



PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM

For those students on IEPs, you may soon be receiving your student’s progress report on their IEP goals. With your busy schedule, you may be tempted to toss in the pile (we all have one!) to look at later but we would like to encourage you to grab a cup of coffee, your student’s current IEP and that progress report and see how things are going. Is your student making progress on their goals? Does something need to be tweaked? Do you have questions for your student’s IEP team? It is always a good time to evaluate progress! Do you need help? Reach out to your district’s Parent Mentor!

Once again the Parent Mentor group is co-sponsoring a program discussing the documents families should have readily available in their communication binder. Join us at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the Avon Lake Public Library. Free childcare is available. To register, click [HERE!](#)



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PRESCHOOL

Let's chat!

Is your home literacy friendly?
Find out by clicking [HERE](#) to
read the article!



ELEMENTARY



The weather has been amazing but we all know cold and flu season is right around the corner. If you are struggling teaching handwashing skills to your child because of sensory processing, fine motor or cognitive delays, click [HERE](#) for a GREAT article that even includes FREE handwashing sequence cards!

HIGH SCHOOL

Transition (14+)

Transition is a process - that's why it starts at age 14 in Ohio. It is never too early to start working on the skills students need once they are done with school. Watch these short videos by "I'm Determined" - Click [HERE](#) for the videos!



READING

There are many reasons why reading can be hard. "Target the Problem!" describes the five components of reading and difficulties that kids experience within each area.

Check it out [HERE](#)!



LEARNERS WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

Helping Your Child with the Foundations of Communication at Home.

Click [HERE](#) to find out more!



TIP CORNER

Understanding the Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance statement (PLAAFP)

A student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) team expects special education services to help the student meet their unique needs and prepare him or her for further education, employment, and independent living.

As a foundation for higher achievement and IEP goals, the IEP team will identify:

- The child's current levels of learning or performance
- The effect or impact of the child's disability on learning

This process can be compared to planning a trip to another city: You need to know where you are beginning as well as what may make your trip more challenging. The team will see where your child is beginning and how the disability impacts learning. For more information, click [HERE](#).

RESOURCES/EVENTS

Special Education Legal Clinic

The Special Education Legal Clinic offers parents and guardians an opportunity to meet with a special education advocate or attorney in an open and welcoming environment to ask questions and discuss specific challenges related to education. Clinic staff members and volunteers will help guide parents and guardians through the special education process and provide resources to request and secure special education services. Check out the link for all the dates and topics!

The Clinic includes a group workshop followed by a Q&A panel from special education professionals. Attendees may participate in-person or virtually. Free 30-minute individual guidance sessions with attorneys are available for scheduling as well.

For more information, please click [HERE](#).

Study Participation Opportunity!

We are seeking children/adolescents/young adults (12-21 years old) with intellectual disability who are willing to participate in the research and complete a newly developed short rating form about behavioral health and give their feedback about the rating form.

For more information, please click [HERE](#) or contact Minje Kim at kim.6887@osu.edu



BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC

Saturday, November 12th, 2pm - 3:30pm

Join players from Open Door Christian Academy's varsity basketball team for a day of basketball skills and competitions. All players will receive an event t-shirt and can stay after for a pizza party.

Participation is free but pre-registration is required.

Open Door Christian Academy
8287 W Ridge Rd, Elyria, OH 44035



MurrayRidgeCenter



Lorain County, we're coming for you! We'll be at Open Door Christian Academy in Elyria for a 1-day basketball skills clinic from 2-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12. Participants can put their skills on display for a chance to win prizes. No one goes home empty-handed as we'll have t-shirts and pizza for all guests. Participation is FREE, but pre-registration by 11/9 is required.

Click [HERE](#) for registration!

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

We welcome you to Join Special Girl Scout Troop 50338

Requirements:

- *Must be a Lorain County Resident
- *Must be in K-6th Grade
- * Must have parent and/or aide participation at every meeting
- * And Most importantly wants to have fun!

Meetings will be held one Friday every month from 5:30 PM-6:30 PM in Lagrange

Troop 50338 is a group of special needs Girl Scouts of all ages and abilities that want to participate and be part of the Girl Scout Community. All meetings and activities will be adapted to meet everyone's needs!

We look forward to meeting all of our new Girl Scouts! Any questions feel free to reach out to Jill Wallace 440-371-5825 or Katie Cieslak 440-315-6267. We will help you sign up and invite you to our facebook group!

First Meeting
November 11th in
Lagrange!

SPECIAL GIRL SCOUT TROOP 50338

- *You have to be a special needs girl
- *You have to live in Lorain county
- *Grades K-6
- *Troop will meet once a month on a Friday in LaGrange from 530-630 p.m. (may increase to two times a month)
- *Geared toward each girl's ability

If you are interested please contact Jill at (440) 371-5825 or co- leader Katie Cieslak at (440) 315-6267.

SPECTRUM PRESENTS DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY

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ITS FIRST ANNUAL DISABILITY
AWARENESS DAY

Seek First to Understand

Thursday, November 17th, 2022
5:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Spectrum Gym
(located next to Spectrum School)
300 Broadway Ave, Lorain OH 44052

ALSO INCLUDES:

Events:

5:30 PM Student Readings:
Spectrum students will read poems, and/or research on varying disabilities

6:30 PM Guest Speaker: Dr. Cheryl Chase
Topic: Executive Functioning: what is it, why is it important, and how can I help
<https://www.chasingyourpotential.com>

7:00 PM Round Table Panel Discussion:
Q&A Session with students, adults and parents with disabilities

- **Informational Tables:** from Disability Organizations across the county
- **Disability Simulation Activities:** Spectrum students will lead activities which will help others understand what it is like to have a disability
- **Student Products for Sale:** Students will sell their products and artwork
- **Meet the Author:** Scott Starcher
- **Bake Sale**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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VIRTUAL EVENT THURS., NOV. 10 @ 6:30 P.M. [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS!](#)



Do you want strategies to motivate your child towards positive behavior? Do you wish you had a kit filled with proactive "tools" you could use to get ahead of meltdowns before they start? Join us to learn how to use the tools in our Behavior Toolkit to help your child manage emotions. Each attendee will receive a free Behavior Toolkit. The content in this program is geared toward caregivers of children ages 18 months - 6 years (with or without developmental concerns). At each session, Ochanya McRoberts-Wells, MEd, of Connecting for Kids, will discuss the theme of the month and answer your questions on a variety of topics, which can be asked during the program or submitted upon registration.