



**Concord Public and Concord-Carlisle
Regional Schools Special Education
Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)
June 2015 Newsletter**

Countdown to summer... If you're like us (and our kids), you've been counting down to summer vacation since April. Summer is the perfect time to engage in some fun outdoor sensory play! Between splashing in the water at the beach or backyard water table, planting in the garden, blowing bubbles, making sand castles, and playing on the swings, everyone is sure to have a blast!

However, the summer can also mean the loss of a structured routine, which may be challenging for some children. If you're looking for more structured activities and camps for your child, check out our list of summer camps for children with special needs on our website at <http://concordsepac.org/external-resources/recreation/summer/>.

What is your family doing this summer? Share your summer plans by emailing concordsepac@gmail.com.



Did you know? Massport hosts a special Wings for Autism program to help those with autism and their families familiarize themselves with the routines of airplane travel at Boston Logan Airport to help relieve the stress of traveling. For more information about this program, please visit <https://www.massport.com/logan-airport/about-logan/airport-programs/wings-for-autism/>.



A fun day for all! Thanks to everyone who was able to come out to our June Family Fun event on June 14th. It was a beautiful day and it was great to see everyone who attended! We know we will be making use of the Playscape at Ripley this summer with all of the fun and accessible activities. We hope to see you there! Stay tuned for the addition of an integrated carousel and new swing. For more information about the Playscape, please visit www.ripleyplandscape.org.

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All SEPAC business meetings will typically take place on the second Wednesday of each month in the coming year and are open to the public! We encourage parents and caregivers of children with special needs to attend.

Please visit our website (www.concordsepac.org) for a list of all of our upcoming meetings.

For questions, comments, or ideas for future newsletters, please email concordsepac@gmail.com.

Have a wonderful summer!

2015-2016 EVENTS

September

Parent Social- Meet Concord's Special Education Director Jessica Murphy and connect with other district parents.

October/November

Advise the SEPAC- Help us shape the face of special education in our town. Join us as we engage parents & guardians of children currently utilizing or in need of special education services.

January

Basic Rights Workshop- This workshop will provide you with an introduction to your rights and responsibilities under special education laws and help you learn to be effective partners with your child's school.

March

Parent Social- Take a break and connect with other SEPAC parents for a casual evening of drinks and conversation.

May

Local Resource Fair- Explore the the great resources Concord has to offer. Families are invited to attend this FREE event. There will be speakers and exhibitors relating to all ages and abilities.

June

Family Social- Celebrate the end of the school year, connect with SEPAC families, and make new friends.