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Haverhill Special Education Family Newsletter

Winter 2021



What's inside?

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"...the future belongs to young people with an education and the imagination to create."

- Barack Obama



Commonly Used Vocabulary

IEP - Individualized Education Plan

ETF - Educational Team Chair

Liaison - Student's SPED teacher. Writes progress reports and attends IEP meetings.

SEPAC - Special Education Parent Advisory Council

ESY - Extended School Year

TPF - Transition Planning Form

ABA - Applied Behavior Analysis

COVID-19 Parent and Student Resources

<https://www.haverhill-ps.org/covid-19-parent-and-student-resources>

Parent Training

Last Thursday of each month 6:15 PM -7:15 PM

2/25/21 *Deescalating Techniques - How to Respond to Challenging Behaviors. Part 1*

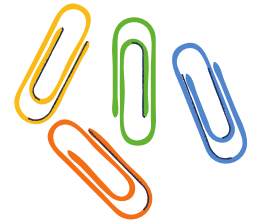
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3/25/21 *Deescalating Techniques - How to Respond to Challenging Behaviors. Part 2*

Google Meet joining info: <https://meet.google.com/aar-zvco-jtv>

4/29/21 *ABA in the Home & Community. Part 1*

5/27/21 *ABA in the Home & Community. Part 2*



First time using Meet? [Learn more](#)

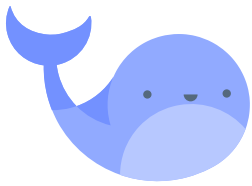


Child Find Notice

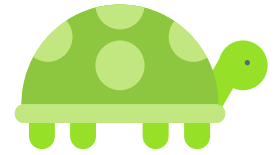
It is the responsibility of the Haverhill Public Schools to identify any child who is a resident of Haverhill, who may have a disability, regardless of the severity of the disability. It is also the responsibility of Haverhill Public Schools to evaluate those students to determine if they are eligible for special education or related services under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) or 603 CMR 28 (Massachusetts Special Education Regulations).

The Haverhill Public School District is committed to identifying children before their third birthday in order to provide early intervention services for three and four-year-olds. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's development and would like to have him/her screened, please call the special education office at (978) 374-3435.

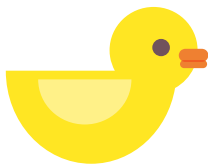
If you suspect that your child, at any age, may need an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services, you may request an evaluation, at no cost, at your neighborhood/district school. Please contact the special education ETF at your child's school for more information about referring your child for an evaluation.



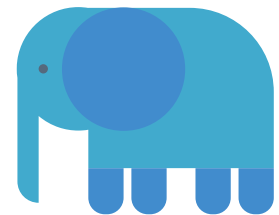
Moody Preschool



The Moody Preschool is an integrated public preschool serving 200+ students ages 3, 4, and 5 who reside in Haverhill, MA. We believe that inclusive education provides all children with the opportunity to learn and gives our students the foundational start they need to be successful in their educational journey. As the start of each child's experience with the Haverhill Public Schools, we believe that kindness and curiosity are fundamental components to our community of learners. Play is an important aspect of each day as we incorporate the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to provide a challenging curriculum that supports the development of each child.



Moody Lottery Info



Moody is currently accepting applications for the first round of the 2021-2022 School Year lottery. If you are interested in being in the lottery for the Moody Preschool, please contact the moody Preschool at 978-347-3459 by Wednesday, February 24th, 2021.

The first lottery will be pulled on Friday, February 26th. Families will be notified the week of March 1st if they have been accepted for the 2021-2022 school year. Feel free to reach out to the Moody Preschool with any questions you may have.

We are looking forward to partnering with you on your child's educational journey!

<https://moody.haverhill-ps.org/>



The 2020-2021 Haverhill Unified Basketball Season March 2021 - April 2021

"Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. In Unified Sports, teams are made up of people of similar age and ability."

REGISTER HERE

<https://haverhill-ar.rschooltoday.com/>

Questions?

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<https://www.facebook.com/pg/HilliesUnifiedBasketball/posts/>

<https://www.specialolympicsma.org/what-we-do/real-sports-experience/unified-sports/>

FAMILY SUPPORTS & RESOURCES



<https://www.haverhillsepac.com/>



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



<https://www.parentcenterhub.org/>



<https://eiplp.org/massachusetts-family-ties/>



<https://fcsn.org/>



Buddy Ball



What is Buddy Ball?

Riverside Bradford's Buddy Ball Division is entering its 5th season and is open to all children and young adults ages 5-21 with varying physical and cognitive disabilities. Each player will be assigned a volunteer "buddy" to help with fielding, hitting, and base running.

Our Goal

Our primary goal is to allow ALL children the opportunity to play as part of a team regardless of their physical or cognitive abilities. Buddy Ball will focus on increasing self-esteem, confidence, and building meaningful relationships in the community.

Season

Buddy Ball will meet once a week for 6 weeks starting in the spring of 2021. Players will have a 30-minute guided warm-up followed by a 45-60 minute non-competitive and highly structured baseball game at one of our Haverhill fields, with possible travel to neighboring towns. Buddy Ball always has been and always will be free of charge, however, we gladly accept donations to keep the program running.

Sign Up!

Please visit rbbaseball.org to register soon or email souza.matthew@gmail.com with any questions!

