

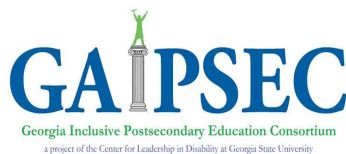
# Tiger Talk

News parents can use!

## Creating a Positive Future

This year, the Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership has identified the theme *Creating a Positive Future* for our work with families. With that in mind, **Virtual Table Topics**, **Tiger T.I.P.S.**, and the newsletter will feature opportunities for parents to learn about a variety of strategies and information to support planning and preparation for a positive future. Check out the listing for the first **Table Topics** on the following page.

### Inclusive College Settings for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Find out more at the Virtual College Fair



GAIPSEC's Virtual College Fair will be taking place on October 29th from 3:00-4:30pm. Join to learn more about inclusive college opportunities for students in Georgia! There will be a representative from each college available to ask questions at the end of the presentations. Please register before October 25th. We look forward to seeing you October 29th!

Register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_inaWYxumQyedsjy7Dn5gcg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_inaWYxumQyedsjy7Dn5gcg)

If you are unable to attend, a recording will be available afterwards.  
Contact Sombal Bari ([sombal.bari25@uga.edu](mailto:sombal.bari25@uga.edu)) or Darien Todd ([dtodd14@gsu.edu](mailto:dtodd14@gsu.edu)) for any questions

### Meet the Staff: Preschool Intervention Teacher and Special Education Coordinators



Mrs. Purvis,  
Preschool  
Intervention  
teacher

This month, we are continuing staff introductions. The Preschool Intervention Program has a new teacher this year, Mrs. Victoria Purvis. (pictured to the left)

In addition to Special Education teachers our staff includes two Special Education Coordinators. Ms. Christi Driggers is the Sp.Ed. Coordinator for CMS and CHS. Mrs. Lisa Lewis is Sp.Ed. Coordinator for CES. The Sp.Ed. Coordinators support teachers and school staff in the implementation of the IEP. Parents are most likely to meet them at an IEP meeting in which they represent the LEA.(Local Education Agency)

**Tiger Talk tip:** Every member of the IEP team has a unique role that impacts your child. Get to know as many members of the team as you can.



Ms. Christi Driggers



Mrs. Lisa Lewis

Hello, from Amanda Locke, the Parent Mentor for Evans County Schools!

Parenting is not an easy walk in the park, is it? This month, I have begun a weekly **Walk in the Park** with a few parents. We wear our masks and walking shoes and enjoy a change of scenery and conversation. If you cannot join us at 10:30 on a Monday morning, I encourage you to find a few minutes to pause and do a little something to refresh or refocus.

If I may be of service, please contact me at CHS: 739-3993 or [alocke@evanscountyschools.org](mailto:alocke@evanscountyschools.org) My office is at the high school, but I am available to parents of students from preschool to graduation! I look forward to working and walking with you this year!

Amanda Locke



### Stay Informed with:

The Evans County Schools website: [www.evans.k12.ga.us](http://www.evans.k12.ga.us)

The Evans County Schools Facebook page!

Parents, please keep your contact information up to date to receive important notifications via text, phone and email!



[www.parentmentors.org](http://www.parentmentors.org)

## Attention Evans County Special Olympic Athletes: Join the SONA Stride Challenge-Oct. 19-Dec. 13



Run, Walk, or Roll!

Track your distance each day and see how far you can go in 8 weeks!

**WHAT:** An 8-week distance challenge to walk, run or roll in a wheelchair.

**WHO:** Special Olympics athletes can register as an individual or part of a Unified pair with a family member, friend or other supporter.

**WHEN:** Participant registration is now open! The SONA (Special Olympics of North America) Stride Challenge runs October 19 – December 13, 2020.

**HOW:** After registering, participants keep track of the distance they run, walk or roll in their wheelchairs via Strava. Each week on Monday, they will self-report their distance for the previous 7 days via a [survey](#), earning them a coveted spot on the leaderboard.

**SOGA wants to encourage athletes to join the SOGA Team! They can join by signing up here:**

<https://www.strava.com/clubs/SpecialOlympicsGeorgia>.

For more general information see here: <https://tinyurl.com/SONAStride>



If you would like to share a photo or discuss alternate ways to participate, contact Amanda Locke 739-3993 [alocke@evanscountyschools.org](mailto:alocke@evanscountyschools.org)



## Virtual Table Talks



ASPIRE Training—October 29th at 8:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 4:00 PM

Creating a Plan for Independence-Strategies for Parents  
presented by Dr. Lorrie Spencer-November 5th at 8:30 AM

Training is being offered via virtual means at this time. Links to access the sessions will be posted on the Evans County Schools website. If you are unable to attend but would like the information, please contact Amanda Locke-739-3993 [alocke@evanscountyschools.org](mailto:alocke@evanscountyschools.org)



## Resource Spotlight



### October is Disability Employment Awareness Month

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) works to support individuals as they prepare for and obtain competitive employment. GVRA works with high school students to identify and develop pre-employment skills. In conjunction with GVRA, Georgia High School High Tech (GHSHT) works with eligible students to identify a realistic vocational goal and attend post-secondary education and/or obtain employment.

GVRA website: [gvs.georgia.gov](http://gvs.georgia.gov) Career Specialist-Leigh Anne Bradley [Leigh.Bradley@gvs.ga.gov](mailto:Leigh.Bradley@gvs.ga.gov)\*

The GHSHT Kickoff is scheduled for Friday, October 30 during CHS Tiger Pride.