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Merrimack Valley Special Education

Parents Resource Group

November Meeting

Transitions to College and the Working World

DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2011

TIME: 6:30 - 8:00 pm Program

8:00 - 8:30 pm Time to make personal connections

LOCATION: Merrimack Valley High School, 106 Village St. Penacook, NH

Please join us for this interactive discussion about the thrills and challenges surrounding transitioning to life after high school. What options are available? What are the requirements? When should planning begin?

We are pleased to welcome guests from Community Bridges, NHTI and the YEAH Council as well as representatives from MVSD.

Please come and meet other MV families who have children receiving special education services. We can provide support for each other. Get to know MV staff who provide services to your children in our schools. Open to families of students of all ages, from preschool to age 21.

Light refreshments will be served.

NEXT MONTH: Making Connections

The Merrimack Valley Special Education Parents Resource Group is made up of volunteer parents and educators of elementary, middle and high school students in the Merrimack Valley School District. It is our desire to work together to make the education process successful and less stressful for everyone involved. It is our mission to provide support, guidance and resources to parents of students with special needs.

The Parent Resource Group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month from September thru June. For more information, visit the special education page on the MVSD web site at www.mv.k12.nh.us

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Can We Help You?

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Monthly Meetings

The Parent Resource Group will meet the third Thursday of every month from September through June (see inside for our tentative schedule).

For more information about the Merrimack Valley Special Education Parent Resource Group

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Tentative Meeting Schedule for the

2011 – 2012 school year

August 25th	Kick-off meeting
September 15	Understanding Special Education Assessments
October 20	Panel: "The Special Education Process"
November 17	Transitions to the Working World
December 15	Making Connections Parents/Educators/Community
January 19	Meet the IEP Team
February 16	Parent Involvement Survey
March 15	Intra District Transitions
April 19	Summer Activities
May 17	Transitions Into the District from Community Programs
June 21	Wrap-up/Planning for Next Year

All meetings start at 6:30pm. There will be an opportunity to socialize and make new connections at the end of every meeting. In an effort to engage as many people as possible, it is our hope to move the meetings to different buildings in the district. Please visit the Special Education page on the Merrimack Valley School District web site www.mv.k12.nh.us or watch for our flyers for current calendar information.

Can you help us?

Everyone has a story. Come to one of our monthly meetings and share yours. You might have the knowledge that helps another parent. At these meetings you will also have the opportunity to network with other parents and education professionals. You'll access current information, make sense of the special education process, learn to advocate for your child and help them advocate for themselves.