

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



Special Services

NEWSLETTER — March, 2023

Happy Almost Spring!! Seems like it has been a long winter.

As we move into Spring and the last three months of the school year, thought I would send you a link to the Special Services School Board Report that will be delivered on Tuesday, March 14th. We have been expanding our inclusionary practices throughout the district and feel really proud of the accomplishments we have made. Next year we will have three schools offering inclusive preschool for a total of 6 preschool sessions. Further, each secondary school will begin or continue a co-teaching model so that students will have more access to general education curriculum and peers. Finally, we have expanded our Transition program to include a classroom at the Carl Gibson Center in partnership with the Volunteers of America and the City of Everett. I have included some of these initiatives in the PowerPoint.

Here is the link to the PowerPoint presentation.

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I hope when I write the April newsletter it will be a bit more sunny!!

~ *Kelley*

Family Partnerships

This year marks the 5th Annual Silver Firs Preschool Parent Connections Night! On January 26th, about 13 families came to get to know one another, meet the other students in their child's class, and develop a support system for one another. Classroom paraeducators provided childcare while families learned more about the program and one another. Great job to Silver Firs Preschool for committing to building family partnerships and relationships that better the lives and education of all our students!



Snohomish County Developmental Disabilities Transition Resource Fair Middle School, High School, Transition and Beyond

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at Cascade High School from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm
(801 East Casino Road, Everett, WA 98203)

This is a free, community event that welcomes individuals with developmental disabilities (ages 12 and older), their families, caregivers, teachers, employees, and other interested community members.

The event will host community agencies and a variety of free workshops that will provide information on services, community connection and access to the people and tools available to help everyone pursue their employment and career goals.

The Fair is held as an opportunity for those with an intellectual and developmental disability, families and community members to access, and become educated on, resources that will support each individual to pursue their employment/career goals. The fair includes agencies/resources that promote inclusive communities and create opportunities for individuals to pursue a full life and attain their unique individual goals.

Over 50 agencies will be there to provide information on employment, advocacy, assistive technology, housing, transportation, guardianship, Social Security, leadership opportunities, trusts, and more.

Join us if you can for this empowering evening!

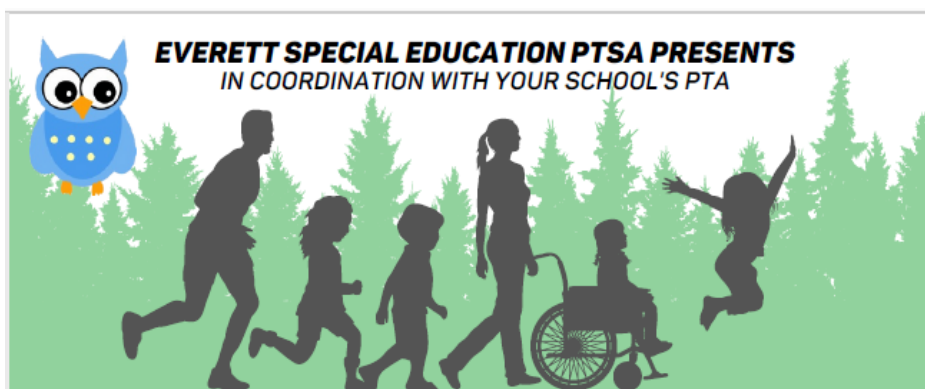


Please join the Everett Special Education

PTSA in their annual fundraiser. The proceeds from this event go to special education classroom grants throughout the district, as

well as supports all our local PTAs and Cascade PTO. This year, our 3rd annual Community Run, Walk & Roll Hybrid 5k is a little different than previous years. This year we would like people to do all but the last 1/2 mile on their own, wherever they can, and at whatever speed. Then join us on **Sunday, March 19th, 2023 anytime between 10am-2pm at Everett Memorial Stadium** to complete your last 2 laps, receive your race medals, have pictures taken, enjoy the food trucks and special guests appearances.

It is sure to be a fun filled day...Rain or Shine!



HYBRID 5K - MARCH 19, 2023

10AM-2PM EVERETT MEMORIAL STADIUM

Anyone can participate!

- COMMUNITY HYBRID RUN SUPPORTING ALL PTA/PTO'S WITHIN EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT.
- 50% OF PROCEEDS GO BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL'S PTA/PTO.
- \$150 PRIZE TO THE SCHOOL WITH THE MOST PARTICIPANTS.
- MULTIPLE LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION.
- SOCIAL EVENT FILLED WITH SURPRISES.



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Special Education PTSA

Everett Special Education PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) is a community of parents, staff and students who work together to enrich the learning environment and provide resources to students and their families through advocacy, information, training for educators and students receiving special education services.

Want to become a member?

<https://mp.gg/eaec8>

Other contact info links:

Website: <http://www.everettptsacouncil.org/esd-special-ed-ptsa.html>

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“I’M PROUD OF...” SHOUT OUT!

All of our staff are working so hard and need to take a second to celebrate the good work happening every day in our classrooms! Parents and Staff, please share with us some good work happening in your classrooms so we can all celebrate together! These highlights will be shared periodically in ongoing newsletters for all of us to enjoy, so please remove names. All staff that submit a **SHOUT OUT** will receive an Amazon Gift Card!

You can send your **SHOUT OUT** to
specialservices@everettsd.org

**Thank you and looking forward
to our collective celebrating!**



TANIA PRYOR!

Jefferson Elementary, Special education teacher

Tania Pryor at Jefferson Elementary School deserves a shout out! Mrs. Pryor shows, shared, and teaches kindness, patience, understanding, and wisdom with all staff, students, and parents at Jefferson.

Mrs. Pryor works diligently with each student to help them succeed. She communicates every step of the way with parents/guardians.

Within a month of my son transferring to Jefferson, he was showing strong improvement. This year, he returned with a passion to succeed. Tania saw that in him, and together with my son’s 3rd grade, speech, and motor teachers set a plan, achieving so many within the first few weeks of school!

I am so proud of my son and grateful to Tania for everything she's done!

This has been a celebratory year for my son. He has done a complete turn around! Mrs. Pryor has given me the tools needed to help my son communicate better and to achieve his goals! Without the teachers and staff at Jefferson, I'm not sure where we would be!

So

**SHOUT OUT TO YOU, TANIA! YOUR AMAZING!
IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO GET SOME CRED-
IT FOR CHANGING STUDENTS LIVES AROUND!!**



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