

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



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Coming Events

10th Annual NLG Bike and Walkathon will be held July 23rd see www.nashobalearninggroup.org for signup and information



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

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LETTER FROM LIZ

We have had an action packed spring at Nashoba Learning Group filled with joy and achievement. Thirty students proudly performed in our May 21 Talent Show to the delight of their families and friends. All the rest of our 90 students created artwork or participated in preparation for the day. Nine senior NLG staff members presented NLG curriculum innovations and student successes at the ABAI Convention in Denver at the end of May. And June brought the NLG prom, an evening of celebration for our teenage students and their families.

The summer at NLG is also packed with learning and achievement. Our students come to school all summer with just a short break at each end, and they wouldn't have it any other way! Learning continues all summer long as our students engage in the challenging but reinforcing work of adding the skills they need to function effectively at home, in the community, and eventually in the workplace. Our dedicated and talented staff members also work all summer teaching and motivating our students to reach new heights. We are looking forward to a wonderful summer at NLG where every day our staff and students demonstrate that high expectations, individualized goals, customized teaching, and celebration of each success result in spectacular achievements. Thank you for all you do to help NLG bring out the best in all our students with autism! **-Liz Martineau, President**



GET READY FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL BIKE AND WALK A THON ON JULY 23RD!

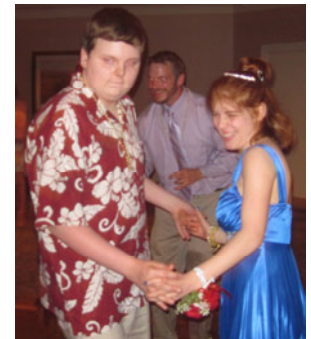
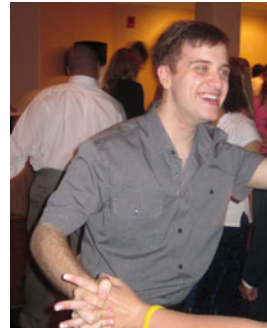
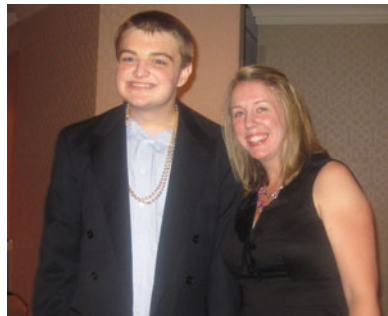
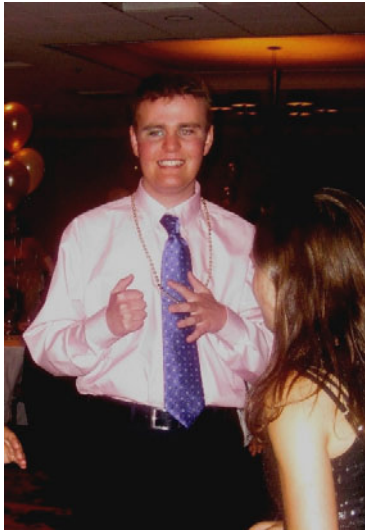
10 years ago, our first Bike a thon helped us raise the funds to start NLG! Every year since then, the Bike a thon and Walk a thon have been important fundraising events and a wonderful opportunity for NLG families, students and friends to gather for a day of fun. The event is dedicated to the memory of Ken Oliver, the father of Ian, one of our original students.

The bike ride begins promptly at 8:30 with registration beginning at 7:30. We have both a 50 mile and a 25 mile option. The ride is marked and supported and very scenic. The walk begins anytime between noon and 2 pm. The walk is a 2 mile round trip on a marked trail in the woods to Walden Pond and back, a perfect distance for children (and a swimming pool awaits them on their return). All events begin and end in Concord. Registration and sponsorship forms are available on our website: www.nashobalearninggroup.org or call us at 781-275-2500. We ask participants to gather sponsors, with all proceeds going to support NLG in our mission to enable those with autism to develop to their full potential. Let's make our 10th ride the most successful ever!



NLG PROM

The third annual NLG Prom took place at the Bedford Doubletree on Saturday, June 4th. Our older students had the opportunity to dress up and dance the night away! The students all had a wonderful time and it was a thrill for their families and teachers to see how far they have come and how much they enjoyed their evening together. It was a lot of fun!



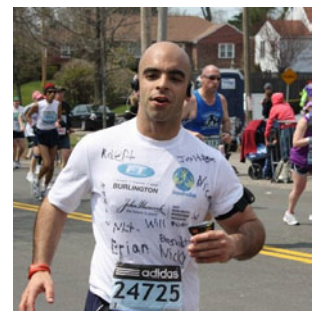
YAWKEY ANNUAL REPORT

NLG deeply appreciates the ongoing support of the Yawkey Foundations and was honored to be featured in the Yawkey Foundations Annual Report this year. To see the report go to: www.yawkeyfoundation.org/reports.html

BOSTON MARATHON

We are very proud of our four runners this year- Julie Coppentrath, Judith Ursitti, Brendan Stapleton and Peter Argiros (pictured). They not only finished the race but raised over \$20,000 for NLG. All agree that the marathon and our work at NLG are both about taking one step at a time to go a great distance.

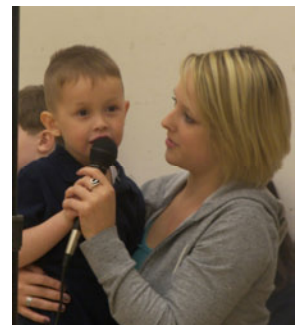
Thank you team NLG for your dedication and hard work, we really appreciate it!



NLG'S OPEN HOUSE/TALENT SHOW

After what felt like months of rain we had a warm sunny day for NLG's Open House. Although we were unable to finish the playground in time, due to the weather, we had a wonderful day.

What made the day extra special were our very talented students who performed in an amazing Talent Show. The students practiced for weeks and were very excited to show off what they had accomplished to their very proud parents, grandparents and friends. Thank you to the many staff members, parents and friends whose hard work made the event a huge success! Special thanks to Karen Abruzzi for organizing the show.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

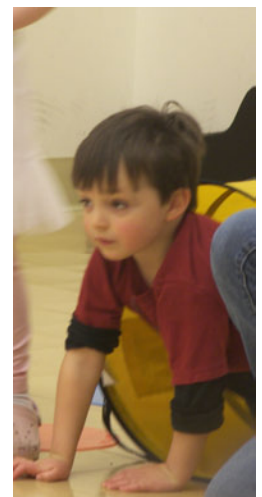
Brandy has been at NLG since 2008. Brandy loves Toy Story 2, Nascar, and KARATE! Brandy goes to several karate classes each week, including a group lesson, where he does a great job following instructions and learning new moves. Recently, Brandy took his yellow belt test and passed with flying colors. You may have seen him with his instructor, Carlos, performing a demonstration at NLG's talent show this spring!



Our new Playground!



Martina, an NLG Student for four years first began tennis lessons at the Zip Zone in the fall of 2008, with a group called Aceing Autism. She then moved on to private lessons and her skills have surprised and amazed her instructor. Martina is very calm on the court with a relaxed grip on her racquet that helps her successfully hit the ball. Martina enjoys her lessons very much. Along with her good hand-eye coordination, Martina has good reflexes. Her quick reaction time allows her to have successful rallies. Martina is a natural at tennis!



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