

Haverhill Public Schools

Special Education Department

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Fall Newsletter

Hello and Happy Thanksgiving! We hope you have settled in and that your school year is going well. This year our goals is to increase communication. One of the ways we plan to get information to you is through our Special Education newsletter. This will be emailed regularly as well as posted on the Haverhill Public Schools website.

Our Special Education Department



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- Pamela MacDonald Compliance Officer
- Kathy Sciacca Principal Bookkeeper
- Sharon Kary Principal Clerk
- Yota Zoumpoulakis Principal Clerk
- Kayla Pellot Special Education Technical Assistance Liaison
- Jessica Collins Parent Liaison
- Heidys Mendez Parent Liaison
- Brittany Hakimi District Behavior Analyst
- Kristen Pistone Principal Clerk



Holiday Toy Drive

The Special Education Department is hosting our first annual toy drive to benefit children within the Haverhill Public Schools. We are collecting new, unwrapped gifts now through Friday, December 16, 2016. We are hosting a fundraising event at Smiths Tavern December 14, 2016 from 6-10pm. A gift presented at the door will earn you 1 drink ticket!! There will be raffles and food. Donations can be dropped off at The Special Education Department, 4 Summer St. from 8-4 daily.



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NEW! Family Resource Center

978-420-1961

parentcenter@haverhill-ps.org

[The Family Resource Center](#) is currently located at 4 Summer St. Rm. 104. We are committed to assisting all families and children in accessing the educational services of the Haverhill Public Schools and other local community resources. The center is available to all families with special education needs and English Language Learners.

The Center is designed to be a central location that can help families access services, make community connections, and better advocate for their children in their schools.

SEPAC

The first [SEPAC](#) meeting of the year took place on September 21, 2016 at 5:30 at the HHS library. The topic of this meeting was a meet and greet with Mr. Riley and Mrs. MacDonald. Andrea Morris from Greater Haverhill ARC and Carole Bisgrove of PPAL came to discuss opportunities for support groups and resources for transition age children.

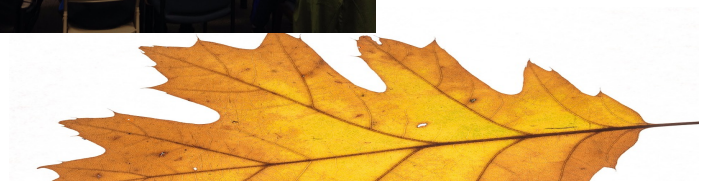
The October 19, 2016 meeting was a big success. The Basic Rights Workshop presented by Debbie Sharp from the FCSN was very informative.

The November workshop was co-hosted with Greater Haverhill ARC. The topic is Social Security Benefits and Employment for Students in Transition from School to Adult life.

SEPAC meetings begin at 5:30pm for general SEPAC business, and time to chat with other parents. The presentation begins at 6:00pm.

HC Media

Middle School and High School students met with Tiffany Begin-Stearns at HC Media in November. They toured the studio and had a chance to take turns filming a TV show. It was a blast!! We are planning more events with Tiffany very soon stay tuned!



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Website

The [Haverhill Public Schools Special Education website](http://www.haverhill-ps.org/sped/) has been updated. The newly updated site includes a [staff tab](#). In this tab you can find names and contact information of staff in the Special Education Department and the Education Team Facilitators (ETF). These include links to the school pages (just click on the school name next to the ETFs picture) and other useful links to allow families to have contact information for any question or concern they may have right at their fingertips.

Resources

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<http://www.haverhill-ps.org/sped/>

The ARC of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport

<http://www.thearcofghn.org/>

Parent/Professional Advocacy League

<http://ppal.net/>

PPAL is offering local support groups for parents of transition age children

NEW HAVERHILL GROUP

A Free Parent Group for Empowering Families through
Transition Planning for Youths & Young Adults – Ages 14 to 26.



Transition Support Groups & Transition Education for Parents of Youths Ages 14 to 26.

Second Wednesday of each month from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Rehoboth Lighthouse Church
409 Washington Street
Haverhill, MA 01832 (light refreshments provided)

Starting Wednesday, September 14.

Fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Haverhill YMCA Children's Learning Center
87 Winter Street
Haverhill, MA 01832 (light refreshments provided)

Starting Tuesday, September 27.

For further information on our Parent group for Transition Age Youths
Contact Carole Bisgrove at 978-891-4097 or CBisgrove@ppal.net.

Please RSVP if possible.

