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PINE LAKE EC DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter for the EC and 504 News and Updates



FROM THE EC DIRECTOR

On behalf of all of us serving the EC Community at Pine Lake Preparatory, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to you all!

We hope you all have a wonderful break filled with cheer and relaxation. It is well needed at this point as we have all been hard at work these past four months. Time is flying by. We have a few items to highlight in this edition of the EC Newsletter. The first is with regard to progress reports. The article in this newsletter will help you understand your child's progress report. As you know, all EC students get quarterly progress reports to update you on the progress your child is making, thus far, toward their IEP goals (and any other pertinent information). Conversely, the progress report may also indicate limited or no growth too. Please make sure you review the progress report and if you have any questions with regard to the report please get in touch with your child's caseworker or myself. These go home at the conclusion of the second quarter with report cards. If you do not receive one for any reason, please contact us. The next item in the newsletter is the Tim Tebow "Night to Shine" at Rocky Mount Church. Mrs. Misheal Hamerick is a fellow EC Director at a local charter school and is an instrumental organizer of this fine event. This group has been putting on this wonderful night for students with special needs 14+ years of age, for several years and it has only become more grand in scale and theme. I want to encourage those of you who meet the requirements to attend this evening to give it some consideration, I am sure your child will enjoy it. Finally as we brave the cold for a few months, it is not too early to start thinking about summer camps and our last article highlights Victory Junction Camps for the summer. Again, on behalf of the greater EC Department of Pine Lake Preparatory, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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Helpful Resources (Click Links for more information):

ECAC

DPI NEWSLETTERS

AUTISM SOCIETY OF NC

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

INNOVATIONS WAIVER

RESPITE CARE

ARCHIVED PLP EC NEWSLETTERS

Resource Spotlight

We are excited to highlight resources from our project and partners!



Understanding your student's Progress Report

A Progress Report is a formal Individual Education Plan (IEP) document that provides parents, guardians, advocates, etc. updates on the progress a student is making towards their IEP goals. It is summarized information based on a student's progress monitoring data, such as: observation logs, data sheets, therapy notes, informal/formal assessments, etc.

Students with IEPs do not receive a 'letter grade' to indicate their growth or regression each quarter for their academic, functional social-emotional, or other skill level goals. Instead, they receive a progress report at the end of each quarter, or more frequently, if indicated on their IEP.

The **minimum requirement is that progress reports are issued at the same time as report cards**. A parent can ask that their student's IEP be updated to require more frequent progress reports. For example, more frequent progress reports may be necessary to timely determine whether a particular intervention or service is properly meeting a student's disability-related need.

For each annual goal and objective/benchmark, there is an area to indicate the student's status, or how they are doing on that goal. The status selected will be one of the following:

- Progressing at a rate appropriate to meet annual goal
- Met goal
- Limited progress due to extra time needed
- Limited progress due to incomplete work
- Limited progress due to absences
- Limited progress due to revisions of IEP needed

There is also an area for comments. This is where EC teachers, instructors, or providers can provide detailed data, information, and proposed next steps for a student.

Remember, you do not have to until the end of the academic quarter for a progress report or to request any documents needed to monitor student progress. **If you have questions about how your child is doing, ask for progress monitoring data from their teachers!**

Note: The image below shows where the IEP team can document the need for a more frequent progress report.



NIGHT TO SHINE 2024

Rocky Mount Church has joined the Tim Tebow Foundation in celebrating people with special needs.
What is Night to Shine?

Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older.

On Friday, February 9, 2024, Night to Shine will celebrate its tenth anniversary as hundreds of churches and volunteers come together to honor thousands of guests with special needs. Our church is so excited to join other churches around the globe in hosting this unforgettable night!

Friday, 02/09/2024 @ 6PM – 9PM
1739 Perth Road
Mooresville, NC 28117
(704) 528-5525
https://rockymountchurch.com/night-to-shine-2024



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FEBRUARY 23-25 | VJ FAMILY WEEKEND*
GENERAL SESSION

MARCH 15-17** | GOLDEN TICKET WEEKEND #1*
FIRST TIME FAMILIES

APRIL 19-21** | GOLDEN TICKET WEEKEND #2
FIRST TIME FAMILIES

APRIL 26-28 | AUTISM WEEKEND RETREAT

COVID-19 Vaccinations are optional for all Spring Family Weekend programs, but highly recommended

*Flu shots are required for this program.

**Golden Tickets mean all things new at VJ! We want to extend a special invitation to all families who have never attended a VJ program and/or those that have never attended a family weekend to apply for this program.

CAMPER Admissions

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We believe that every child, no matter their illness or diagnosis, deserves to just be a kid. That's why we provide medically-safe camp experiences filled with discovery, friendship and a lot of laughter - always at no cost to families.

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Starting December 1, your can start Spring & Summer 2024 applications