



Parent Mentor Update

- Are you new to an IEP or 504 plan for your child? Parent Mentors are here to help you navigate the process. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Special Education Resource Series (SERS):** Thank you for attending the November Series: A Parent's Guide to Holiday Behavior Support. If you missed it, a recording and the PowerPoint presentation used can be found [here](#).
- Follow the Olentangy Parent Mentors on Twitter (@OLSD_ParentMntr) for event reminders and quick community event updates (the page will not be closely monitored, so please continue communicating with us via email or phone)

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 13th, 6:00 PM
[SST 11 Family Engagement Series: Access to Career Tech Programming](#)

December 14th, 6:30 PM
DCBDD Discovery
Series: [Trusts & Estate Planning](#)

Olentangy Schools Special Olympics

Our OSSO athletes have been hard at work preparing for our

Olentangy Preschool Families

Do you have a child with an IEP that is potentially ready to transition to kindergarten for next school year (2022-2023)? We are having an Kindergarten Transition Information Night on 12/9/2021. Check out this [flyer for more information](#).

competitions in basketball and swimming. Our cheerleaders also have worked hard to prepare routines for future events. For more information on OSSO, please check out our [website](#).



Tips for Old School Supplies from The OT Toolbox

Use broken old crayon pieces to make soft play dough in bright and vivid colors! This [crayon play dough recipe](#) is a beloved activity in our house.

The eraser pieces at the bottom of the pencil pouch come in handy, too. Use [erasers to help with tripod grasp](#).

And, use those [broken pencil pieces](#) to work on hand strength and pencil grasp.



OWU Best Buddies Club

Best Buddies International is a nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The [OWU chapter of Best Buddies](#) will arrange friendship pairings between OWU students and members of the Delaware community with IDD in order to enrich the



Teen Transition: A Parent's Important and Changing Role

The greatest challenge for parents is learning when and how to be supportive while still encouraging self-determination and independence. This [web resource](#) from the Center for Children with Special Health Needs, a program of Seattle Children's Hospital, provides links to helpful information and videos on the changing role of parents such as "Shifting Gears," "Sharing Management," "Building Confidence," and more.

lives of all chapter members and help make our campus more inclusive to folks of all abilities. For more information on Best Buddies Ohio, [click here](#).



Winning Friends with Pickleball!

Young adults ages 13-19 with Autism Spectrum Disorder are invited on December 20th from 4:00 - 6:00 PM to a special pickleball event at SuperGames! Youth will get the opportunity to play pickleball with experienced coaches plus have a light dinner afterward. There is no cost for this event and all equipment is provided. For more information, [click here](#).



New to Autism Helpful Book List

Navigating a new diagnosis of Autism can be a challenge. [Here is a book list](#) from notanautismmom.com that has helpful book suggestions for all ages.



The ABCs of the IEP: Making the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Work for Your Child

This online web streaming workshop with The Pacer Center on Thursday, December 16th from 6:30 - 8:30 PM will help parents understand how to use the Individualized Education Program (IEP) to benefit their child. Participants will learn how each required part of the IEP can be developed to meet their child's needs and how to participate effectively in the annual IEP meeting. For more information, [click here](#).

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