



Special Services Newsletter

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Every student, every day, preparing for the future.

The mission of Derby Public Schools is to create a tomorrow that is better than today by ensuring all students continually grow and learn.



All,
We are very excited for our upcoming Parent Night. The Special Services Department has been diligently planning to ensure this a fun and informative evening. We will be covering a variety of topics that are focused on students with exceptionalities. We will be providing a pizza dinner and free childcare for all participants. The event will consist of two 45 minute sessions of your choosing. Below you will find a link to RSVP (the link contains session descriptions and additional information about this event). If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact our office.

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Early Childhood Screenings

Derby Public Schools provides public notice to all patrons of the availability of special education services and related services for all students (ages 3 through 21 years of age) residing within the school district. To learn more about services for our youngest students, please click on the Project Kids logo.



Parent Learning Opportunities

Exceptional Panther Families : Parent Night

Monday, April 16, 2018
Oaklawn Elementary
5:00 - 7:00 pm

We look forward to seeing everyone there.
To sign up for this event please click [here](#).



Parent Reminder:

Being the parent of a child with exceptionalities can be an emotionally charged experience. Frustration and confusion can complicate the conversations between parents and teachers. Respect for each other and open communication can reduce tension and enable parents and teachers to benefit from each other's expertise and knowledge of the child. Here are some tips for collaboration:

- Share observations
- Identify and discuss the child's strengths and interests
- Clarify the instructional program
- Acknowledge emotional reactions to the situation
- Strategize together

Did you know?

What are the benefits of reading with your child?

Everybody knows that you should read to your child, but do we really know why? Reading to your child and having your child read to you goes further than just reading a book. As a baby, your voice is soothing as you read to them. It is a bonding time for both of you. Books for toddlers help to establish a love of reading, while also developing their growing vocabulary and preparing them for school. When your child reads to you, it allows them to show you their accomplishments or areas where they might need help.

Books allow you to become your child's first and most important teacher. Reading to your child will also help extend their attention span. Children that are read to have an easier time adapting to the learning environment in their future classes. After you and your child have read a book, take the time to discuss it. This will help with their comprehension level. They may already know what happened in the books but this will help to explain the "why."

[10 Benefits of Reading To Your Child](#)

Parent Q & A

What 18-21 programs are offered through USD 260?

[Project SEARCH](#)

[DTEC](#)

Other Transition Services are available [here](#).



What is childhood trauma? How do I help my child?

[Click here for answers to this question](#) as well as additional info.



The Center for Parent Information & Resources is a website produced by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. On this website you can find answers to many of your questions. They send out a newsletter twice a month showcasing parent topics and resources. Resources are available in English as well as Spanish. We encourage you to subscribe to their newsletter and stay up to the date on all available resources.

What you'll find on the [Parent Center Hub](#):

- Family-friendly **information** and research-based **materials** on key topics for Parent Centers
- Private [workspaces](#) for Parent Centers to exchange resources, discuss high-priority topics, and solve mutual challenges
- **Coordination** of parent training efforts throughout the network
- A twice-monthly [e-newsletter](#) with key topics, new resources, upcoming events, and materials to share with families
- **Materials** from Parent Centers themselves



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