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mark your calendar!

November 12, 2006

Have a Fun Time and Support SEPTA!

SEPTA has the privilege and honor this year to be chosen as **The Metuchen -Edison Women's Club's** benefiting charity to their

34th Annual Charity & Holiday Tricky Tray to be held on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006

at the Heritage at Clara Barton in Edison, New Jersey.

They have been working tirelessly in soliciting vendors to donating to this event and have truly outdone themselves this year!

Already over 80 area merchants and main retail stores have donated generously to this event which will benefit your children by supplying SEPTA will funding to expand our services and programs to your children!

All proceeds form this event will go directly to SEPTA!

Please purchase a ticket and attend this event to help show our gratitude to this wonderful group of ladies who have invested an interest to help SEPTA by provide funding for events and services that will directly go to your children!

Please order your ticket today using the flyer insert in this newsletter. There will be 50/50 raffles, door prizes, baskets of "cheer" and plenty of laughter and good times to be had by all!

If you can not attend this event, consider purchasing a "ghost-seat" to this event. Your purchase is tax deductible.

Thank you for your support!

The Advocate

The Advocate is the free public newsletter of the Special Education PTA of South River.

Published monthly from August to June of each year by the Executive Board Members of the SEPTA - this newsletter is mailed directly to families of classified students of the South River Public School District from the Office of Special Education. Additional copies are available at the South River Public Library. Past editions of the Advocate can be downloaded from our website. Interested individuals may sign up for our electronic newsletter and a listing of other newsletters related to special education issues by visiting our website at:

www.specialeducationpta.org

Questions related to the Special Education PTA as an organization, the services we provide, and our calendar of events can be answered by telephone at: (732) 651-7157 or by email at info@specialeducationpta.org

If you would like to submit letters or articles, post information or contribute pictures to be included in future editions of the Advocate please contact our newsletter by email at: SRPTAAvocate@verizon.net

NEWS FROM THE WEB:

LD Online

<http://www.ldonline.org>

LD online yellow pages

Find a Professional
Click here to find psychologists, educational consultants, tutors, reading specialists, and other professionals who can help you.
[Search Now >>](#)

Find a Product
Look here to find companies that offer books, software, and other products.
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Find a School, Camp, or Learning Center
Search here for schools, summer camps, learning centers, and other places.
[Search Now >>](#)

Resources for Professionals
This section is for teachers, tutors, and other professionals. Here you'll find classes, conferences, instructional materials, and much more.
[Search Now >>](#)

Welcome!
This nationwide directory makes it easy to find what you need to help children or adults with learning disabilities or ADHD. To start, just click on one of the "search now" links on the left.

Advice for Parents
Here's a good checklist of things you should know before choosing a professional to help you or your child.
[More >>](#)

How to Advertise
Reach more than 250,000 parents and professionals each month! Click here to learn how to include your ad.
[More >>](#)

This truly amazing website is an absolute must for parents of a LD or classified child!

With easily accessible web pages

Information is just a key stroke away!

Use their online yellow pages to get information on:

- Finding a professional to assist you or your child.
- Finding a product (book/software or other) to help your child
- Find a School, Camp or Learning Center
- Advise for Parents and Professionals

Visit & add this website to your favorites today!

<http://www.ldonline.org/yellowpages/?ref=/xarbb/forum/1?startnum=801>

LD In Depth

<http://www.ldonline.org/indepth/iep>

IEPs

Each public school child who receives special education and related services must have an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The IEP creates an opportunity for teachers, parents, school administrators, related services personnel, and students (when appropriate) to work together to improve educational results for children

Top articles

- [Developing Your Child's IEP](#)
- [How Parents Can Be Advocates for Their Children](#)
- [Your Child's IEP: Practical and Legal Guidance for Parents](#)

Questions + answers

- [What should I do if my child has an IEP but is not making any progress?](#)

Related areas

- [Legal Issues](#)
- [Accommodations / Section 504](#)
- [Legal Briefs from Matt Cohen](#)
- [Special Education & IDEA](#)

Recommended books

- [A Guide to Collaboration for IEP Teams](#)
- [A Parent's Guide to Special Education](#)
- [The Complete IEP Guide: How to Advocate for Your Special Ed Child](#)

In the forums

Discuss this topic with other parents and educators!
[Visit our online forums](#)

Recommended links

- [Wrightslaw](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education Guide to the IEP](#)

SEPTA Membership Form

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 for an annual scholarship to a graduating Senior of the South River School District, the SEPTA Holiday Party, an annual donation of books, computer programs and magazines to the SEPTA Resource Library in the South River Public Library, recreational programs for special needs children and a variety of speakers for the parents and teachers of our community.

Please help us to continue our commitment to the special needs children and their families.

Please mail the below membership form to:

SEPTA of South River

81 Johnson Place, South River, N.J. 08882

Please cut on dotted line and return lower half to SEPTA

SEPTA Membership Application 2006-2007

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

of memberships _____ x \$6.00 each

Membership Total : _____

Tax Deductible Donation: _____

Grand Total: _____

Would you like information sent to you via email on upcoming events/workshops?

