



WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We, at the Wayne Special Parents Association, are very excited for the Workshops and Activities that we have planned for this year.

The NEW 2017-2018 WSPA BOARD is as follows:

Lisa Minervini - Co President
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Paul Kelly - Vice President
Lisa DeGrandpre - Treasurer
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In this past year, the WSPA has been able to offer the following:

- We had our 1st annual FALL FESTIVAL which was very well attended. The STARS students supported our kids doing crafts, we had a DJ, photo booth, face painter and each school donated snacks for our concession stand. It was a big hit.
- We also had our 1st annual SNOW GLOBE FESTIVAL which had winter crafts, DJ, photo booth and face painter. We held one festival at 10 am for Elementary students and 2pm for MS/HS students.
- We held a TRANSITION FAIR with 25 different agencies that shared important information about support coordinators, transportation and SSI / Medicaid.
- We had a workshop presented by POAC on Hidden Dangers which was very informative about eloping and other dangers
- We had our 1st BIG fundraiser. We sold bracelets for ABILITY AWARENESS MONTH that had RESPECT, TRUST, FRIENDSHIP, KINDNESS and ACCEPTANCE printed on them. Students from the SLE program in district, along with their job coach, sold bracelets at each school during lunch period.
- We formed our 1st Team for RELAY FOR LIFE held at WVHS. We had t-shirts made and refreshments all donated by one family.
- We had a Special Needs Dance for all of our MS and HS students which was donated by a family in district.

- We helped organize the 1st BINGO GAMES held at the Wayne Public Library with prizes from Carvel and Wendy's along with some toys and posters.
- CCW was held for all 3 sessions: Fall, Winter, Spring - KidFit
- We had COLLEGE NIGHT again with representatives from William Paterson University, Centenary College, Community College of Morris, Passaic Community College, and Fairleigh Dickinson University. We also had counselors from WHHS and Child Study Team members speak about accommodations, placement tests, and advocating for oneself.
- We held two Dyslexia workshops.
- We held Parent Exchanges where parents were able to talk to each other and share information such as dentists, doctors, therapies and activities.
- We sent out INFORMATION BULLETINS on different community activities.
- We offer CHILDCARE for the past 4 years at all of our workshops free of charge.

As you can see, a lot goes on behind the scenes. If you are not already a member of WSPA, please consider becoming one. You will receive our email blasts and you will be in the know! Get involved, come to our workshops to hear our speakers and let's make this a great year!

THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT!

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