





Parent Mentor Update

- Whether you are new to an IEP or a 504 plan for your child or a returning parent, your Olentangy Parent Mentors are here to help you navigate the process. Click here for more information.
- Special Education Resource Series (SERS):
 - Functions of Behavior and Strategies
 Used, Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 PM
- Special Needs Parent Virtual Coffee
 Chat: Wednesday, March 15th, 10:30 AM 11:30
 AM & 6:30 PM 7:30 PM
- Follow the Olentangy Parent Mentors on Twitter (@OLSD_ParentMntr) for event reminders and quick community event updates (the page will not

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Olentangy Summer Camp and Activities Expo

March 15th, 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Special Needs Parent Virtual Coffee Chat be closely monitored, so please continue communicating with us via email or phone).

Pupil Services Update

The end of Quarter 3 is Thursday, March 9th. Report Cards and IEP Progress Reports will be available to parents on Friday, March 17th on PowerSchool. For help on accessing your child's **Elementary School Report Card**, **click here**. For help on accessing your child's **Secondary Report Card**, **click here**. For help on accessing your child's **IEP Progress Reports**, **click here**.

Preschool Update

Preschool Intent Forms for Returning IEP Students and Peer Models are due March 10th. The intent survey was sent to parents' email on February 6th.

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Special Education
Resource
Series: Functions of
Behavior and Strategies
Used

The Miracle League New Albany has opened their registration for the 2023 baseball season. Click here for more information and to register your slugger to play ball!



Dublin Summer Program Fair Brochure

The Parent Mentor of Dublin City Schools and the Special Education Advancement Council (SEAC) hosted their 15th Annual Summer Program Fair in February. This Fair is designed for parents of children with special needs. Local agencies and camps shared information on the activities and services that they offer during the summer for children in preschool through postsecondary. Check out this **brochure** from the Summer **Program Fair** for more information.



Executive Function

Check out this graphic from the Center for Psychological and Educational Assessment Atlanta/Marietta for more information about the 8 Key Executive Functions.



Mark Your Calendars

The Autism Society of Central Ohio has some exciting upcoming events. Check out the links for more details and registration information.

- Dance Party for all Ages, March 25th, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
- Autism Open
 Mic, March 12th,
 2:00 5:00 PM
- Coffee Tea
 Autism &
 More, March 12th,
 2:00 4:00 PM
- Sensory Friendly
 Theater
 Performances in
 Central Ohio



Homework Help Ideas

Homework can be a stressful time for families. Check out these resources from **Understood.org** to try to take some of the stress out of homework in your house.

- 9 Reasons Kids
 Don't Finish
 Their Reading
 Homework
- 4 Reasons Kids
 Get Anxious
 About Reading
 and How To Help
- 7 Ways to Help your Gradeschooler Develop Good Study Habits
- Homework
 Battles: What
 Really Matters
- How to Give
 Praise That
 Builds Kids' Self Esteem



Understanding Kids with Autism

The ChildMind Institute has shared resources to help clear up some common sources of misunderstandings around Autism and discuss ways to help kids on the spectrum build communication skills, so they can express their own wants and needs more effectively.

- Do Autism
 Behaviors Have
 Medical Causes?
- Autism and Picky
 Eating
- Why Autism
 Diagnoses are
 Often Delayed
- Why Many
 Autistic Girls Are
 Overlooked
- Sensory
 Processing
 Issues Explained
- Helping Kids
 With Autism
 Build



ADHD

According to the CDC, ADHD is one of the most common neurodevelopmental disorders of childhood. It is usually first diagnosed in childhood and often lasts into adulthood. Children with ADHD may have trouble paying attention, controlling impulsive behaviors (may act without thinking about what the result will be), or be overly active. Here are a few great ADHD resources shared

on Additudemag.com:

- Is ADHD Even Real?
- What is Complex ADHD?
- In the Shadow of a Stereotype: New Facts About ADHD
- ADHD Statistics: New ADD Facts and Research
- 10 Things I Wish the World Knew About ADHD

Communication Skills