

## **ABOUT SEPTA**

SEPTA stands for Special Education Parent Teacher Association.

We would like to invite you to be a part of the Riverhead Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA). SEPTA's primary function is to offer information, resources and support to parents, students, educators, and those who are interested in supporting quality education for children with special needs.

If your child receives speech, counseling, resource room, reading, occupational therapy, physical therapy or if your child is in a special education class, inclusion class or out of district placement, you should be a member of **SEPTA**. We aim to foster opportunities that bring together parents and educators of our community and encourage a sense of unity. It is our hope that you will join and be an active member in our SEPTA organization.

### **What is SEPTA?**

SEPTA – is a PTA within a school district bringing together people interested in children with educational needs that cannot be met in the regular classroom setting.

Organized to support, strengthen and promote a greater awareness of special education.

Encourage and promote an understanding of students' needs, while striving to discover and implement ways of best meeting them.

### **What are our SEPTA's Goals?**

To insure each child the best possible program which will allow him/her to reach full potential. To bring together parents and teachers of all special children regardless of their specific needs, in order to share the experiences involved in educating their children. We promote effective communication between parents, teachers, administrators, and students by seeking and then providing accurate information and resources.

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

We encourage everyone whose child receives any service from the Riverhead School District to join SEPTA.

SEPTA is a collective group of volunteers who understand the struggles and support one another. We would like to invite you to be a part of Riverhead SEPTA.

BY joining SEPTA your membership helps us to provide programs and scholarships for graduating special education students. Even if you don't have children receiving services, please join to help us promote disabilities awareness district wide and our other advocacy efforts for our children.

*Please fill out a membership form today in Member hub or email us.*

### **COMMITTEES**

Riverhead SEPTA is always looking for volunteers for committee positions for the school year. If you are interested in helping, please email us

at [riverheadseptaevents@gmail.com](mailto:riverheadseptaevents@gmail.com)



This year, the Riverhead SEPTA adopted the RAINBOW as our symbol.

Rainbows are a symbol of hope in many cultures. They represent the mystical and a promise of a better future for all that see them. This glorious prism of color has been a connection to our past and our future working together to create wonder in us all. People have written songs about rainbows and some have used them to represent bridges that connect one world to another.

There are legends of the rainbow that pre-date many of us and folklore passed down from generation to generation meant to ignite love and friendship. Did you know that rainbows are actually full circles? But we only see what is above the horizon here on earth. In order to see the full circle of a rainbow we would have to soar high up in the sky like a bird or sitting on a plane. Don't just see half of the rainbow! The Riverhead SEPTA asks all of our members and residents to soar high over the horizon and see our community as a whole - comprised of many, without marginalizing and or dehumanizing those who may seem different. Because sometimes, if all you are seeing is half of something - how can you really know all of the beauty that surrounds you?

Best Wishes,

Virginia Scudder, Riverhead SEPTA President and The Riverhead SEPTA