



# Special Services Newsletter

March 2018

*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,

On behalf of the Special Services department, I would like to say thank you to our parents, staff and community members for their support during the school bond election. The fact that it did pass is truly a reflection of the how much our community cares about our students and their future here with Derby Public Schools. Words cannot express our appreciation for the hard work everyone has put in to make this a success. Over the last 2 years our Process for Success Committee, which is made up of community members, parents and staff, have worked diligently to ensure that all needs and concerns were being recognized. We look forward to sharing with you the next steps for the bond as it is developed.

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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

We are tentatively planning our upcoming parent event for the evening of April 16th (official details will be available soon). For now we'd like your feedback on topics you'd like to learn more about. [Please click here](#) to provide us with feedback. Thanks for your help!



## Parent Reminder:

*Do you wish you...*

*...had worried less and enjoyed her more?*

Constant worries about the future and about what your child is failing to do or concerns over missed milestones often mean that you lose focus on what your child is actually doing and achieving. Celebrate the small things, however small they seem!



## Did you know?

### What is the difference between an IEP and 504?

The Special Services department currently serves 1,351 students with an IEP and 145 students with a 504 plan. So what does that mean? Both an IEP and a 504 plan provide important services and protection to students with exceptionalities. Both have federal oversight to ensure that schools are doing what is necessary to provide eligible students access to their education. But the services and protections offered to these students are not the same. Please click on the link below for a comparison chart for IEPs and 504s.

[IEP vs 504](#)

# Parent Q & A



Two questions that were submitted to our recent parent survey are answered below. Have additional questions? Feel free to let us know!

What is dyslexia?

- Dyslexia is a specific learning disability and it can make it challenging for people to read. [Learn more by clicking here.](#)

What is the process for requesting an evaluation for special education?

- If you think your student may need additional support, our preference is to begin with a referral to your school's Positive Intervention Team. Your child's principal can provide you with additional information. You are also welcome to send us (your principal or our department) a request for an evaluation at any time and we will respond to you with a decision.

## Summer Opportunities



### Camp Invention®

For children entering grades K-6  
Invent the future today! Camp Invention participants will enjoy hands-on challenges that will enhance their problem solving skills, teamwork and innovation.

Price: \$225

Register at: [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org) or  
1-800-968-4332

When: June 4 - 8 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Swaney Elementary

501 English St

Derby, Ks 67037

Directed by Kendra Sweet

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### Summer Latchkey

Derby Public Schools will offer Latchkey services during the summer hours. Participants will need to bring a sack lunch daily. Latchkey participants will go on daily field trip, which is covered by Latchkey fees. There is a \$30 sign up fee for the summer program.

Price: \$120.00 per week

Times: 6:00 am - 6:00 pm

Location: Swaney Elementary

501 English St

Pleasantview Elementary

1101 N Georgie

For more information please contact:

Swaney: 316-788-8064

Pleasantview: 316-788-8532

### Camp Woodchuck

Camp Woodchuck is a summer recreational program for children from Kindergarten - 18 years of age.

Camp Woodchuck serves children and young adults with disabilities. For more information on enrollment please contact Family Enrollment: 316-945-7117



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