

Friday Falcon

March 20, 2009

Dear PTA Board Members, PTA Volunteers & Event Organizers:

Once again another SUCCESSFUL event due to the camaraderie and communication amongst everyone involved. Everything always pulls together! Thank you for providing a fun event at GHE. The lunch that was provided and organized on March 4 was outstanding as well. Thank you for your support of the ARTS at GHE. We could not do it without you.

-Joan

Joan Small~Music Specialist – Green Hope YR Elementary School

The Autism Society of North Carolina is sponsoring workshops for
children who have IEP's:

The WCPSS Special Education Advisory Council for Programs and Services for Children with Special Needs presents:

Autism Spectrum IEP Clinic: Bring your IEP to this session to ask specific questions about your IEP. Space is limited. Wednesday, April 1, 10:00 am – 12 noon.

There is no cost to participate, but registration is required. To register, please call Lisa Townsend at 919-743-0204, ext. 36 or email Lisa at Ltownsend@autismsociety-nc.org. Workshops are for adults only – child care is not available. Workshops are held at the Autism Society of NC (505 Oberlin Road, Raleigh).

More IEP Information:

If your child has an IEP or a 504 plan, you will want to read this document regarding appropriate accommodations that you might want to consider having written into their plan before the upcoming standardized testing period this spring. Accommodations must be in place well in advance of the testing, they can't be put in place just a few weeks before the testing. Since IEP/504 meetings can be difficult to schedule so you will want to get started now in this process. <http://cehd.umn.edu/nceo/OnlinePubs/NCLD/Accommodations.pdf>

Accommodations that might be appropriate for some children include:

- Separate setting to avoid distractions
- Frequent breaks
- Allowing longer time to complete test
- Being allowed to mark answers in the book rather than use the bubble sheet
- Having questions read aloud

Accommodations are not intended to give some children an advantage but to allow those who have learning challenges to be more accurately measured by the testing.

GHE Student Directories Still Available!!

If you still don't have a student directory and would like to buy one, they are still available for purchase through the PTA for \$3.00! Please send a check made out to GHE PTA - be sure to put GHE Directory on the envelope along with your child's name. Thanks!

Upcoming Dates:

March 24 th	Science Fair (T2, T3)
March 27 th	School Spirit Day // Report Cards (T2, T3, T4)
April 10 th	Good Friday (Holiday)