

PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023



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We hope you and your family had a wonderful and relaxing break. By now students should be back into the swing of things. As the winter months wind down, we will be entering a season we affectionately call "IEP Season". If your student's IEP will be coming up in the next few months, we are ready to help you through the process of preparing for the meeting, reviewing progress reports and gathering your questions to send to the team.

If you would like our help or would like us to attend the meeting with you, please reach out. We look forward to hearing from you!



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PRESCHOOL

Magnetic Letter Fun!
Do you have magnetic letters all over your fridge? HERE are some fun, easy activities to use them to build your child's early reading skills!





ELEMENTARY

Skills? These are skills used every day to learn, play and socialize. Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more about executive functioning skills and use the chart to see how executive functioning skills develop by age

HIGH SCHOOL

Transition (14+)

S.A.L.T. - School to Adult Life Transition Series 2023

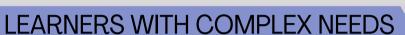
This series was developed for families of children with disabilities to help navigate the transition from school to adult life. While this series is serving those who reside in another region in Ohio, the majority of information is applicable to all of us with "transition aged" students.

Sessions are held via Zoom each Tuesday from 6:00pm -7:30pm and cover a variety of topics (i.e. money management, Guardianship, employment and social security). Click <u>HERE</u> for more info and to register.



READING

Do you have a struggling reader at your house? You can help by taking an active role in their reading development. <u>HERE</u> is a helpful article but be sure to share your concerns with your student's teacher.



Helping Your Child with the Foundations of Communication at Home. Click <u>HERE</u> to find out more!







TIP CORNER

Finding Therapies

Do you need help navigating resources for your child? Register for a 30-minute time slot to meet with a Connecting For Kids staff member to help you get started. Timeslots are available during the month of January by phone, Zoom or Facebook Messenger. Use the <u>link</u> to register.

RESOURCES/EVENTS

Pop Up Game Night

Looking for community? On Tuesday, January 24 Bay Presbyterian is offering a Pop-Up Game Night! Drop in anytime between 5:00-8:00pm. There's no fee and no registration. Bring your family, invite a friend, and be ready to have fun in a supportive and noncompetitive environment. Learn something new or play the familiar; there will be dozens of board games and card games. This event is open to all, especially teens and adults affected by disability. Your hosts are the special needs ministry at Bay Pres and I'm Possible Games. Questions? Contact Beth at bgolik@baypres.org or 440.871.3822 x181.

