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Don't Miss This!

The revised [Special Education Handbook for Parents](http://www.fcps.edu/ss/SpecialEd/Handbook/) is now available online in PDF format.
<http://www.fcps.edu/ss/SpecialEd/Handbook/>

Translated versions of the handbook are available in:
[Arabic](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Spanish](#)

Workshops

Mark your calendar!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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Parent Resource Center - Upcoming Workshops and Events

- PRC and FCPS cosponsored workshops and events.

<http://www.fcps.edu/ss/prc/workshops.htm>

FCCPTA - Calendar of Events

- Fairfax County Council of PTAs Special Education Calendar of Events.

<http://64.83.8.10/ffcese/ffcsecal/webcal.pl>

The Arc - Events Calendar

- The Arc offers a regional training calendar populated by multiple disability organizations.

<http://www.thearcofnova.org/calendar/month.php>

SCAN - Workshops Calendar

- SCAN offers a variety of free ongoing parenting programs that meet weekly throughout the year.

http://www.scanva.org/parenting_workshops.htm

SIBSHOPS - Online Training Calendar

- Workshops offered by the Sibling Support Project.

<http://plus.calendars.net/sibshop/>

SIBSHOPS

What are Sibshops?

Sibshops are lively, pedal-to-the-metal celebrations of the many contributions made by brothers and sisters of kids with special needs. Sibshops acknowledge that being the brother or sister of a person with special needs is for some a good thing, for others a not-so good thing, and for many somewhere in between. They reflect a belief that brothers and sisters have much to offer one another--if they are given a chance.

The Sibshop model intersperses information and discussion activities with new games (designed to be unique, off-beat, and appealing to a wide ability range), cooking activities, and special guests who may teach participants a variety of activities. Sibshops are as fun and rewarding for the people who host them as they are for the participants.

Sibshops are designed (primarily) for school-age children and seek to provide opportunities for peer support within a lively, recreational context that emphasizes a kids'-eye-view.

For upcoming Sibshops visit:

<http://www.fcps.edu/ss/prc/workshops.htm>

For more on Sibshops visit:

<http://www.siblingsupport.org/about/index.html>

Books and DVDs at the PRC

Check out the latest!

Melvin D. Levine's DVD series is available at the PRC

1. *Getting Organized, Work Habits*
2. *Behavioral Complications*
3. *Mastering the Challenge of Reading*
4. *Thinking With Numbers*
5. *Getting Thoughts on Paper*

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