



### Parent Coffee Group

March 22, 2013, 9:30 AM  
Dink's  
890 West Poplar Ave  
Collierville, TN 38017

### Family Fun Day

April 20, 2013  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Menagerie Farms  
3135 Shea Road  
Collierville, TN 38017



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- *Creating an inclusive, community wide opportunity for parents, educators and other professionals*
  - *Supporting, educating and enhancing awareness of programs, legislation and the comprehensive needs of special needs children*
  - *Creating a network that will constructively aid children from preschool through transition into elementary and secondary school as they prepare for adulthood*
  - *Everyone who has an interest in the welfare of children with special needs is invited to join*
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# Shelby County Regional Special Education PTA

## March General Membership Meeting

Open to the public

**March 26, 2013 7:00 PM**

Doors open at 6:30 for Meet and Greet

Avon Lenox High School  
310 N. Avon Rd.  
Memphis, TN 38117

Parking in the lot at the north end of the building or the street.  
Please enter through the front doors of the school.

Presenting:

### Best Buddies

### Melissa Todd and Kristin Barek

Best Buddies is a non-profit organization that exists to address these needs and end the social isolation of people with IDD. The Best Buddies office in Memphis, will reach area youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are often isolated, lonely, and unable to develop critical social skills. Best Buddies Memphis is in the beginning phases of starting programs in middle schools, high schools and colleges. They will also develop adult friendships throughout the Mid-South area. For more information, please email [Memphis@bestbuddies.org](mailto:Memphis@bestbuddies.org).

### Chris Myers

Chris Myers is a parent of an autistic son, Taylor. Mr. Myers will be presenting information and some preliminary results from a recently completed, state-wide study with the University of Memphis and SRVS on assessing needs for children to adults. The study also includes information on an innovative, clearinghouse concept called LifePlan. Mr. Myers has spent many years as a strong advocate in our community including holding a variety of Board leadership positions and is the author of the book, *Taylor's Way* about his relationship with Taylor.

Please visit our website [www.shelbycountysepta.org](http://www.shelbycountysepta.org) for updated information about these SEPTA events as well as other community-wide events.