

# EXCEPTIONAL NEWS



Paulding County Parent Mentor

February 2018

## What if I have questions?

I have enjoyed the school year and the time I have had to get to know many parents in our school district. Several parents have spoken with me in reference to support, help and concern. There is no road map with our children but we can all work together to give them the absolute best we can as parents. It truly takes a village and there are so many wonderful therapists, teachers, and staff that work to give our kids the best everyday.

In this issue you will see upcoming training dates. Some with IEP help, Katie Beckett assistance, Transition and Assistive Technology. Please take the time to pick one that may be of interest, I hope to see you there!

As the Parent Mentor I want to build bridges between home and school that lead to more successful outcomes for students with learning, behavioral, and/or physical challenges. Please reach out to me anytime, I am happy to help.



### **SUPPORT GROUP**

*We now have a group of parents who meet monthly to offer support to each other. Please join us on the last Monday of each month at the Dallas Library. At*

**12:30**

**1010 E. Memorial Dr.  
Dallas**

**RSVP at [acammarano@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:acammarano@paulding.k12.ga.us)**



Georgia  
**Parent Mentor  
Partnership**

### **In This Issue**

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Check out the amazing programs with the Paulding County Parks and Recreation Department. They now have programs designed for children and adults with disabilities. Contact Britt Grillo at 770-505-3885 for more information or <http://recreation.paulding.gov>



**Friday, February 3rd was the first of 3 bowling dates for our Paulding County Athletes. Everyone had an amazing time and there were plenty of smiles to go around.**

**Also, the Paulding County Sheriff's Office is hosting the first ever Polar Plunge to support our games here in Paulding County. Come be Freezin' for a Reason on Feb 17th at 9am at Lake Swan @ Carrington Pointe 531 Lake Swan Ct, Hiram, GA.**

**April 26th is the date for Special Olympics Track and Field at Paulding County High School. Athletes will begin to arrive at 9am. We would love to have you join us.**



**Transition  
Tuesdays  
and Parent Mentor  
Training Dates**

**March 13, 6-8pm**  
Peace, Love, Harmony  
and the IEP @ North  
Paulding High

**March 13, 6-8pm**  
Guardianship Guid-  
ance @ North Paulding  
High

**April 10th, 9:30-  
11:30am**  
Learning Strategies  
beyond advocacy @  
District Office

**April 10th, 6-8pm**  
Assistive  
Technology  
@Paulding HS

**April 10th, 6-8pm**  
Waivers, Katie Beck-  
ett, NOW, COMP, Medi-  
caid  
@ Paulding HS

**May 15, 6-8pm**  
Understanding Disci-  
pline through IDEA  
and IEPs  
Transition Specialist,  
Parent Mentor and  
Parent2Parent  
@South Paulding High

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## What Camps are Available for my Child?

### Camp Kudzu:

Offers an experience in both child only and family participants specifically serving students with diabetes.

[Www.campkudzu.org](http://www.campkudzu.org)

### Georgia Lions Camp

Camper overnight camps available serving students with vision impairments.

[Www.glcb.org](http://www.glcb.org)

### Camp Journey

Overnight camp focused on social skills, building friendships, teamwork, manners and self esteem.

[Www.socialskillstoday.com](http://www.socialskillstoday.com)

### Camp Twin Lakes

Camp Twin Lakes hosts several organizations.

FOCUS

CAMP BLUE SKIES

CHOA

CAMP SUNSHINE

EXTRA SPECIAL PEOPLE

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTA

CAMP HORIZON

CAMP TO BELONG

CAMP TRACH ME AWAY

CAMP TWITCH AND SHOUT

CAMP WEKANEATIT

CENTER FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

[Www.camptwinlakes.org](http://www.camptwinlakes.org)

Feel free to contact me if you need help locating a specific camp for your student.

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## How to prepare for an upcoming IEP meeting

We recently held a wonderful training at our last support group about organizing an IEP binder. This is a great way to hold all of the information from your IEP meeting and data you receive during the school year. With having sample work, progress reports and report cards in one place you are able to pinpoint areas where your student needs help. I hope this helps you as you plan for your next upcoming IEP meeting.

Understood.com is a wonderful online tool that offers free printable IEP Binder worksheets. Here is the link:

<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/special-services/ieps/how-to-organize-your-childs-iep-binder>

### **Helpful websites:**

[Www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org)   [www.gelds.decal.ga.gov](http://www.gelds.decal.ga.gov)   [www.p2pga.org](http://www.p2pga.org)



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