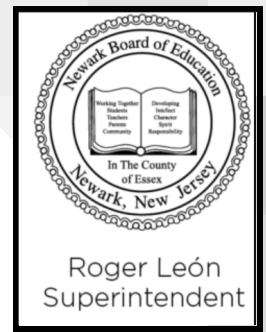


Newark Board of Education Office of Special Education

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Teacher Talk OSE Update

Bi-Weekly Highlights

Autism Awareness Kick-Off 2022: Join OSE on April 5th at 9 am

“Building Acceptance and Awareness Through Activities and Education”

All of our lives are touched by Autism. In fact, Autism Speaks reports that in 2020, 1 out of 44 children nationwide has a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

In solidarity with The 15th Annual World Autism Awareness Day, The Newark Board of Education and Office of Special Education is preparing to launch their 4th Annual Autism Awareness Month starting with a Virtual Kickoff on Tuesday, April 5th.

Our theme for Autism Awareness this year is “Building Acceptance and Awareness Through Activities and Education.” This annual district event was created to promote Autism Awareness, to cultivate inclusion and self-determination for all students, and to assure that each student with ASD is provided the opportunity to receive a high-quality education and achieve the highest possible quality of life.

To this end, Newark Board of Education invites all Central Office Personnel, District Staff, Students, and Parents to join us in celebrating our learners with Autism by wearing Blue on April 5th. We also invite our NBOE Community to join us that same day for the [Virtual Kickoff Event](#) (click link on April 5th to join the event). Check out the [April calendar](#) for weekly activities for parents.



Series	Activity	Series	Activity	Series	Activity
1. Light It Up Blue	Light It Up Blue	2. Autism Awareness Month Kick-Off	Autism Awareness Month Kick-Off	3. Autism Awareness Month Kick-Off	Autism Awareness Month Kick-Off
4. Autism Awareness Month Kick-Off	Autism Awareness Month Kick-Off	5. Autism Awareness Month Kick-Off	Autism Awareness Month Kick-Off	6. Autism Awareness Month Kick-Off	Autism Awareness Month Kick-Off
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District and Central Office Staff are encouraged to light it up blue by wearing a blue t-shirt on April 5th. Please take pictures and share with the Office of Special Education using this [upload link](#).

Check out our invitation on our NBOE webpage. Feel free to reach out to Susan Marshall for additional details (smarshall@nps.k12.nj.us).

Occupational Therapy Month



April is Occupational Therapy (OT) month and this is a great time to spread the word and educate people on the profession and how OT's support students in school settings. Occupational Therapy is an allied health profession that involves the therapeutic use of everyday activities, or occupations, to treat the physical, mental, developmental, and emotional ailments that impact a person's ability to perform day-to-day tasks. Occupational Therapists work in settings beyond schools, hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and homes. Occupational Therapists work with client's from across the life span from birth to elderly. For additional information on occupational therapy please visit this website <https://www.aota.org/events/calendar/ot-month>

DLM Year End Assessment Reminder

The DLM Year End Assessment testing window will open on April 1, 2022. Teachers assessing IEP students in ELA, Math, and Science (grades 5, 8, and 11) will use this day as a preparation day. Testing of Testlets may begin on April 4, 2022. All forms and documents needed for testing can be located in the DLM Google Classroom (code: sheflvf). Any questions and concerns should be addressed directly to the DLM School Test Coordinator.



Extended School Year Updates

Application for summer positions is now available on the NBOE website. The Office of Special Education needs special education teachers, paraprofessionals and CSTs to support the extended school year program which starts on July 5th - August 12th. Please visit the NBOE website to apply.



Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities Facilitated by OSE

Teachers must be approved by their building principals to attend OSE workshops that occur during the school day.

The UDL Practicum Series Part 2

April 12th from 9 am to 2:50 pm

This PD session is designed to bridge the gap from knowing to doing, from learning to applying. This PD series will cover the "Six Steps of the UDL lesson design cycle." This practicum series will also engage teachers in reviewing the district's curriculum to learn about planning for all students including the struggling learner. This is the kick off PD for school based teams that were selected by their principals. Selected schools are Chancellor, Cleveland, Horton and Speedway.

- PD session invites will be sent by the facilitators of WestEd

Child Study Team PD Sessions

4/1/22 CST Discipline Specific PD

- Psychologists at 8:30 am to 11:30 am
- LDTC at 12 pm to 2:50 pm

4/8/22 CST Discipline Specific PD

- Social Workers at 8:30 am to 2:50 pm
- Speech Language Specialists at 12 pm to 2:50 pm

4/25/22 CST Monthly Meeting

- IEC Team meeting at 12 pm

4/26/22

- HS /OOD/Specialized Schools at 8:30 am
- North Ward at 12 pm

4/27/22

- South/West Ward at 8:30 am
- East/Central Ward at 12 pm

Camelot ERI Coaching Visits

Camelot coaching visits will continue this month for Teachers in the ERI Program. Teachers will receive an email invite from their Camelot ERI Consultant. Principals will be copied. Please reach out to Dr. Joe Bresnahan jbresnahan@nps.k12.nj.us with any questions.

OSE Staff

OSE Supervisors

OSE Program Specialists

North Ward SLT: Dr. Shirley Fonseca	Autism Program: Susan Marshall
East Central Ward & MD/MDMI Program: Cristina Pennetti	Emotional Regulation Program: Devvon Crawford
South West Ward & Emotional Regulation Impairment Program: Dr. Joe Bresnahan	MD/Multiple Disability Medical Impairment Program & District DLM Coordinator: Aida Vasquez
High School and Specialized Schools/ Transition Program:	Preschool Disabled Program: Amy Woods
Autism Program and Auditory Impairments Program: Katherine Agurto	Transition Program: LaPrice Weatherington
OSE Professional Development: Candice Wells	
Preschool Disabled and OOD CST: Cheryl Myrie	
Related Services & Assistive Technology Initiative: Nicole Ford	

Prior Teacher Talk

- [9-27-21 OSE Teacher Talk](#)
- [10-12-21 OSE Teacher Talk](#)
- [10-25-21 OSE Teacher Talk](#)
- [11/22/21 OSE Teacher Talk](#)
- [12-6-21 OSE Teacher Talk](#)
- [12-20-21 OSE Teacher Talk](#)
- [1-18-22 OSE Teacher Talk](#)
- [1-31-22 OSE Teacher Talk](#)
- [3.14.22 OSE Teacher Talk](#)