Yes ___ No ___ Email: _____

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

*Fundraising _____

*Refreshments / Baking for meetings _____

*Membership _____

*Special Events / Holiday Party _____

*Speakers/Meeting Topics _____

*Resource Library _____

*Scholarship _____

*Teacher Representative _____

* Other / Where I am need most _____

SEPTA Fundraisers

SEPTA will be running the following fundraisers this year.

Please mark your calendars and look for information coming home with your children.

South River Community Cookbook Sales: Cook books will cost \$10.00 each

A flyer will be issued once a month from September to January requesting recipe submissions from parents of students. Submissions /orders should be turned into the SEPTA mailbox in each respective school. Deadline for submitting recipes or ordering a cook book will be Monday, Jan. 8, 2007. Orders will arrive the week of April 23. 3007

Kidstuff Discount Coupon Books: Books will cost \$25.00 each

These 400 page great discount coupon books are filled with hundreds of coupons good for discounts at main stores (such as Toys R Us, Circuit City, Foot Locker... just to name a few), Theme Parks and family activity centers (in and around the entire state of New Jersey and Pennsylvania) and fast food & restaurants in our area. This book virtually pays for itself if you use only 2-3 coupons!

Look for a order form flyer to be distributed the week of November 15, 2006. Orders should be returned by Friday, Dec. 1, 2006. You will receive your book the week of Dec. 4, 2006. They make great gifts for that hard to shop for person on your holiday list.... Babysitter, bus drivers, or family friend.

At this time we would like to thank all who have supported SEPTA through membership, purchasing our fundraisers, making tax deductible donations to our organization or just coming to the meetings and events we hold through out the year!

SEPTA's soul purpose is to provide information, support and resources to special needs children and their parents.

We understand that having a child with a disability is not an easy thing. Learning, support and mentoring are an ongoing process for our children and also their parents as we continue on our daily journeys. Having a child with a disability can be one on the most frustrating and yet ultimately one of the most rewarding experiences a parent can face. As parents, we tend to learn to appreciate the little things in life as we cherish each struggle and celebrate the fierce drive to achieve/ master our children possess. Our children bravely face each day and rarely do they not have a happy outlook about themselves or their lives.

That is one on their greatest gifts to those whose lives they touch...

Thank you for your continuing support!

SEPTA

would like to thank the following local businesses for their generous donations to our organization's programs and services:

South River Automotive Repair LLC

178 Hillside Ave.
South River, NJ
732-651-8000

Colonial Diner

560 State Hwy 18N
East Brunswick, NJ
732-254 -4858

Rafano & Wood

A Professional Law Corporation
129 Main St.
South River, N.J.

Shop Rite Supermarkets

Corporate Offices

Golden East Garden

Chinese Restaurant

50 Prospect St.
Mid-State Mall

East Brunswick, NJ

732-257-3737

Matecki's Service Center

91 A Jackson St.
South River, N.J.

732-254-9500

Disability Services

& Advocacy, LLC

www.dsausa.net

****We thank you for your support !***

Can you spare a few minutes a month?

Would you like to help us plan our Holiday Party or Spring 2007 Event?

We are actively looking for anyone who would be willing to help plan or just help out with either of these events....

Please contact SEPTA at: (732)651-7157 or
email us at: SRPTAAadvocate@verizon.net

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Advocate for the Chances for
All Children to Learn to Soar"***

*The SEPTA of South River was founded by a group of parents who
wished to promote the education and advocacy rights of the special needs
children of their community..*

By providing parents with the tools and effective advocacy skills ~

We endeavor to keep this goal a reality so that

***Every Child Will Fulfill Their Dreams
and Learn to Soar.***

Interested in
obtaining a copy of the
**SEPTA of
South River's
S. E. Resource CD-
Rom?**

Contact SEPTA
at (732) 651-7157

Or Email us at:
info@specialeducationpta.org
Cost: \$7.50

Help Wanted:

Would you like to help with our
Newsletter, or Website?

Have you come across an
interesting book, article or
website that deals with
education, special ed., or
parenting that you'd like to
share with others? Write a
short summary and we'll love
to put it in our newsletter and
web page. Email it to:

SRPTAAadvocate@verizon.net

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October:

Oct. 4

SEPTA Meeting
**So. River Public
Library 55 Appleby Ave.**

Parent Forum
6:30pm-7pm
Meeting Starts 7pm

****Register by Oct.1, 2006 to
receive a free copy of:***

- *SEPTA Resource CD-Rom*
- *SEPTA Parent Resource Guide*
- *Supplies & instructions for setting
up and maintaining your child's
educational folder at home.*

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Anyone wishing to help
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Nov. 12:

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& Have a Fun
Afternoon!**

Purchase your tickets for
The Metuchen -Edison
34th Annual Charity
Action & Holiday
Tricky Tray on
Sunday, Nov. 12
12:30pm

All proceeds will benefit
SEPTA of South River !

Tickets are \$5.00 each

*Over 85 prominent
vendors have contributed
items to make this event
extra special this year!
Don't miss out on the fun!