

BECOME A VITAL MEMBER OF PLAINEDGE SEPTA!!!

PLAINEDGE SEPTA IS THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA FOR SCHWARTING, JOHN H. WEST, AND EASTPLAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, PLAINEDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND PLAINEDGE HIGH SCHOOL AS WELL ANY STUDENT RECEIVING SERVICES IN OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE ARE FORMED TO BE A RESOURCE FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN.

What is SEPTA?

- SEPTA is a PTA within a school district. SEPTA brings together people who are interested in special education and children with special needs.
- SEPTA supports, strengthens and promotes the welfare of children with special needs.
- SEPTA promotes understanding of special education and strives to enrich the lives of children with special needs.

What are the goals of SEPTA?

- To ensure that all children receive an education that allows them to reach their full potential.
- To bring together parents, families and teachers of children with special needs in order to share experiences.
- To educate parents about special education, including the identification and placement procedures for children with special needs.
- To inform legislators, school boards and community about the importance of special education programs.
- To improve the lives of children by providing cultural, social and physical enrichment.
- To advocate for children with special needs and their right to a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.

Who are SEPTA members?

- Membership is open to all that have an interest in the welfare of children with special needs.
- Parents, family members, teachers, school administrators, students and friends.

How can you support SEPTA?

- Join SEPTA
- Attend meetings
- Participate in programs
- Volunteer your time
- **GET INVOLVED!**

Know your rights

- If you suspect your child has a disability that interferes with learning, you can ask to have your child tested by your school district at no cost to you. You can do this even if your child does not attend public school.
- You can see your child's school records and get a copy of the school records at no cost to you. If your child's school records contain incorrect or misleading information, you can ask to have the information corrected.
- When your child is evaluated for special education, the school must explain the tests your child has been given. If you disagree with the school's evaluation, you can ask for additional testing or an independent evaluation at no cost to you.
- You must be treated as a full and equal member of your child's Planning and Placement Team. You should be included in every decision about your child's special education.
- If you disagree with decisions about your child's special education, you have many rights, including the right to mediation and due process.
- **KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!**

Please fill out the form below and include your check for \$7.00 (individual) or \$11.00 (family) membership, payable to Plainedge SEPTA. Return to your school or at our next meeting. Membership cards will be mailed to you. Please consider making an additional donation of \$1.00 for the Plainedge Scholarship Fund.

PLAINEDGE SEPTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

SCHOOL: _____ TEACHER: _____

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