

WJUSD Special Education Department

SEPAC 2022-23 | Issue 1 | Preschool Edition

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) Dates:

September 13, 2022 November 8, 2022 February 7, 2023 April 25, 2023

5:30 - 6:30pm District Office - Board Room 435 Sixth Street Woodland, CA 95695

Meet the Teachers







Rebecca Wiley, Maxwell SDC

Hope Gothard, Maxwell SDC





Maria Valadez, Prairie SDC

Mary Murphy, Prairie Inclusion Program



Coming: Issue 2: Elementary Edition



Preschool Continuum of Services

WJUSD offers a continuum of preschool program options. Preschool students are assessed for special education eligibility by the district's Integrated Preschool Assessment Team (IPAT) and are placed in programs through the IEP process.

Prairie Inclusion Program:

This program is a partnership with State Preschool. In addition to State Preschool staff, an additional Special Education Teacher and Special Education Paraprofessional has been added to the classroom to support IEP goals, develop and implement behavior supports, and implement Evidence Based Practices.

Prairie & Maxwell Special Day Class (SDC)/Regional Programs:

This program supports students with disabilities who require more intensive support and intervention.

Communication, behavioral, and visual supports are incorporated into the classroom program to support overall development and progress towards IEP goals. The program routinely consults with site Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Behavior Specialists, Physical Therapists, School Psychologists, and other specialists as needed.



Students at Maxwell were able to participate in several hands on activities during their Fall 2022 Harvest Festival.

My child is transitioning to TK/K next year, what should I expect?

During the spring semester, discussions around the transition to TK/K will begin to occur. An assessment plan will be provided to parents to consent to a transition assessment. This assessment is required for all students transitioning from a preschool setting to elementary school. The purpose of this assessment is to determine whether or not the child continues to qualify for special education and to establish present levels of performance in the areas of preacademics, communication, behavior/social emotional functioning, adaptive skills, vocational skills, and health.

With this information the team can determine areas of need for your child and develop goals to support progress in those areas or begin the discussion about the transition to a general education setting (for students who no longer qualify). During this meeting or a separate meeting, the team will discuss TK/K and determine what level and during which times your child may require support for the upcoming school year.

Questions/Comments/Suggestions? | Email: Caitlin.Shelton@WJUSD.org