

# THREE VILLAGE SEPTA

## Special Education Parent Teacher Association

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September 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians and Faculty,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! We hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to a wonderful year. Three Village SEPTA (Special Education PTA) brings together parents, teachers, administrators and learning specialists from Ward Melville, our High School, our 2 Junior Highs, and our 5 Elementary Schools, along with many others all with a true interest in the special education of children. Together, our mission is to improve and maintain the quality of Special Education for our children throughout our District Programs. Also, to support families of students in "out of district" placements, along with the further education, and future employment opportunities for all the special needs individuals in our community.

The Special Education PTA General Meetings host speakers to provide valuable information to help those navigating special education (resource room, ALC, 504s, speech, OT and PT). Exact speakers and information will be provided on our website. Please update your calendars with the following dates and we'll see you at the meeting!

**SEPTA Meetings will be held at Arrowhead Elementary in the Cafeteria at 7:00 pm:**

**Monday, September 24** (Meet the PPS team, Pathways to Graduation)

**Monday, November 26** (OPWDD Supports and Services including Self-direction)

**Monday, February 25** (Music Therapy - How Can It Help)

**Monday, March 18** (Social Security, Special Needs Trusts, Medicaid and Estate Planning)

**Thursday, May 2** (Budget Presentation, Student Awards)

SEPTA Parent Networking Meetings are informal gatherings of parents sharing information and discussing issues impacting their lives. The meetings are hosted by a SEPTA Board Member and will alternate between day and night time meetings. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24 directly after our General Meeting that evening. The complete Parent Networking Meeting schedule can be found on our website or Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there!

Keep a look out for our fundraisers throughout the year. We are planning an evening Meet and Greet for all parents in October, a sensory movie day in December and a contest to design a T-shirt for World Autism Awareness Day. All of our proceeds from these fundraisers go back to programs or supplies that enhance our children's school experience. SEPTA can only be successful with your support and the support from your friends and family.

**You can find or contact SEPTA at:**

**Website:** [www.threevillagesepa.com](http://www.threevillagesepa.com) provides up-to-date information regarding meetings, scholarships, faculty grants, and community activities.

**E-mail:** [3VillageSEPTA@gmail.com](mailto:3VillageSEPTA@gmail.com) is monitored daily so please contact us with any comments, questions or ideas.

**Facebook** will have the latest information about SEPTA events and community activities (Three Village SEPTA).

Sincerely,

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Helene DeCillis  
Co-President