

Gardner Special Education
Parent Advisory Council
Schedule for 2011-2012 School Year
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All Workshops/Meetings to Be Held at the Gardner Middle School, 297 Catherine St.
Gardner MA

Wednesday, September 28, 2011 - Welcome Back! 7:00 pm

One of the best resources for you and your child are other parents like you.
Please join us for an open discussion of questions and concerns, review of meetings for the 2011-2012 school year, and informational resources for families.
Together we *can* make a difference in the lives of our children

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 – Meet and Greet 7:00 pm

This meeting will give parents an opportunity to meet Principals, Guidance and special education staff from the Gardner public schools in an informal setting. Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 - Basic Rights in Special Education 7:00 pm

The workshop will help families with an introduction to their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Massachusetts Special Education Law and No Child Left Behind (NCLB).
It is designed to help parents learn how to be effective partners with their child's school to decide the child's eligibility for special education, and to plan, make decisions and monitor their child's progress in school.

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 – Do You Hear What I Hear; Parents and professionals working together for children with special needs 7:00pm

Strategies to help parents and professionals learn to be collaborating and creative partners.

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 – IEP 101 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 28, 2012 – Measurable Goals 7:00pm

Ideas and discussion on what makes a goal measurable and how to create more measurable and sustainable goals for our children's IEP

Wednesday, April 25, 2012 – Budget issues; how they affecting our city and our children's education 7:00pm

Please join us for an open discussion on how this is impacting our families. We will discuss some simple steps that can help you become more involved, more informed and how to talk to your local legislators.

Wednesday, May 30, 2012 – Looking for some summer activities? 7:00pm

Come and check out local resources.

