

Clarkstown Special Education 2015-2016



Welcome back to a new school year!

There is no better way to start off the school year than to become a member of Clarkstown SEPTA (Special Education Parent Teacher Association)

- Clarkstown SEPTA is organized to support & promote greater awareness and knowledge of special education
- Provides parents with a chance to listen as well as be heard
- Provides referrals to other individuals or organizations in the special needs community
- Informative Meetings are held monthly at Felix Festa Middle School. Each meeting features a guest speaker on a variety of topics such as:
 - Navigating through the CSE process
 - Helping children with social skills
 - Planning your child's future
 - Behavioral management tips for parents

Clarkstown SEPTA also hosts two wonderful fundraisers during the school year that benefit our scholarship program that recognizes graduating seniors who received special education services. At this special awards ceremony Clarkstown SEPTA also recognizes teachers and aides who have made an important difference in our children's educations and lives.

We hope that you will support Clarkstown SEPTA. Membership is open to everyone, including parents, family members, teachers and friends who are interested in improving the quality of education for children with special needs. **Simply complete the attached registration form and mail back to us.**

- **Individual membership fees are \$15/year**
- **Teacher membership fees are \$10/year**

Below you will find a schedule of events lined up for the 2015/2016 school year. Also, please be sure to visit our website at www.clarkstownsepta.org and "like" our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/clarkstownsepta>. We encourage you to join SEPTA!

If you have any questions, please email us at septa2@verizon.net.

Sincerely,

Matt Musikar

President, Clarkstown SEPTA

Date	Topic	Location
Thursday, October 8	Study Skills Workshop, and also meet Arnold Fucci, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services	Felix Festa Middle School
Tuesday, November 10	Strategies for Challenging Behavior	Felix Festa Middle School
Wednesday, December 2	SEPTA Holiday Boutique Fundraiser	Street Community Center, New City, NY
Tuesday, January 12	Common Core and How it Pertains to Special Needs Students	New City Elementary School
Tuesday, February 9	Food Allergies	Felix Festa Middle School
Tuesday, March 8	Sexuality/Puberty for Special Needs	Felix Festa Middle School
Thursday, April 14	Fundraiser at Glaze Pottery and Art Studio	Glaze, Orangeburg, NY
Tuesday, May 10	ADHD	Felix Festa Middle School
Wednesday, June 1	SEPTA Scholarship and Awards Ceremony	Felix Festa Middle School

Membership CLARKSTOWN SEPTA
(Special Education Parent/Teacher Association)
2015-2016

Date: _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email Address: _____

_____ Individual Membership \$15/year _____ Teacher Membership \$10/year

If you are a parent member:

Child's Name: _____

Child/Children's Grade: _____

Child's Current Teacher: _____

School presently attending: _____

If you are a teacher/administrator:

School: _____

Department: _____

Other: _____

Any questions please contact Jill Post at jpost0726@gmail.com or 917-743-4831

Mail Checks payable to **Clarkstown SEPTA**, 62 Old Middletown Road, New City NY 10956

or bring to next SEPTA meeting

For Office Use Only:

____ Paid Check # _____ Cash: _____

____ Prior Member _____ New Member _____ School Year

I would like to be part of the following Committee:

Fundraising/Special Events: _____

SEPTA PTA Representative For (please add in school name) _____

SEPTA Awards Ceremony Committee: _____ **(please see back)**

Following is a description of the above committees. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Fundraising/Special Events: Assists in planning and raising funds for SEPTA Scholarships.

SEPTA PTA Representative: If you already attend another PTA's meetings, to speak at those meetings, let those members know what SEPTA is about, when our meetings are, topics of our meetings and any events being hosted by SEPTA.

SEPTA Awards Ceremony Committee: Review Scholarship Applications help with set up the night of the awards ceremony and bring some refreshments to the awards ceremony.

Our new website is www.clarkstownsepta.org or e-mail septa2@verizon.net