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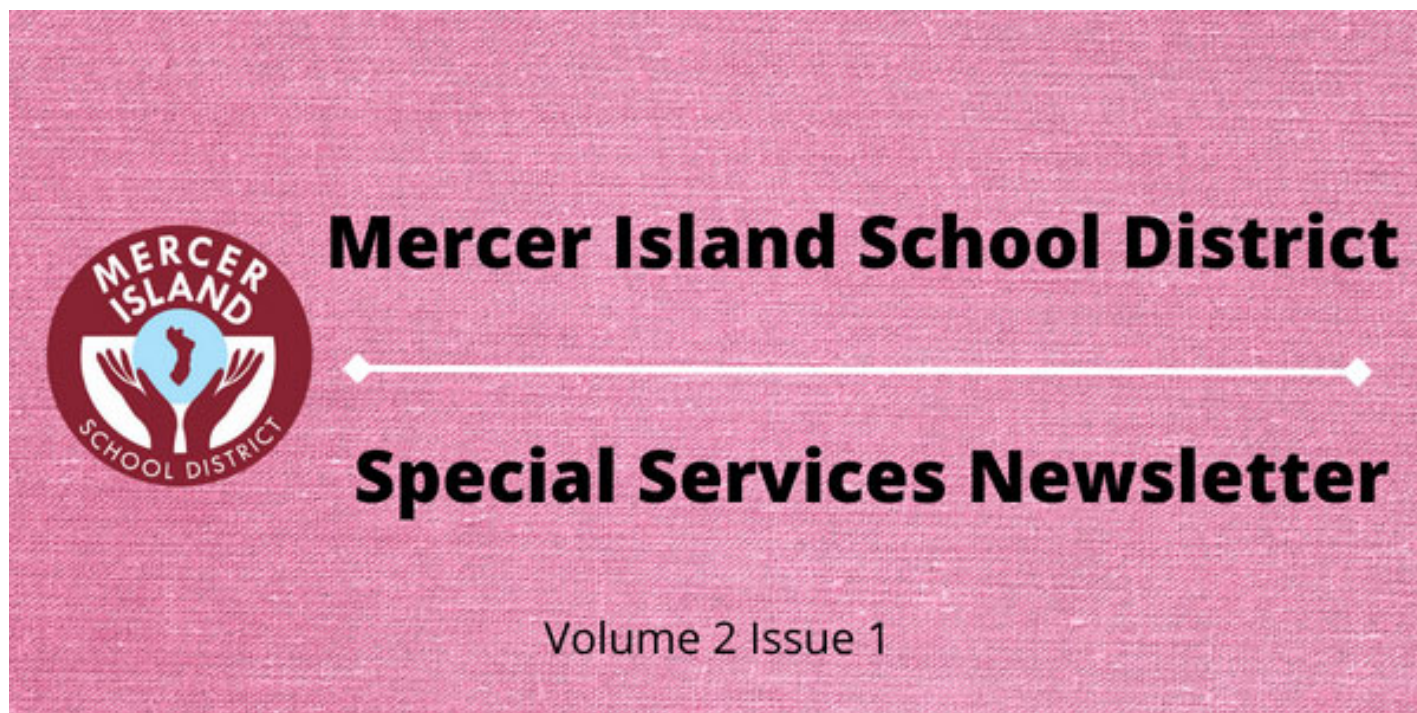
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## MISD Special Services Newsletter



### ***Welcome Back and IEP Online Connect -- Parent Portal for Records***

Welcome Back! The first day of school can be filled with both excitement and anxiety. As questions arise you can reach out to your child's IEP Case Manager, Classroom Teacher, or the Building Principal. Your case manager will be sending out a welcome email later this week introducing themselves and the building teams. If you have larger systems questions or concerns that are not resolved at the building level, you can reach the Special Services department at 206-236-3329.

Sue Ann Bube | Director, Special Services

#### **IEP Online Connect -- Parent Portal for Records**

New this year is an easier way to connect and track Special Services documents like IEP Meeting Invitations, Draft and Final IEPs and Progress Reports. IEP Online Connect is a comprehensive online portal designed to assist districts in promoting family involvement in their student's education. Educating students can be a paperwork intensive process either with signing or reviewing documents. With IEP

Online Connect, parents and guardians have a centralized, secure place to access student 504 and IEP records online in their native language. IEP Online currently provides translated documents in the following languages Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog, Somali, and Chinese Simplified. Parents can also review and sign documents through the Connect portal.

Watch this short video from IEP Online on how to use IEP Online Connect [IEP Online Connect - A Parent Portal](#)

## ***Integrated Preschool***

MISD is launching an inclusive pre-school program starting with the 2022-23 school year.

Children attend half-day sessions in the morning or afternoon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Classrooms vary in size, generally ranging from 8 to 12 students with an average of 10, and are taught by a highly qualified group of educators who specialize in early childhood development and education. Each class is taught by a Washington State certified teacher and up to two trained teacher assistants. Other related service staff (Speech-Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Psychologist, Physical Therapist and other Education Specialists) are in the classrooms according to the needs of the students in the class.

The program offers a 'hands-on' teaching approach to promote academic, social, communicative, behavioral, and motoric growth and development. Our curriculum is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that features inquiry, exploration, and discovery as the foundation of all learning. As a content-rich, developmentally appropriate curriculum, it delivers academic rigor alongside social-emotional learning and cognitive development.

Please complete the following [PRE-SCHOOL Interest Form](#) to learn more about how your child can attend the MISD Pre-School or reach out to Jill Kelly at 206-236-3329.

## ***SSALD Welcome Back Coffee & Mixer***

SSALD is a subgroup of the PTA comprised of parents/caregivers of children with IEPs and 504s within the district.

The Sped parent journey can be lonely and confusing and our goal is to provide a community where we can support each other, discuss problems and solutions and commiserate over shared experiences. We also seek to provide a conduit for information and clarification from MISD on policies that the group would like more information or clarification on, to keep our members in the know on the latest district information.

We hope you will join us this year and help to build this community with us! We have two welcome back events coming up and we hope to see you there!

What: Welcome Back Coffee Chat  
When: Friday, September 2 at 10am  
Where: South End Starbucks

What: Welcome Back Mixer  
When: Thursday, September 8 from 4-6pm

Where: Jessi Biagi's House  
(RSVP for address details! [ssald@miptacouncil.org](mailto:ssald@miptacouncil.org))

Please email with any questions and remember: we are stronger together!

Jessi Biaggi & Jennifer Crespi

Have a question about Special Services? OSPI has a [Parent and Student Rights webpage](#) that includes [Procedural Safeguards](#) that explain your rights (translations available).

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