

Mamaroneck-Larchmont  
**SEPTA**

**Special Education Parent-Teacher Association**

Serving children with learning differences, their families and educators in the Larchmont-Mamaroneck community

**What is SEPTA?**

SEPTA is a Parent-Teacher association whose members have an interest in the education of children (preK-grade 12) with learning differences and/or special needs. SEPTA supports those who live or work in the Mamaroneck School District, those who work in private schools in the Larchmont & Mamaroneck community and Larchmont-Mamaroneck parents whose children attend the District's schools or private schools in the community or out of the district.

**Co-Presidents for 2010-2011 are Cecilia Absher & Sam Jensen**

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**Our Mission**

**Our mission statement guides us: *Recognizing that students have a broad range of learning styles and abilities, SEPTA works to promote a quality learning experience for all children. SEPTA aims to promote a better understanding of children's learning differences and to be a helpful resource for all parents.***

## **What Does SEPTA Do?**

- ❖ SEPTA is the only District-wide PTA serving children's families and educators from pre-K through 12th grade. We proudly embrace our strong membership of parents, teachers and staff.
- ❖ SEPTA sponsors educational programs with speakers who are experts in their fields. We also offer parent networking meetings for sharing ideas and information.
- ❖ We provide grants to teachers and staff to fund initiatives to help children reach their potential.
- ❖ We assist parents and the Student Support Services Dept. by providing Parent Members for CSE meetings and regularly meet with the administration to discuss topics of interest.
- ❖ We work to enhance the educational and social-emotional experiences of children with differences.
- ❖ We provide much useful information through periodic newsletters and have many resources on our website: <http://mamkschoolspta.org/septa/>
- ❖ We provide a network of support and understanding to all those who care for our special children.

**Together We Make a Difference!**

## **Please Join SEPTA!**

SEPTA welcomes all parents, teachers and staff to become members. SEPTA is a supportive and informative resource for parents of special needs children and our school staff. In addition to being helpful to parents whose children receive special education in the Mamaroneck School District, SEPTA may be beneficial to other parents whose children receive academic intervention services, school provided support services or who have a Section 504 Plan. SEPTA also serves parents in our community whose children attend private schools and nonlocal parents of children attending private schools located in our community. All parents and staff are welcome!

Membership is only \$10 a year and is open to all. The benefits are many – some say they are priceless! A membership form can be obtained from the SEPTA website: <http://mamkschoolspta.org/septa/> On the SEPTA homepage, click on Information/Forms or contact Phyllis Raja at [pahmed@mindspring.com](mailto:pahmed@mindspring.com)

## **Support SEPTA – Make a Donation**

Please consider making a tax deductible donation to SEPTA to help support its good work – including informative programs, staff grants and much more! Please make your check payable to SEPTA and mail it to Denise Gleason, Treasurer, 62 Magnolia Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538.

## Upcoming Programs And Events

### SEPTA Programs & Meetings – *Save the Dates!*

Wed. Sept 15	<b>Welcome Back Breakfast – 8:45 -10:15am HOM Cafeteria</b>
Tues. Oct 5	<b>Elementary Parents Networking Meeting</b>
Wed. Oct 27	<b>Road to College – 7:30pm MHS Library</b>
Thurs. Nov 4	<b>Hommocks and MHS Parents Networking Meeting</b>
Mon. Dec. 6	<b>Dr. Marcia Eckerd -- Navigating Difficult Peer Situations</b>
Thurs. Feb. 3	<b>Nancy Weiser – How Diet May Affect Behavior</b>
Wed. March 9	<b>Elementary Parents Networking Meeting</b>
Thurs. Apr. 28	<b>Budget Discussion and Vote (SEPTA, MHS &amp; HOM) 7:30pm. MHS Library</b>
Wed. May 11	<b>Charley Moskowitz, Sibling Support For Families of Children with Special Needs</b>

All programs & meetings are held at 7:30pm in the Hommocks School Library (except the Road to College and the Budget Discussion). Questions? Please contact Patty Wolff at [patty.wolff1@gmail.com](mailto:patty.wolff1@gmail.com) or Linda Banta at [LMBanta@optonline.net](mailto:LMBanta@optonline.net). More information may be found on SEPTA's website: <http://mamkschoolspta.org/SEPTA/>

<b>SEPTA &amp; Mam'k School District Co-Sponsored Programs</b>	<b><u>District Programs</u></b>
<b>Jed Baker – No More Meltdowns Series (7:00pm MHS Lib)</b>	Tues. Sept 14 – <b>Section 504</b> - 7:30pm MHS N104
Part I – Tues. Oct. 19	Tues. Oct 12 – <b>Response to Intervention and Instructional Support Teams</b> - 7:30pm MHS N104
Part II – Tues. Dec 14	Fri. Jan 21 – <b>CSE &amp; Annual Reviews</b> - 10:00-12:00 MHS Lib
Part III – Tues. Jan 25	
<b>More programs and info are online under Student Support Services at <a href="http://www.mamkschools.org">www.mamkschools.org</a></b>	