

Franklin SEPAC 2018-2019





**The only way we can take care of our children
is to take care of ourselves.**



Franklin SEPAC Mission:

The mission of the Franklin Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is to promote a network for parents of children with disabilities and provide a forum to share information and discuss matters of relative interest and concern regarding our children. This group provides regular forums for Pupil Personnel Services and parents to share information and discuss pertinent issues; develops, maintains and shares tools and a resource guide; and raises awareness of children with special needs.



Thank you to this year's board!

Co-Presidents: *Jennifer Hiscoe and Jennifer O'Duggan*

Co-Vice Presidents: *Sara Mulcahy and Erin Poirier*

Co-Secretaries: *Laurie Wrobleski and Victoria Strand*

Treasurer: *Sharon Taylor and Holly Perkins*



Our incoming Board:

President:

Erin Poirier

Co-Vice Presidents:

Casey and Linda Walsh

Co-Secretaries:

Victoria Strand and Jennifer McCabe

Treasurer:

Sharon Taylor



Highlights:

- ❑ Parent education through workshops and networking through support group
- ❑ Scholarship for two Franklin High Students
- ❑ Collaboration with Franklin High to have Kerry Magro speak on bullying
- ❑ Three successful family events
- ❑ Building relationships with Franklin Police and Fire Departments
- ❑ Sunshine Fund to support families in need
- ❑ Continued participation in the JPCC



This Year's Speakers:

- ❑ Rights and Regulations
- ❑ Public Safety Night-Preparation and safe outcomes
- ❑ Anxiety- Learning with Developmental Disabilities/IEP
- ❑ Friendship- Supporting Children who struggle socially
- ❑ Estate and Guardianship Planning
- ❑ Executive Function Strategies





Parent to Parent Support Group:





SEPAC Scholarships:

We have been able to create two Franklin SEPAC Scholarship awards! We presented a scholarship to a graduating FHS Senior who has embodied the spirit of inclusion and acceptance for all during his or her time in school and to a student who has a disability and is continuing their education.





Award winning national speaker, best-selling author, CEO and non-profit founder, movie consultant and disability advocate Kerry Magro joined us in April to speak to 9th graders about bullying. Kerry was non-verbal at 2.5 years old and was diagnosed with autism at the age of 4. He inspired all who met him that night and we were thrilled to have him in Franklin.

Family Events:

Pumpkin Patch

Sensory Santa

Community Day at the Firehouse



Franklin SEPAC Fall Hayride



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Franklin SEPAC Sensory Friendly Santa



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Franklin SEPAC and Franklin Fire Community Day



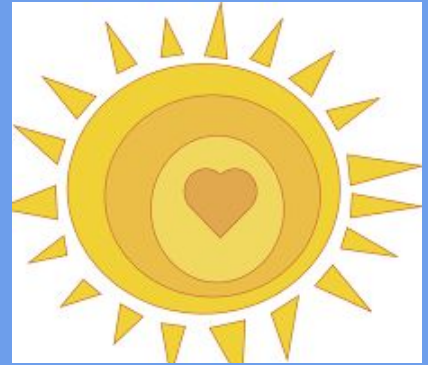


Franklin SEPAC and Franklin Fire Community Day





Sunshine Fund:



The Sunshine Fund was created this past Fall as a way to reach out to families who are going through a rough time. Small care packages are dropped in the hope of buoying spirits. If you know of any families that could use a little extra sunshine please let us know.



Donations:

At the end of each school year, SEPAC members vote to make a donation to an organization that works with Special Needs Families. In 2019, members voted to create two Scholarships for Franklin High students. In years past, donations have included: the Franklin Fish, Sensory buckets for Police and Fire and grants for the OT's in district.

Thank you all for your support!

