/Children Yes ____ No ____.

If so what are their ages

Do you have access to E-mail Yes ____ No ____.

Would you like information sent to you via E-mail Yes ____ No ____.

Do you have access to the World Wide Web?
(Free access is available at most public libraries
including South River Public Library

Yes ____ No ____.

Would you be interested in information distributed over the Web? Yes ____ No ____.

What topic or subject would be of interest to you?

How can SEPTA help you and your child?

Would you be interested in being on one of these committees?

Fundraising	_____	Refreshments	_____
Membership	_____	Special Events	_____
Speakers	_____	Legislative	_____
Other	_____		