

## **New Rochelle Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) School Activity Resource List - November 2011**

This list is a sampling of activities and clubs that are available to special needs children at the various schools in New Rochelle. When choosing activities, you should consider speaking with your child's teacher, the club organizer, and/or a SEPTA representative for your school to help you find the right program for your child. The activities on this list are subject to change. New Rochelle SEPTA is not endorsing any activity on this list.

### **Barnard Elementary**

Barnard Elementary offers a variety of after-school enrichment classes to first- and second-graders. These activities include gardening, cooking, yoga, painting and music.

This year, volunteers from The Ursuline School's peer ministry group are graciously helping some Barnard special education students participate in these activities. Currently, the Ursuline students are working with children from Ms. Sara Varela-Thomas' and Ms. Tara Hernandez' classes.

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### **Davis Elementary**

During the school day, Davis offers the Magnet Overlay Program for the Performing Arts, conducted by Mrs. Carol Kelly. An enrichment program for all students, Magnet Overlay features wonderful student performances where every child (both special and general ed) gets a speaking part! Magnet Overlay also invites consultants from local arts programs to conduct dance residencies at the school. In addition, the staff of nearby nature conservatories bring animals to a school assembly, and the children later write about the experience. Students go on inclusive class trips to museums, cultural centers, and historical sites. The program also has a Peer Mentor program which pairs general ed and special-needs children in a variety of settings.

All fourth- and fifth-graders can join the school's band or orchestra. Special needs children in third, fourth, and fifth grade can also participate in Shape, an exercise, nutrition and social skills program.

The PTA also offers a variety of after-school programs that are open to all children; Davis parents Janet Stevens and Jaime Deutch organize the activities. The choices include cooking, arts and crafts, sports, martial arts, and chess.

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### **Jefferson Elementary**

Jefferson Elementary offers the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program. Students are selected for this program based on their need for academic support. Some children receive tutorial in Math and English Language Arts, while others supplement the tutorial with such enrichment programs as digital media or soccer. The school also hosts soccer and basketball before school.

Jefferson has a multi-sensory class for special needs children, as well as two special education classes through a program known as Fast Forward.

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### **Trinity Elementary**

Trinity offers the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program for academic support and enrichment programs. Trinity also has a variety of other after-school opportunities including the Boys & Girls Club, basketball, and the school musical.

Starting in February, the school will offer tutoring to both special needs children and other students during lunchtime and after school.

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Trinity Principal: Mr. Ronald Briceno ([rbriceno@nred.org](mailto:rbriceno@nred.org))

### **Ward Elementary**

Ward offers a variety of after-school programs through the PTA, and all are open to special needs students. Some activities, such as the cooking class run by Mrs. Carino and Mrs. Amico, are specifically designed for children with special needs. If you believe your child requires extra support, speak with the school administration to see if an aide is available.

Graduate students from Iona College provide after-school academic assistance to children with special needs at Ward. Ward's peer mediation program helps children learn how to mediate problems with other children.

At lunchtime, fourth- and fifth-graders in the Service Squad volunteer to assist either students in special needs classes or a variety of other children who need assistance.

Ward also integrates its special ed classes into the mainstream for many special activities including pumpkin decorating, Thanksgiving feast, trips, and shows.

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### **Webster Elementary**

The Webster PTA offers a variety of after-school activities including baking, arts and crafts, and sports. Special needs children also participate in the school's lunchtime activities and clubs. Webster also offers basketball, steppers, and the talent show.

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### **Albert Leonard Middle School**

Albert Leonard's PTA offers many activities during the school day and after-school, including the popular "Rec Nights." There are a few activities specifically geared for special needs students, including Best Buddies, SHAPE, and Special Olympics. All students are also welcome to participate in the wide variety of clubs that includes: Accounting, Animation, Audio Visual, Band, Builder's Club, Chess, Crafts, Electronic Music, Gardening, Happy Healthy Heart, Jr. Model UN, Keyboarding, Literary Magazine, Math Counts, Pave Art, Percussion, Piano, Recycling, Scrabble, Show Biz Kids, Step, Student Council, Technology, and Yearbook. There are also intramural and interscholastic sports teams, and lunch groups with counselors.

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### **New Rochelle High School**

New Rochelle High School offers a variety of clubs. Some focus on special education students such as Best Buddies and the Good Heart Club (art). Others offer recreational activities such as ultimate Frisbee, break dancing, crafts, chess, rugby and ping pong. There are social action and awareness clubs (Autism Awareness, Students for Community Action, Key Club, Protecting Animal Welfare, Habitat for Humanity, Brain Cancer Awareness), student organizations (Model Congress, Student Government), and clubs that celebrate various cultures, languages, and religious groups,.

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