

Parent Events for Students with Disabilities
Sponsored by Exceptional Student Education and FDLRS
April - May 2009

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ESE Parent Workshop information is available on the FDLRS website
<http://www.polk-fl.net/parents/ese/fdlrs.htm>

The mission of Polk County Public Schools is to ensure rigorous, relevant learning experiences that result in high achievement for our students.

April	Event	Location
April 21, 2009 9 – 11:00 a.m.	Parent Advisory Meeting for Students with Disabilities	School Board Auditorium – District Office, Bartow
May		
Monday, May 11, 2009 2 sessions: 9-11 a.m. & 6-8 p.m.	What is Dyslexia? What can a parent or educator do to address this learning difference? What works? Do people with dyslexia really see things backward? This workshop, aimed at demystifying dyslexia, will provide parents with basic information and the latest research about this learning difference. Participants will have an opportunity to make and take learning tools that will assist in addressing the needs of their child. Specific resources, provided during the course of the workshop, will give participants a direction to go in learning more and becoming a better advocate for their child’s learning. Presenter: Lou Ann Bigsby, Reading Coach, Polk County Schools	Bartow Air Base (Highway 17), School Board Building, Wright Brothers Room Email: jolene.ahlschwede@polk-fl.net to register
Thursday, May 14, 2009 2 sessions: 9-11 a.m. & 6-8 p.m.	Handwriting 911! Can you read your child’s school work? Is your child struggling with handwriting? With just 10 minutes a day at home, you can help your child become an automatic and natural hand writer! Come learn fun and interactive strategies to help your child with pencil grip, formation, spacing, reversals, and more!! Following this 2-hour workshop, you will have the tools and strategies you need to support your child’s Handwriting 911 needs! Intended audience: Parents of kindergarten – fifth grade students struggling with handwriting. Presenters: Angela Rosenberg - Occupational Therapist, Polk County Schools	Bartow Air Base (Highway 17), School Board Building, Wright Brothers Room Email: jolene.ahlschwede@polk-fl.net to register
Web-based (24 hours per day/7 days a week)	Additional Parent Resources/Online Tutorials Just like attending a Family Network on Disabilities (FND) workshop ... only from the comfort of your own home! Go to the FND of Florida website (www.fndfl.org/Tutorials.asp). Viewing each workshop takes about 30 minutes ... but go at your own pace! There are 29 tutorials	Take a workshop on your own computer from the comfort of your own home.

	<p>including a variety of topics: <u>Exceptional Student Education</u> (IDEA/Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), Conflict Resolution, IEP, FCAT Accommodations, Collaborative Communication, Related Services, Juvenile Justice and IDEA, Evaluation, Positive Behavior Supports, 504 Plans, Rights and Responsibilities, Self-Determination); <u>Transition from School to Community</u> (Transition, Olmstead disability civil rights term/person's right to choose where they live, From IEP to IPE/Individualized Plan for Employment, Rehabilitation Act, Assistive Technology.....</p>	
<p>Monday, April 27, 2009 9:30 am- 1:30 pm</p> <p>Tuesday, April 28, 2009 9:30 am – 1:30 pm</p> <p>Wednesday, May 13, 2009 4 pm -7 pm</p>	<p>Sharing the Commitment is a collaborative project that has been created to foster effective partnerships between parents, schools, and the community. Along with local Exceptional Student Education Departments, Family Network on Disabilities (FND) provides information, training and support to educators, parents, and agencies on services and programs for students with disabilities. Check FND's calendar to register for the following classes in Polk County: http://fnfdfl.org/cal.asp</p> <p>ON TRACK TO TRANSITION - BARTOW (POLK COUNTY) A FREE Mini-Conference for Parents, Students and Professionals Preparing for Transitioning Students from School to Community!</p> <p>FREE MATERIALS AND RESOURCES INCLUDED!</p> <p>To register, contact Marilyn or Alma - Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc. at 727-523-1130 or 1-800-825-5766 For a list of community agencies and topics covered please go to http://fnfdfl.org/cal.asp</p> <p>ON TRACK TO TRANSITION - LAKELAND (POLK COUNTY) Repeat of above event.</p> <p>ON TRACK TO TRANSITION - LAKELAND (POLK COUNTY) Repeat of above event.</p>	<p>Bartow Municipal Airport, Bldg 270 Polk County School Board (Wright Brothers Room) Us Hwy 17, Bartow</p> <p>Family Fundamentals 1021 Lakeland Hills Blvd Lakeland FL 33805 US</p> <p>Jim Miles Professional Development Center 5204 US Highway 98 S Lakeland FL 33813</p>

If you require any type of accommodation for an event sponsored by the Polk County School District, accommodation requests must be made at least 72 hours in advance of the event. To arrange accommodations, contact Diane Bennett @ 863-647-4258 or Patricia Hunter, Equity Coordinator, @ 863-534-0513. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency by calling Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771