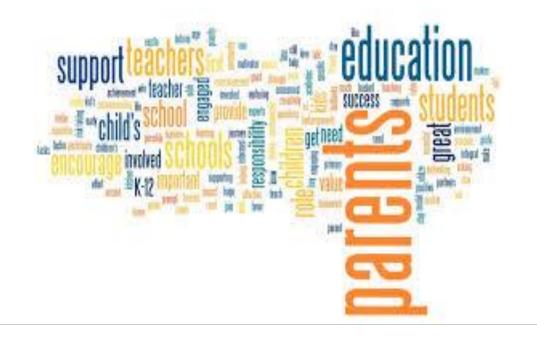
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Parent Mentor eNews January 2022



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 <u>here</u> for more information.
- Special Education Resource Series (SERS) for January:
 - Supporting Students with Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities: Tuesday, January 18th, 6:30 PM
 - Special Needs Parent Virtual Coffee Chat:
- Wednesday, January 26th, 11:00 AM 12:00 PM & 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- Follow your Olentangy Parent Mentors on Twitter (@OLSD_ParentMntr) for event reminders and quick community event updates (the page will not

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 10th, 6:00 PM <u>SST 11 Family</u> <u>Engagement Series: ETR</u> <u>Process/Overview</u>

January 11th, 6:30 PM <u>DCBDD Discovery</u> <u>Series: Supportive</u> <u>Employment</u>

January 15th, 10:30 AM

be closely monitored, so please continue communicating with us via email or phone).

Pupil Services Update

A faculty member in the Department of Education at Ohio Wesleyan University along with a student is conducting an Honors research project. The project seeks to study the impact of COVID-19 on occupational therapy services provided to children with disabilities in schools by interviewing family members who have a child/children who qualify/qualified for OT services during 2019-20 and/or 2020-2021 school years. For more information on this project, click <u>here</u>. Dublin City Schools Parent Mentors & SEAC Summer Program Fair

January 18th, 6:30 PM

Special Education <u>Resource Series:</u> <u>Supporting Students</u> <u>with Mental Health and</u> <u>Developmental</u> <u>Disabilities</u>

January 19th, 11:30 AM

Common Mistakes Parents Make in the IEP Process

January 26, 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Special Needs Parent Virtual Coffee Chat





Chuck E. Cheese Sensitive Sunday



NAMI Family-to-Family

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 8-session (January

Charting the LifeCourse: A Series for Families

Join Ohio Ambassador Barbara Sapharas for this 3 part series (February 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM) to learn how you can use the Charting the LifeCourse resources and tools to plan and advocate across the lifespan. <u>Click here</u> to register. Chuck E. Cheese at 2711 Martin Road, Dublin, OH 43016 will open two hours early on the first Sunday of the month to offer a sensory-friendly experience for families. Recognizing that the Chuck E. experience can be very stimulating for any child, they made it their mission to create Sensory Sensitive Sundays®, where they have a trained, caring staff who works to ensure everyone has a fun-filled visit. Check out this flyer for more information.

5th - February 23rd on Wednesdays from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM) education program for family, friends and significant others of adults with mental health conditions. For more information, **click here**.



Free Online Yoga Sessions

With so many transitions in and out of "school mode" this time of the year, everyone can feel out of sorts. If you are looking for something to do with your children that is fun, healthy, and calming,



Sensory Processing Disorder

The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) shared their <u>latest</u> <u>quarterly newsletter</u> on the topic of Sensory

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Learn to Ski at Mad River Mountain

The Autism Society of Central Ohio is excited to partner with The Adaptive Sports Connection (TAASC) to offer a ski experience which includes a lesson with a volunteer instructor, equipment rental, and a lift ticket for the participant with a disability for a fee of \$35. For the dates and more information on this event consider trying <u>these free</u> yoga videos as a family from the Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Center. Check it out for more information on what sensory processing disorder is and some tips for home and school. and other ski experiences with TAASC, please check out this <u>link</u>.