

Hello Parents/Guardians,

This is the first parent newsletter of the 2008 – 2009 school year! I will be sending out four more newsletters this year, along with the quarterly IEP progress reports. The next edition will be along in November. However, I felt it was important to notify you a bit earlier this year regarding some programs and groups we have here at Bristol-Plymouth that are especially important and useful for parents of students with special needs. I will be happy to address any questions or topics you may have in this newsletter format in the future. Please contact me if you have new ideas or concerns that would be helpful for discussion with all parents.

Have a great October!

Amy Carpenter, Special Education Coordinator



After School Programs

Bristol-Plymouth offers two after school programs that are especially valuable to students with special needs, however, both programs are offered to all B-P students. Transportation is available to all towns with a late bus that arrives at B-P at 5 p.m. currently (this time will be earlier after fall sports season is over).

Homework Help Program

Days: Monday - Thursday

Times: 2:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Location: Library

MCAS Preparation

Subject: English Language Arts

Days: Mondays

Times: 2:15 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Various Classrooms

Subject: Mathematics

Days: Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Time: 2:15 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Various Classrooms

Subject: Science

Days: Mondays & Tuesdays

Time: 2:15 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Various Classrooms



Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Membership on the council is offered to all parents of children with disabilities and other interested parties. The PAC duties include advising the district on matters pertaining to the education and safety of students with special needs, as well as participating in the development and evaluation of the district's special education programs.

Topics discussed at the meetings include: MCAS preparation and accommodations, transition services, college preparation and SATs, job placement and after school programs.

We are currently in need of increased membership and officers. For your planning purposes, several meetings have already been scheduled for the year. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Your input is greatly valued by me and my staff, as well as the other parents. The upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

Monday, October 27, 2008	6:00 p.m.	Location: Room 180
Thursday, November 20, 2008	6:00 p.m.	Location: Library
Tuesday, January 20, 2009	6:00 p.m.	Location: Library
Thursday, March 26, 2009	6:00 p.m.	Location: Library
Tuesday, May 12, 2009	6:00 p.m.	Location: Library



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