

## Jericho SEPTA

Welcome new families and returning families to the 2010-2011 school year! Joining the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is an important way to become active and involved in your child's education and your community. In addition to the PTA, Jericho SEPTA (Special Education Parent Teacher Association) is a district wide organization comprised of parents, teachers and administrators from all of the schools in the district. This organization supports and promotes a greater awareness of special education. Jericho SEPTA brings together people interested in the quality of education for children with special needs from birth to 21 years.

Jericho SEPTA is a volunteer association and its success in serving the needs of our families depends on contributions from its members. SEPTA benefits ALL families in the district by providing the community with quality speakers, making donations to each of the district libraries and providing monthly parent support groups. The organization operates as a chartered unit of the Jericho Joint PTSA Council and works to benefit all Jericho children.

Jericho SEPTA hosts monthly support groups for parents facilitated by a social worker. These groups provide a way of getting advice and finding answers relating to your child and their challenges. There are two groups that meet monthly, pre-k and elementary as well as middle and high school.

The SEPTA website can be accessed through the link on the Seaman School home page. On this site you will be able to learn more about SEPTA, find out about upcoming meetings and topics that might interest you, join a support group or contact a member of the executive board. Please feel free to contact SEPTA co-presidents Lisa Guidice or Toni Lalmoni for more information or email [septa@jerichoschools.org](mailto:septa@jerichoschools.org).

SEPTA Support Group Meetings for elementary school parents are held at the Jackson school at 7:45 PM. The dates are:

November 9, 2010

March 8, 2011

January 4, 2011

May 3, 2011

The SEPTA meeting dates and topics for the 2010-2011 school year are as follows:

**September 27, 2010 ADHD, Diagnosis, Treatment and the Challenges of**  
Middle School Library **Co-Existing Conditions**  
7:30 PM Presenter: David Dillion M.D.

**October 26, 2010 Putting Positive Behavioral Supports to Work:**  
High School Library *Getting a Grip on Your Child's Behavior*  
7:30 PM Presenter: Samara Pulver Tetenbaum, Ph.D.

**November 30, 2010 Medication Management: *New Options, New Insights***  
Middle School Library Presenter: Andrew Adesman, M.D.  
7:30 PM

**January 4, 2011 College Night and Other Post Secondary Options**  
Middle School Library *Panel Discussion*  
7:30 PM Speaker: Various

**February 28, 2011 Assistive Technology Update**  
Middle School Library Presenter: Jodi Mishkin  
7:30 PM

**March 29, 2011 Early Identification of Central Auditory Processing Disorders:**  
Middle School Library *New Diagnosis and Treatment Options*  
7:30 PM Presenter: Donna Geffner, SLP-CCC

**April 27, 2011 Time Management ...Family Style**  
Middle School Library Presenter: Cindy Goldrich, Ed.M.  
7:30 PM

**May 24, 2011 Social Skills, Relationships and Growing Up:**  
Middle School Library *The Changing Landscape of Middle & High School Friendships*  
7:30 PM Presenter: Shana Nichols, Ph.D.

**June 14, 2011 SEPTA Awards and Recognition Night**  
Middle School Library