

Ms. Angela's Parent Educator Newsletter September 2019



Upcoming Parent Education Events (see flyers sent home)

September Workshops:

PEP Welcome & Overview:

[Several dates/times and locations,
please click here for the flyer.](#)

I'm going to try to schedule a meet & greet here at Sherwood focusing on questions about PEP at Sherwood and the IEP/process.

TBD

Important Announcement

Look out for more "PEP Presents" Parent educator trainings provided through the PEP office throughout the year. These workshops are presented by community experts and parent educators and can be very helpful to your child and your family. I encourage you to attend as many as you can! Return all workshop response forms to me through your child's teacher.

Dear Parent's/Guardians,

Welcome back to those parent's with returning Sherwood PEP students. And a big welcome to our new PEP students for the 2019-2020 school year. I am the PEP parent educator for your child's school. This is my 5th year in this position and I know that my experience thus far has provided me with important insight that will help me serve you well this year. A little bit of background about me; I formally taught the Learning For Independence program (LFI) grades k-3 for 5 years which helped me understand what to get our preschoolers ready for. I then went on to teach the PEP-Comprehensive (now PEP-5 hr.) class at Sherwood for 5 years. I will never forget what it's like to work in the classroom and hope to return to teaching full time in the near future. I have 2 boys of my own at home and love every second I have with them! We are also expecting our 3rd child in January. I am Excited get to know our new families and to work with you all and your children this year!!!

As your parent educator, I plan to provide you with as many resources as you might need to make the most out of our program. Please feel free at any time to contact me about any issues, changes at home, interests or good news that may arise throughout the year. I will work closely with your child's teacher and service providers so concerns can be addressed through any member of your child's team as well. I look forward to meeting all of you throughout the year, and writing these monthly newsletters where I hope to provide useful information!

Sincerely,

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Guided Observations:

How is my child responding to his/her peers and staff in the classroom? What strategies are being used? We welcome you to observe your child in his/her classroom to obtain information on your child's progress as well as to gain strategies that were modeled in the classroom at home. Please call or email me to schedule a guided observation.

FYI- IEP Meetings this Year

Save the Dates:

You will get a "Save the Date" letter from me 1-2 months prior to the date of your child's scheduled IEP meeting. Please make sure to contact me as soon as possible if the date you receive does not work for you.

Invitation letters:

You will receive a formal invitation letter 2 weeks prior to your child's scheduled IEP meeting. The letter looks a little different this year and the response you will check and sign to send back is on the same page. You will also get a Strengths and Needs summary form which we use to fill out the Childhood Outcomes Summary (COS) portion of the IEP. Your input is valuable and we'd appreciate if you could send it back to use at least a week before the meeting date.



Community Events: click on the titles to go to the links.

- 🍎 [Montgomery County Public Library Kids event schedule](#) : find the schedule for story times and other activities at your local library.
- 🍎 [Koddler](#) Local events for kids & toddlers in our area
- 🍎 [Montgomery County Parks](#): There are so many parks in MC to explore. Check out the link to see what's going on where this fall.
- 🍎 [Butlers Orchard](#): Fall Family Fun! **Apple picking, Hayrides, Corn Maze, Giant Slides, Jump in the Hayloft** and visit Barnyard Buddies! 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Weekends in September & October plus Columbus Day!

Online Articles for the Month:

- [Tips for being an active participant in your child's IEP meeting](#)
- [Understood.org](#) is a great parent resource for all your special education/IEP questions.
- [22 Simple Fall activities and a 7 day challenge](#):

Additional Parent Resources:

[Sherwood ES PEP Parent Resource Google Folder](#)

I've gathered and created a shared google folder with various resources on topics past parents have expressed interest in. Please check it out and let me know if there are other resources I can add.

Also, please check out our Sherwood PEP website, recently updated with more updates to come!

[Sherwood PEP Website](#)