

SEAC

Special Education Advisory Council Meeting

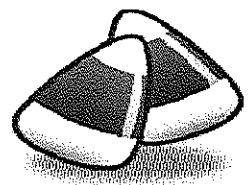
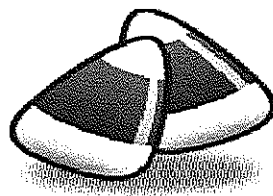
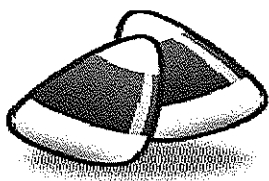
Tuesday – October 27, 2009

6:00pm – 8:00pm

St. Anthony Village High School Room 216

Please join us as we:

- **tour the new Special Education Facilities at St. Anthony Village High School and at St. Anthony Middle School**
- **meet Sarah Linde, the new school based mental health professional for our district**
- **meet Katherine Johnson and Mandy Lindbergh, our new Special Education staff members**
- **hear updates and new information from Michelle Dunaski, the Special Education Director**



New in St. Anthony-New Brighton Special Education for

2009-2010

Technology:

- I-boards in all classrooms (Special education classrooms at Wilshire Park, SAMS and SAVHS)
- Study Island-supplemental curriculum program for Science, Social Studies, Math and Reading (Web-based program so can access from home or school)
- AimsWeb-Curriculum based measurement tool to assess student's individual ability level and objectively track progress in reading and math; should see data presented during IEP meetings and on progress reports
- New laptops and computers in resource areas for student and paraprofessional use
- Purchased additional licenses for software programs to support various student needs: Kurzweil scan and read program; voice recognition programs; books on CD; typing programs

Programming and Curriculum:

- New math track in HS-Pullout courses offer Algebra and Geometry
- Co-teaching for Language Arts in MS-combination of general and special education students and taught by a special and general education teacher; using AimsWeb to monitor and track student progress
- Spec ed teacher working with gen ed teacher for LOYO (Living on your Own) class (new for 10th-12th graders)
- Staff involved in RTI (Response to Intervention) initiative at the MS
 - Describe RTI
- Continue to refine the TOPS (Transition, Organization, Planning and Social/Study skills) pullout class
- Continue to refine the DCD (Developmentally Cognitively Delayed) program at the Middle School-expanded from 2 to 5 students this year

Staff:

- Mandy Lindbergh-Special Education Teacher in the Middle School
- Katherine Johnson-Special Education Teacher in the High School
- Laure Burr-Special Education Paraprofessional in the Middle School (transferred from Wilshire Park)

Other:

- Early Childhood Grant-\$15,000

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Meeting

Thursday February 25th, 2010

6:00pm-8:00pm

Wilshire Park Multi-Purpose Room

Please join us as we welcome presenter **Lisa King** to our District.

Lisa will address the differences between the high school setting and the college setting, including entitlement versus eligibility, access versus success, documentation and assessment requirements, Special Education versus Disability Services and accommodations, both reasonable and unreasonable, at college for multiple disability areas. The social, academic and interpersonal expectations of beginning college students will be addressed, as well as the changing role of parents of college students and how families can and must begin the transition process NOW.



Lisa King is Director of Higher Education and Autism Spectrum Disorders, Inc. an organization for families, professionals, and colleges on issues regarding students on the spectrum. Her specialization is in the area of transition, higher education accommodations and employment for students on the spectrum. She obtained her Master's Degree in Education from the College of William and Mary and has worked with students with disabilities in K12 and postsecondary education environments for over 20 years. As a Disability Specialist in higher education she has worked extensively with students with Aspergers and Autism Spectrum Disorders. Under the guidance of national experts, Jane Thierfeld Brown, Ed.D. (UConn) and Lorraine Wolf, Ph.D. (Boston U), Ms. King led a two year pilot program at the University of Minnesota implementing a new model of service: Strategic Education for Asperger Students (SEAS). She is a private consultant and frequent presenter and trainer, locally and nationally on topics related to best practices for working with individuals on the spectrum in higher education and employment settings.

Hope to see you there!