

# Extraordinary Minds in MCPS

## A Forum to Learn How Students with Autism Are Educated in Montgomery County Public Schools

Sponsored by Montgomery County Public Schools' Department of Special Education Services and Partnership for Extraordinary Minds (xMinds)



Learn about educational services and resources in Montgomery County Public Schools to help students on the autism spectrum succeed.

### Wednesday, April 22

**6:30–7:00 p.m.** Introduction to Autism Services

**7:05–9:00 p.m.** Breakout Sessions (see reverse side for schedule of sessions)

**7:05–9:00 p.m.** Student Service Learning Resource Fair

### Location: Earle B. Wood Middle School

14615 Bauer Drive, Rockville, MD 20853

**Recreation for students of all ages and abilities will be provided by ZamDance and Kids Being Kids LLC!**

Registration for child care is required.

**Visit [www.xMinds.org](http://www.xMinds.org) to register**

and learn more about each breakout session.



Partnership for Extraordinary Minds (xMinds) is a nonprofit organization working to improve the educational experiences and outcomes of students on the autism spectrum. For more information and to become a member, visit [www.xMinds.org](http://www.xMinds.org).



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6:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.: Welcome and Introduction to Autism Services

Breakout Sessions: 7:05 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions: 8:05 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Diploma-track Elementary Services (K–5)	Diploma-track Elementary Questions & Answers
Diploma-track Secondary Services (6–12)	Diploma-track Secondary Questions & Answers
Non-diploma Elementary: Shift to Curriculum 2.0	National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC) Exams
Technology for Elementary Students	Technology for Secondary Students
Transitioning to Middle School	Curriculum 2.0 in General Education (K–5)
Pre-K Curriculum & Kindergarten Readiness Assessment	<b>NEW:</b> Extra-curricular Activities for Secondary Students
<b>NEW:</b> Options for Student Service Learning	<b>NEW:</b> Collaborating With Your IEP Team
<b>NEW: Student Service Learning Resource Fair for Students with Disabilities</b>	
	<b>NEW:</b> Career-Technology Education Program of Studies
<b>EN ESPAÑOL:</b> Servicios Primarios para Estudiantes en el Espectro Autista	<b>EN ESPAÑOL:</b> Servicios Secundarios para Estudiantes en el Espectro Autista

Aprenda acerca de servicios y recursos educacionales en las Escuelas Publicas de Montgomery County para ayudar a los estudiantes en el espectro autista a ser exitosos.

**Miércoles, 22 de Abril**

**6:30–7:00 p.m.:** Introducción a los Servicios de Autismo

**7:05–9:00 p.m.:** Sesiones de Grupo

**Cuidado de niños estará disponible a través de Zamdance y Kids Being Kids y require inscripción.** Para más información y para registrarse, visite [www.xMinds.org](http://www.xMinds.org).



## Recreation is new this year!

Thanks to the generosity of Jackie Zamora (ZamDance) and Sarah Starr (Kids Being Kids), students of all ages and abilities can have fun while their parents learn about educational services for kids on the spectrum.

**ZamDance** is a dance fitness class for children and adults with disabilities. The class introduces a structured environment while allowing the students to be able to move at their own pace. The students learn different types of dance movements such as Merengue, Jazz and Hip-Hop! [www.ZamDance.com](http://www.ZamDance.com)

**Kids Being Kids** specializes in play-based learning for children with special needs that increases communication, builds friendships, self-regulation skills, lifetime wellness, and more. Our programs are led by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and special educators with low child-to-staff ratios. We believe kids learn and generalize their learning best through play! [www.kidsbeingkids.net](http://www.kidsbeingkids.net)