



# RIDGEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## **What is The Social Place?**

The Social Place is an extracurricular club for children who have social challenges. Educators and volunteer mentors from Ridgewood High School administer, plan and run the activities of the club.

Monthly activities provide opportunities for children to practice social skills in a fun environment, participating in typical type outings. Ridgewood teachers facilitate each event, assisted by RHS mentors who are paired with participating children.

A parent or guardian must be present at each event but will be "in the background" to allow children independent social time.

Finally, the goal of The Social Place is to increase the children's confidence and aptitude in social situations, while enjoying time with other students and working towards creating their own social circle within The Social Place.

## **Who Should Participate?**

- Children with social challenges due to autism, Asperger's Syndrome, PDD -NOS, Chromosomal Disorders, ADHD/ADD or similar developmental delays.
- Children without significant behavioral challenges.  
Student Mentors are not professionally trained behaviorists or therapists.
- Children, in and out of district, entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are able to participate.
- Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian; these are not drop off events.
- Events are for participants and their parent or guardian only.

## **Cost**

- \$150 **per session** per child covers ALL activities, insurance, t-shirt, and pizza for children and their mentors.  
An RSVP with event details will be sent out for each event so we know how many children to expect. Please be as prompt as possible with your RSVP.

**Please contact Suzanne Simone ([ssimone@ridgewood.k12.nj.us](mailto:ssimone@ridgewood.k12.nj.us)) or Stephanie Dodd ([sdodd@ridgewood.k12.nj.us](mailto:sdodd@ridgewood.k12.nj.us)) with any questions.**



**Scheduled Events – 2019/2020\*\***

This year, Social Place will be broken down into two sessions. Session One will run in September and October. Session Two will run in March and April. Our hope is that your child will attend both sessions! However, we understand that schedules get tight and we are hoping that this way you can have more choice and that ability to join a session that may really peak your child’s interest. All sessions will run on Saturday mornings (with the exclusion of SkyZone which does sensory hours on Mondays).

**Fall Session:**

September 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am	Hayride @ Rohslers Nursery, Allendale
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Bowling @ Montvale Lanes
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Van Saun Park Paramus
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Bounce Safari in Waldwick

**Spring Session:**

March 7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Bowling @ Montvale Lanes
Mon. March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4:00 PM	Skyzone in Allendale
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Creatively Yours Painting- Ridgewood
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Pony Power- Mahwah (RAIN DATE 5/2)

**\*\*Please be aware that events and times may change depending on the number of participants. You will be sent an e-mail that includes event date, time, and location to RSVP about two weeks in advance of the event to inform you of any changes that may occur. \*\***



**Registration Form**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in September 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information: Allergies, Fears, Interests, Unique Attributes.....

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**To Register**

1. Complete the registration form above!
2. Write a check for **\$150 (for one session)** or **\$300 (for both sessions)** made out to **RHS**
3. Mail the check and registration to:  
**George Washington Middle School**  
**ATTN: Suzanne Simone**  
**155 Washington Place**  
**Ridgewood, NJ 07450**