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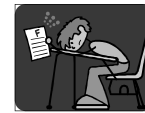
Special Needs Committee

“EVERY child is special. What does YOUR child need?”



The PTA Salutes Our School Staff in celebration of

National Inclusive Schools Week!



School Staff, we salute **YOU** in celebration of the 7th annual Inclusive Schools Week, a week that highlights and celebrates the progress of our nation's schools in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students with disabilities, learning differences, those from culturally varying and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Our PTA and the Santa Clarita Valley Council PTA's Special Needs Committee would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our teachers, instructional assistants, speech and resource instructors, administration and parents in creating inclusive opportunities for all students here at school!

Here are some sources of great support and information regarding services at school and in the community:

Save the Date – “Winter Academy” is again coming to SCV!

Friday, February 1, 2008

Winter Academy is a free, day-long educational conference on a variety of special education topics, co-sponsored by the Santa Clarita Valley SELPA, Community Advisory Committee, our five local school districts and the SCV Council PTA. Watch for details on this great educational opportunity for all parents and educators!

Resources for Parents and Educators— IDEA

This website from the Department of Education offers extensive information about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the law that governs special education, as well as NCLB.

<http://idea.ed.gov/>

Parenting Children with Special Needs

Two nice websites dedicated to parenting children with special needs, including articles on child care, health, friendship and seasonal issues such as Halloween, holiday gift giving, vacation and travel and more. <http://specialchildren.about.com/> <http://specialneedsparenting.suite101.com/>

Sibling Issues

The Sibling Support Project is a national effort dedicated to the life-long concerns of brothers and sisters of people who have special health, developmental, or mental health concerns.

<http://www.siblingsupport.org/>

Person First Language

Person First Language is a way of recognizing that people with disabilities are people, first.

<http://www.disabilityisnatural.com/peoplefirstlanguage.htm>.

Family Focus Resource & Empowerment Center

This local non-profit agency provides information, referrals, listings of support groups and a lending library. Call 661-250-3943 or see www.csunfamilyfocus.com

For more information about the SCV Council PTA
Special Needs Program, contact SpecialNeeds@scvpta.org .