



# Parent Mentor newsletter



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## ***Get to know your Parent Mentor !***

**You may not be familiar with the Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership... so, I wanted to share a little bit about the Parent Mentor partnership and me...**

**The Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership is an initiative by the Georgia Department of Education, created to improve the relationship between parents (and guardians) whose children receive special education services in the school district.**

**I am a single mom to twins Sophia and Pepe, born August of 2010. I delivered 16 weeks early (26 weeks). Sophia weighed 1 lb. 12 oz. and Pepe 2 lbs. 2 oz. Pepe was diagnosed with Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy, Hydrocephalus, Seizure disorder and CVI (cortical visual impairment). He also has a gastric feeding tube and a vp shunt. He is non-verbal (but has a smile that will light up a room) and non-mobile.**

**Both currently attend Richmond Hill Middle School and are in 6th grade.**

**It is important for you to know that every parent mentor must have a child who receives special education services. Pepe is in the self-contained classroom with Mrs. Flanders and he also receives PT, OT, Speech and Vision services. He also participates in inclusive activities through his connection's classes. His favorite class is music.**

**I believe in public education and the importance of community support and grassroots advocacy. I also strongly believe that when parents are actively involved in their child's education (whether they are receiving special education services or not,) children do better in school, and life beyond school.**

**My goal is to nurture communication among parents and educators leading to better outcomes for students with exceptional needs.**

**Next year you will be receiving communication from me throughout the school year and going forward.**

**I am available for parents at, 912-459-1012 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am – 2pm or by email [mlorza@bryan.k12.ga.us](mailto:mlorza@bryan.k12.ga.us). My office is located at Richmond Hill Elementary. I also try to make myself available to parents through home visits and training and educational meetings throughout the year.**

**Have a safe and fun summer!!! Look forward to working with you and your family.**

**Mary Lorza**



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## Reminders

- If you haven't gotten a chance to complete the 2023 GaDOE Parent Survey please click link below and fill out.  
<https://survey.gadoe.org/SPEDParentSurvey/Pages/ParentSurvey.aspx>
- If your child has medication in the nurses office, please make sure it is pick up before the end of the day on May 19

## Resources

Scan the QR code for a list of resources



## Summer Camps

Pooler Karate : Special Kicks Summer Camp  
July 24-28 9am - 1pm  
<https://www.specialkicks.com/product/special-kicks-summer-camp/>

## Upcoming Events



REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

First District RESA is hosting an Online meeting for parents of children with ASD and developmental disabilities .

Friday May 12 @ 12:00 pm  
Contact Info: Amanda Major  
912-842-5000  
[amajor@fdresa.org](mailto:amajor@fdresa.org)

Register at link below:

[https://reg.learningstream.com/reg/event\\_page.aspx?ek=0064-0004-2f74ccd3477849f1a0c77b3dff5b4598](https://reg.learningstream.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0064-0004-2f74ccd3477849f1a0c77b3dff5b4598)

## Important Dates

5/19: Last Day of School

05/20: Graduation Day  
9:00am - 11:30 am  
@Glynn County Stadium

5/31: Last day to submit your  
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## ***One Bryan ESS Field Day!!!***

On Friday April 28, 2023 Richmond Hill Middle School hosted their Annual ESS Field Day. Nearly 100 students got a chance to show off their athletic abilities.

The students were accompanied by teacher, volunteers and family members who cheered them on in events that included basketball shoot, soccer shoot, bean bag toss, beachball toss, a run race, walk race relay and a wheelchair race.

This event would not be possible with out the ESS field day committee and all its volunteers.

Also a huge thank you to our local business that donated there time and services for our kids.



- \*Texas Road House (Lunch)
- \*Glitterboxx Studios (Face Painting)
- \*Himalayan Curry Kitchen (Shirt's)
- \*Ogeechee Media Group (Photography)
- \*Richmond Hill Publix (Water's & Snack's)
- \*Elliott's Landscaping (Waters)
- \*S.D. Gunner Fund (Service Dog & Snacks)
- \*Secure Transport & Storage (Swag Bags)
- \*Reliable Appliance (Water Bottles)







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