

# NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

PROVIDING HELP FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM, AND HOPE FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

## NEWSLETTER



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### Coming Events

**Talent Show and Playground Opening** will be held on **May 21 (1-4)**

**10th Annual NLG Bike and Walkathon** will be held July 23rd

**9th Annual Give them Wings Auction** will be held on **September 24** at the **Collings Foundation**

For more information on events and ways to help, contact Kathy Romeo, [kathy.romeo@nashobalearninggroup.org](mailto:kathy.romeo@nashobalearninggroup.org)

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## LETTER FROM LIZ

Greetings from all of us at Nashoba Learning Group! Our winter has been filled with student learning and achievement, and continued enrollment growth, despite the extreme winter weather. As we enter the final phase of our expansion to 90 students, we are also looking forward to the future. We are completing development and implementation of transition programming for our older students (aged 17 and up) to get them ready for their adult lives. This process has helped us refine our entire curriculum to ensure that our students are learning the skills they need at every age. We are also completing the initial design phase for an Adult Program that will provide the ongoing supports our graduates will need to be productive adults.

We are developing our plans for Adult programming in the face of a government funding environment that has markedly deteriorated. We will need to be highly resourceful to provide our graduates with appropriate opportunities, but we are determined to succeed. Our students have worked so hard and achieved so much. They deserve this opportunity to be contributing members of the community. We know we can do it with your help! On behalf of our students and their families, thank you for all you do. Now more than ever, we can't do it without you.



-Liz Martineau, President

## COME TO OUR TALENT SHOW AND PLAYGROUND OPENING

NLG will host an Open House on May 21st from 1-4 p.m. to present our 2nd annual Talent Show and show off the completed Phase Two of our playground. We invite all members and friend of our school community to join us to celebrate and support our students

The students participating in this year's Talent Show are eager to show off their talents. We will stage the show in our gym this year for expanded seating.

The Event will also include tours of the school, a silent auction, raffle, and other fun activities for the whole family. Mark your calendar and look for the invitation, or go to our website : [www.nashobalearninggroup.org](http://www.nashobalearninggroup.org).



## FULL COURT CHARITY CHALLENGE

Bob Forlenza hosted his 12th annual Full Court Charity Challenge Basketball tournament on March 12th at Basketball City in Boston. There were 24 teams participating and this year the proceeds jointly benefit NLG and the Lurie Center for Autism LADDERS program. The event was a huge success thanks to Bob and Karen Forlenza and all the very generous donors and sponsors.



Bob with the Corporate team winners "MacJizzy"



Bob with the Open team winners "Raptor"



## MR. VIC VISITS NLG FOR A HOLIDAY SING A LONG



## DENTAL PROGRAM IN FULL SWING



(Jerry Swee, Resident; Maria Kritsineli, Asst. Prof.; and Regina Gelman, Resident)

We are happy to report that NLG's dental program started on Thursday, February 18th. Our students have the opportunity to work on their ability to participate in dental care here at NLG with a wonderful team of Dentists and Hygienists provided through the Tufts School of Dental Medicine Division of Special Care.



Checkups have been performed on twenty-one students so far and our students are responding very well to the experience. We are very grateful for the opportunity this program provides for our students who need repeated practice in order to learn the skills to participate appropriately in dental care.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Hi! I am Daniel. I like to watch Toy Story 2 and 3. I have one little brother and we like to play the Wii together. I like to go on outings and swimming. Swimming makes me feel happy! My three favorite things about NLG are seeing all of my teachers, going out to lunch with my friends, and swimming at the pond in the summer. My favorite teacher is Eric, because he is my Top Dog!

## BOSTON MARATHON

NLG was awarded four charity numbers by John Hancock for the 115th running of the Boston Marathon on April 18th. Our runners are two NLG parents, Judith Ursitti and Julie Coppenrath; a teacher, Peter Argiros; and Peter's friend—and friend of NLG—Brendan Stapleton. These hardy volunteers are running to raise funds for NLG. If you would like to sponsor any of our runners you can do so by making a donation to NLG's website donation page which can be found at [www.nashobalearninggroup.org](http://www.nashobalearninggroup.org). We are very proud of them for their efforts for NLG. Please join us in cheering them on during the race.

## SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Tierney, of Skaneateles, NY, the parents of staff member, Maggie Tierney. The Tierney's, through their employer Welch Allyn, donated a Harvey Elite Stethoscope and Flexiport Automated Blood Pressure Monitor and Cuffs to our Nurses office.

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