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We welcome comments, ideas, & suggestions from administrators, teachers, support staff, families, and community members.

For more information about a variety of topics, please visit our Teacher and Parent Educational Lending System (TAPELS), which is stored in the Upper Dublin Special Education office at 1580 Ft. Washington Ave, Maple Glen. Our library contains books, DVDs, VHS tapes, and educational pamphlets. To use TAPELS, please contact Amy Charles at pcaper@comcast.net or call (215) 830-0536.

SPEAC does not endorse any specific product, educational program, therapies, schools, service providers, or practices of any individuals. We are not meant as a replacement for legal or medical advice.

Available Resources

- The ARC of Pennsylvania
www.thearc.org
- Disability Rights Network of PA
(800) 692-7443
- Education Law Center
www.elc-pa.org
- Hoagies Gifted
www.hoagiesgifted.org
- Kids Together
www.kidstogether.org
- PA Assoc. for Gifted Education (PAGE)
www.penngifted.org
- PA Department of Education
(717) 783-6913, www.pde.psu.edu
- PA Education for All Coalition (PEAC)
Parent Consultant Network
(267) 232-0570, www.paedforall.org
- Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania
www.parenttoparent.org
- PA Training & Technical Assistance
(PATTAN) (800) 441-3215
www.pattan.k12.pa.us
- Rights to Education Local Task Force c/o
MCIU (610) 539-8550, www.mcltf23.org
- Special Education Consult Line
(800) 879-2301
- Special Needs Family Resource Center
www.specialfamilies.com
- Wrights Law (special ed. advocate)
www.wrightslaw.com

Our Mission Statement

The Special Education Advisory Council (SPEAC) to the Upper Dublin School District is a non-profit parent organization. We seek to ensure that the needs of special education and gifted students are continuously identified and effectively addressed and that these students are given the opportunity to participate fully in the general education classroom. We provide education, information, support and resources to parents, teachers, school administration, and the community to increase awareness of the needs of these students.



The School District of
Upper Dublin

and

The Special Education
Advisory Council

present

“A CLOSER LOOK AT
SPECIAL EDUCATION”

A series of educational and informative
programs designed for parents and
educators.

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August 2009

Letter to Parents

For any school district to truly embark on a course toward excellence, one thing is certain: expectations must be high for *all* students.

The School District of Upper Dublin – working in concert with SPEAC (the Special Education Advisory Council) – is committed to offering educational programs focused on goals and expectations that are high, while at the same time assuring that the necessary supports are in place to make those goals attainable.

Our Pupil Services Department under the leadership of Neil Evans and Jean Prindle endeavors to work closely with parents to assist and challenge all students in reaching their full potential. For many, if not all students, inclusion offers an opportunity for special needs students to gain access to more rigorous academic content and instruction as well as the opportunity for greater social interactions with peers.

In support of these and other initiatives, SPEAC has been extremely involved in helping to bring to our District quality presentations on areas of interest and importance for all parents and teachers. The programs have addressed a wide range of topics including but not limited to gifted education, technology, reading, and depression and have featured a number of well known speakers including Joe and Lydia Gaskin, Jim Lo-Giudice, Richard Villa, and others.

The success of the School District of Upper Dublin is to a large measure a reflection of the talent and dedication of our faculty and staff and the strong and active involvement of parents. Although we are extremely proud of the quality of our program and our people, we recognize the need to be in a constant state of improvement, and appreciate the role that SPEAC has played and continues to play in helping us to expand and enhance the overall educational experience for all of our students.

Sincerely,

Michael Pladus
Superintendent of Schools

Meeting Dates for 2009-2010 Maple Glen Elementary School Library 7:00 p.m.

September 21, 2009 - The IEP (Individualized Education Plan) and ESY (Extended School Year) Process. **Guest Speakers:** Neil Evans, Director of Pupil Services, and Jean Prindle, Supervisor of Special Education, UDSD.

October 20, 2009 - Upper Dublin School District Technology Fair featuring technology used by Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Reading Specialists, etc..

November 17, 2009 - Transition: College Planning for Students with Disabilities.

December 10, 2009 - Life Stressors: Helping Families Cope. **Guest Speaker:** Christina Carson-Sacco, Psy.D.

January 19, 2010 - Bullying. **Guest Speaker:** Jerry Tanenbaum, Esq.

February 23, 2010 - Topic to be announced.

March 23, 2010 - Autism: Social Skills.

April 20, 2010 - Auditory and Language Processing. **Guest Speaker:** Krista Seitzinger.

May 25, 2010 - Year in Review and a Look Forward. **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Pladus, Superintendent of Schools.

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"I can assure you there is no more powerful advocate for children than a parent armed with information and options..."

Rod Paige

Former U.S. Secretary of Education