



The South Pasadena PTA Council Special Needs Committee and the South Pasadena Unified School District present an educational conference:

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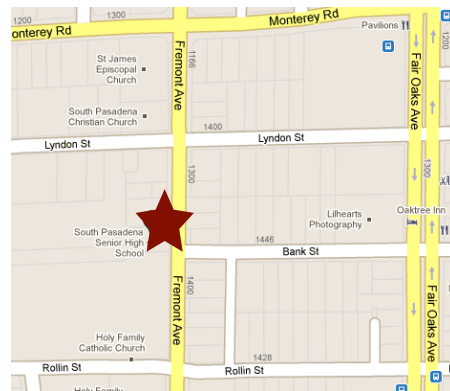
Laura Kieffer and John Lesak

REACHING ALL STUDENTS

Conference Committee Members:

- Olga Aguilar
- Ellen Daigle
- Jen Howard
- Jackie Howorth
- Diane Lasell
- Kim Lesak
- Terry Munoz
- Ricardo Munoz
- Lourdes Nonato
- Kendra Rose, Director of Special Education, SPUSD
- Joel Shapiro, Superintendent, SPUSD
- Candice Yu

The South Pasadena Council PTA Special Needs Committee works to provide information and support to parents of children with special needs, so they can help their children maximize their potential. We also collaborate with the school district to assist staff to most effectively help children. We work to provide information to all parents and community members about children with special needs, so that they may understand and support all children and work for adequate legislation and funding for children with special needs. We will also work to help all children understand and appreciate challenges faced by children with special needs.



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7:30 - 8:00	Registration
8:00 - 8:45	Keynote Address
8:45 - 9:00	Break
9:00 - 10:30	Session 1
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:15	Session 2
12:30 - 1:30	Support Group Meeting

Keynote Address by Rick Clemens, M.A., Founder/Director of IECP (Inclusive Education and Community Partnership)



**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 26, 2011**
Registration: 7:30 - 8 am
CONFERENCE: 8 am - 12:15 pm

For more information or to RSVP, please send email to SpecialNeedsCommittee@yahoo.com or contact Laura Kieffer (626) 441-4624.

DETAILED PROGRAM

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No childcare will be provided.

This conference is provided for the community at no charge.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND PRESENTATIONS

TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3	TRACK 4	TRACK 5	
Registration/Coffee					7:30 - 8:00 am
Introduction: Joel Shapiro (Superintendent, SPUSD) and Laura Kieffer (Conference Co-Chair) KEYNOTE ADDRESS: "Creating a School Where All Kids Belong," by RICK CLEMENS Founder & Director of IECP (Inclusive Education Community Partnership) The keynote address will tackle the purpose of special education and the importance of all children having a desk in a general education classroom. Building an environment where differences are appreciated and ownership of all students is the norm will lead to a place where kids learn, play and grow together. Closing: John Lesak (Conference Co-Chair)					8:00 - 8:45 am
BREAK					8:45 - 9:00 am
Session 1a	Session 2a	Session 3a	Session 4a	Session 5a	
Best Practice Inclusion Strategies Rick Clemens, M.A. (Founder and Director of IECP, Inclusive Education and Community Partnership) This session will discuss the inclusion strategies that make kids and teachers successful. We will cover a brief look at curriculum adaptation, social and play skills, and behavior supports. Participants will leave with an understanding of some of the key components necessary to help kids succeed in inclusive classrooms.	Practical Social Skills Solutions Peter Gero, Ph.D., MFT (Founder and Director of BLAST) Social skills are the foundation of getting along with others. A lack of social skills can lead to behavioral difficulties in school, bullying, difficulty in making friends, aggressiveness, etc. Children with disabilities often need additional training in social skills. They will likely benefit from direct instruction in social skills groups led by trained professionals and the availability of a safe environment in which to practice newly learned skills. Dr. Gero will offer teachers and parents practical solutions when dealing with behaviors at home and in the classroom.	Setting Students Up for Success Roberta J. Goldberg, Ph.D. & Andrea Lombardi, B.A. (The Frostig Center, Pasadena, CA) The results of the Frostig 20-year Longitudinal Study which identified individual characteristics and life experiences that lead children growing up with learning disabilities to successful life outcomes will be discussed. These Success Attributes are Self-Awareness, Use of Support Systems, Goal Setting, Perseverance, Emotional Coping Strategies, and Pro-activity. Attend this presentation to learn about the Success Attributes and how to foster their development to prepare your child for success!	Autism Speaks Programs and Tools Phillip Hain (Executive Director, Autism Speaks, Los Angeles Chapter) Phillip Hain, the father of a teenager who has Aspergers Syndrome, will be talking about the mission of Autism Speaks, its 100 Day Kit, some of the research the organization has funded, its advocacy work, and resources available to help families of children on the autism spectrum.	"But he's not crazy!" – Making Informed Decisions About Medication Brett Sevilla, M.D. (Medical Director, Asian Pacific Counseling & Treatment Centers; UCLA Department of Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences) Mental illness and psychiatric medications are highly stigmatized in our society. Misinformation and opinionated advice make parents' decisions about psychiatric medication difficult and stressful. Parents need access to reliable, scientifically-based information about the benefits and risk of medication in order to make informed decisions. This discussion will enhance understanding about various medications and present a process to help parents reach a decision that is best for their child.	9:00 - 10:30 am
BREAK					10:30-10:45 am
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PLEASE VISIT OUR VENDOR TABLE					12:15 pm - 12:30 pm
SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING Moderators: Kim and John Lesak Founders, South Pasadena Special Needs Support Group					12:30 - 1:30 pm

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