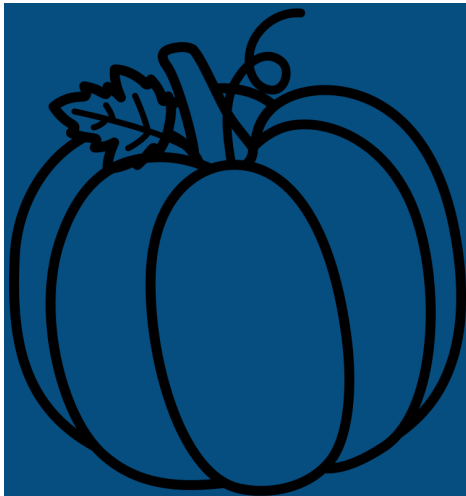


# SPECIAL EDITION

A Newsletter for Families Supporting Students with Disabilities



## From the Director

Happy Fall!

We hope your child is off to a great school year. We are happy to partner with you to support your student. This edition of the newsletter provides information about upcoming events to support you and your child. We hope to see you at the Community Resource Fair at Shadow Oaks Elementary! Please enjoy our fall newsletter.

[Visit the Spring Branch ISD Back-to-School page here](#)

[SBISD Parent Guide 2023-2024](#)

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Director of Special Education Services

## Community Resource Fair

The Special Education Department will host the Special Education Community Resource Fair on November 8, 2023 from 5:30-7:30. This year's event will be held at Shadow Oaks Elementary School, 1335 Shadowdale Dr, 77043. This is a yearly event designed to help parents interact with agencies who can provide support services both during a student's school years, and after high school, including assistance paying for college, college support services, job placement and coaching, day habilitation services. Also attending will be organizations that represent special needs camps and special needs trusts.

## Upcoming events

### World Autism Summit

September 25-October 5

Free online event hosted by Autism Today featuring over 80 experts in Autism and Neurodiversity, including Dr. Temple Grandin. Includes helpful presentations, information, screenings, events and resources for parents, professionals, and self-advocates

[worldautismsummit.org](http://worldautismsummit.org)



### Autism Parenting Summit

October 13-16, 2023

Free online event hosted by Autism Parenting Magazine featuring 32 expert speakers sharing tips on topics such as social skills, special education, transitioning to adulthood, sensory issues, and more.

[autismparentingsummit.com](http://autismparentingsummit.com)

## Parents...Get Connected!!

Parents of students with significant support needs - do not delay! Make sure your child's name is on the Medicaid Waiver Lists. These waiver programs provide federal funding for individuals with disabilities to stay, live and grow within their communities as adults.



Waiver programs pay for day habilitation, group home and residential programs when your child transitions into adulthood. Over \$114,000 is allotted each year per individual.... Don't delay...there is a 15 year wait list...reach out to the Harris Center to get your child's name on the waitlist TODAY!

[The Harris Center](#)

713-790-7000

## State Resources

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has many valuable parent resources. Do you have questions? We encourage parents to contact their campus special education staff. That could be your child's speech pathologist, special education teacher, the campus diagnostician or ARD facilitator. We also recognize that many parents want to research topics on their own.

[SPED TEX](#) is a great source, links are below:

[The Special Education Process](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Families New to Special Education](#)

[Parent's Guide to the ARD Process](#)

[Notice of Procedural Safeguards](#)