



# Special Education Updates

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH



Matthew is currently a kindergarten student at Whitehead Elementary School. When Matthew first started speech therapy this school year, staff had significant difficulty understanding his speech. Matthew puts a lot of effort into his speech work and attends his sessions regularly. He always comes to speech excited to learn and engage in the fun activities. Matthew has made such growth in his speech intelligibility this school year. We can't wait to see his continued progress!

## DISTRICT UPDATES

Extended School Year (ESY) is scheduled for June 19th - July 23rd for students with an offer of ESY on their IEP. If you have questions about ESY, please contact your child's case manager

## PARENT QUESTIONS

**Q. My preschool child with an IEP is starting kindergarten next school year. How do I prepare for this?**

**A:** When a student transitions from preschool to school age, the IEP team conducts a full evaluation to update present levels and determine learning strengths and weaknesses. Eligibility for special education is also established. These assessments are useful when discussing the supports, services and placement needed for a student to successfully transition to kindergarten.

## ALPHABET SOUP

- FBA - Functional Behavior Assessment
- FERPA - Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act
- GE - General Education

### Contact Us!

Parents and families, if you have questions, ideas, or information, please contact us:  
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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### Matrix

### Parent Network + Resource Center

Matrix is a parent-founded, parent-operated nonprofit organization founded in 1983. "We are parent-operated by intention and design. More than 50% of our Board of Directors are parents of children with diverse abilities and needs. Additionally, most of the staff at Matrix have children with special needs; they have a deep understanding of what families are experiencing. All of our services are free, supported through grants, contracts, donations, and fundraising activities."

Matrix provides both direct services to families and technical support services to other federally -funded parent centers.

<https://www.matrixparents.org>

## IMPORTANT DATES

SEPAC Meetings: 5:00 - 6:30pm

May 26, 2021

Zoom Meeting

ID: 986 8346 1533

Passcode: 325453