



Special Education Parent Advisory  
Council (SEPAC)  
June 2015 Newsletter

## STARS to Special Education Students



Thanks to all of you for your nominations!

We have an exciting afternoon planned to honor the work done this year. A special thanks to Nicole Singer, Fort River Art Teacher, for opening her classroom and leading us off in this event!

We will share nominees in next newsletter!

When: June 18<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 4:00pm-5:00pm  
Location: Fort River Art Room

Light Refreshments will be served! Please RSVP if you plan on attending to [basilstew@comcast.net](mailto:basilstew@comcast.net)!

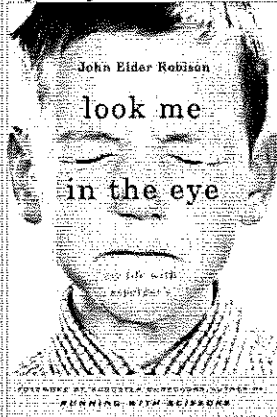
## Aspie Parent Support/Peer Network:

A couple of parents of 7th graders are looking to get together informally with other parents of secondary-age students who have Asperger's, high-functioning autism or similar social skills challenges. They hope this could be an opportunity to get to know others who share experiences on having kids who are very intelligent, but socially awkward. In the future, it might provide some opportunities for the kids to get together, but for now, they are thinking it would be nice to meet for coffee during school hours (or a drink in the evening?) and get to know each other. If you are interested, please contact Amy Sweeting ([amysweeting@yahoo.com](mailto:amysweeting@yahoo.com)) and Laurie Anastasia ([anastasia@admin.umass.edu](mailto:anastasia@admin.umass.edu)).

## Book Club

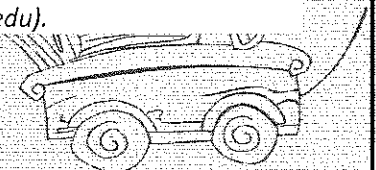
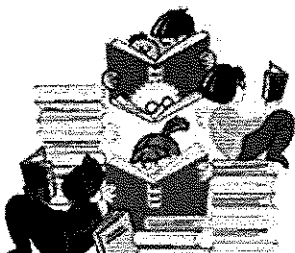
*Always free and open to anyone in the community!*

Please join us to discuss **Look Me in the Eye** by local author John Elder Robison



When: June 18<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 6:30pm  
Location: Amherst, Please email [basilstew@comcast.net](mailto:basilstew@comcast.net) for exact address.  
We are grateful for a parent opening their home to host this event. All people are welcome! We just need to know ahead of time if you are attending.

Mr. Robison has reached out to us to let us know he'd like to attend! What an extra special treat for us and our first book club!!



# **FREE FUN OFFERINGS** **ON FRIDAYS!**

70 MUSEUMS & CULTURAL VENUES  
10 WEEKS OF FUN THIS SUMMER

7 SITES OPEN FOR FREE EACH FRIDAY

Free Fun Fridays offers visitors no cost admission to many of the most treasured cultural venues in Massachusetts

Check the website below for exact details. Many locations are in Western Mass!

**[HTTP://HIGHLANDSTREET.ORG/FREEFUNFRIDAYS.HTML](http://highlandstreet.org/freefunfridays.html)**

## **SOME SUMMER IDEAS:**

**[WWW.MASS.GOV/DCR/UNIVERSAL-ACCESS](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/universal-access)**

### **Accessible Activities**

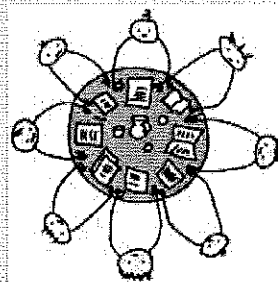
Assistive listening equipment is available upon request at many parks. Recorded brochures, walks, and tours are also available at some parks.

For further information, to request information in alternative formats, or to request American Sign Language interpretation for any DCR program, please contact the Universal Access Program office at:

P.O. Box 484

Amherst, MA 01004

Or call 413-545-5353 voice; 413-577-2200 TTY.



### **PAARS SEPAC MEETING DATES 2014-2015(updated 5/26/15)**

Date & Time	Location	Meeting Type
6/5/15 9:00am-10:00am	ARMS, Professional Development Room	Executive Board meets with Dr. Brady
6/5/15 10:00am-11:00am	ARMS, Professional Development Room	General Meeting
6/18/15 4:00pm	Fort River Elementary School Art Room	Celebration of Stars & Special Education Students
6/18/15 6:30pm	Amherst email <a href="mailto:basilstew@comcast.net">basilstew@comcast.net</a> for exact location	Book Club Meeting

ALL OF OUR METINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

SEPAC WEBSITE: <http://arps-sepac.info>

**Consider volunteering with SEPAC... We have lots of opportunities for you to help. Please reach out to us to let know how you can help!**

