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# SEPTA of Oldham County

Special Education Parent Teacher Association for Oldham County Schools

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## Come see what everyone is talking about: THE COMMON CORE STANDARDS

### New English Language Arts & Math Common Core Standards and How They Impact Special Education

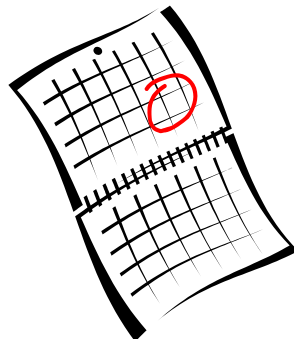
September 13, 2011  
7:00pm – 8:30pm  
The Annex, 1900 Button Lane  
in LaGrange

The Common Core State Standards were designed to improve educational outcomes for students by developing a set of consistent, voluntary, internationally-benchmarked K-12 academic

standards in English Language Arts and Math. This workshop will give a basic overview of the new standards, as well as information on how to navigate conversations with school leaders and teachers.

**NOTE: We have a new meeting location!** Most SEPTA meetings this year will be held at the new Oldham County Administrative Annex building on Button Lane (accessible off Hwy 146 or Hwy 393). We hope this central location is convenient to everyone and will be easy to remember!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR and join us all year!



October 11, 2011—**Special Education Law**

November 8, 2011—**IEP Process Workshop**

December 13, 2011—**Family Fun Night: A Sensory Friendly Holiday Celebration**

January 10, 2012—**Executive Functions: Strategies for Training Your Brain**

February 14, 2012—**Parent to Parent Night Out** (snow date February 28)

March 13, 2012—**Is There an App for That? How to Apply Technology in the IEP**

April 17, 2012—**Planning For Your Dependent with Special Needs: Making Their Future More Secure**

SEPTA of OLDHAM COUNTY  
Bringing Together  
SPECIAL FAMILIES  
Our SCHOOLS  
And The Community

# Everybody Counts



This year, SEPTA plans to promote and support the “Everybody Counts” disability awareness program within our elementary schools. This engaging, hands-on, and age-appropriate awareness program helps students better understand differences, while promoting a culture of common respect and acceptance.

Students learn to recognize how very similar we all are despite our differences. We still need a chairperson for the “Everybody Counts” committee, as well as more volunteers. The prior coordinator will be sharing her materials, experiences and contacts with us this year. Please contact SEPTA’s president, Janet L. Jones, if you would like more information or would like to participate.

## SEPTA Suggestion Box



### A Great Partnership Needs Great Ideas—Share Yours!

What do YOU think? Do you have ideas on how SEPTA could support our OC students, families, PTAs, schools and/or community? Please add to our Suggestion Box whenever you’re inspired, then together we can work to make a difference!



Do you have concerns or comments about SEPTA? Problems shared with us are problems we can address together. Together we can help all students achieve more at school, home and in our community. (We’ll even take a compliment or two!)



Please contact us through the SEPTA website, [SEPTAofOldhamCounty.org](http://SEPTAofOldhamCounty.org), or pop a note into the SEPTA suggestion box, available at our meetings, in the *New Annex* reception area. Feel free to drop us a line any time; we always welcome your feedback.

## WANTED!

SEPTA’S Executive Board has an opening for Secretary. Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, at the Administrative Annex.

Please contact one of SEPTA’s Board members (see the list and contact information on page one of this newsletter) if you want to be a part of SEPTA’s Board.

### Attention SEPTA Moms and Dads:

About our newsletter this year—we would like to include information about YOUR experiences with your child’s specific disability in each of our newsletters. This would mean writing a short paragraph or two that might help other parents in their journeys. If you are listed as a specific disability representative on our website please consider contributing also!

Email SEPTA’s VP | communication, Kim Crone, @ [crone6@insightbb.com](mailto:crone6@insightbb.com) if you would like to contribute your suggestions or story one month.