

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



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Coming Events

**Annual Appeal—mailed
December 1st**

**Full Court Charity
Challenge, March 10, 2012**

**Talent Show/Open House,
March 31, 2012**

NLG Prom, May 5, 2012

**Bikeathon/walkathon, July
21, 2012**

For more information on events and ways to help, contact Kathy Romeo, kathy.romeo@nashobalearninggroup.org

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LETTER FROM LIZ

All of us at Nashoba Learning Group wish you happiness and success in 2012. NLG has a big year ahead in our efforts to enhance the lives of those with autism. Our first priority is to continue to provide the outstanding education that our students need to achieve their potential. Second, NLG will launch in the next few months an enhanced website including a portal. This portal will facilitate worldwide access to our symposia and workshop presentations, assessment tools, and program innovations. This step will allow NLG to share the knowledge we have developed and further our mission of enhancing the services available to all children and adults with autism. We are excited to broaden our reach in this way.

And 2012 will be a very important year in the development of our upcoming Adult Program, scheduled to open in 2013. We have a great deal of work to do to make this dream a reality and we are looking forward to moving forward with the development of the program. Stay tuned for more on these important efforts.

As always, we cannot do any of this without your support. Thank you so much for all you have done, and continue to do, to help us enable those with autism to build productive lives at school, at home, in the community and the workplace. Together we bring them the joy of achievement and access to the world.

-Liz Martineau, President

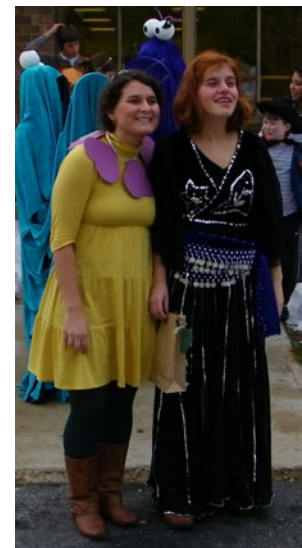
NLG ANNUAL APPEAL

The Annual Appeal was mailed in early December. If you have not received a copy, you can access it on our website www.nashobalearninggroup.org or call Kathy Romeo at 781-275-2500 to request one. The Annual Appeal is an important source of funding for our program and we thank you for your generous support for those with autism.



Annual Halloween Parade

Despite the early snow fall this year, our Halloween Parade was enjoyed by all. This continues to be a fun activity for students and staff. The kids enjoyed trick or treating around the school as well as our annual parade. We had some very creative costumes this year!



YAWKEY FOUNDATION GRANT

NLG was thrilled to receive a grant of \$150,000 from the Yawkey Foundation this fall. The grant will enable us to build our capacity through facilitating development of an Adult Program. We are honored by the confidence placed in us by the Trustees of the Foundation and we greatly appreciate the advice and support we have received from the program staff through the years. We were pleased to be featured in the Yawkey Foundation Annual Report this year. To see the report go to: www.yawkeyfoundation.org/reports.html.

4TH ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT

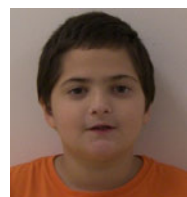
Thanks again to Paul and Julie Halloran for organizing a delightful comedy night for the benefit of NLG and Autism Speaks, raising \$5,000 for each. The evening was hosted by Don Gavin. Paul and Julie invited NLG staff to attend as their guests and a wonderful evening was had by all. This certainly is a favorite for NLG staff!

32ND ANNUAL BABAT CONFERENCE

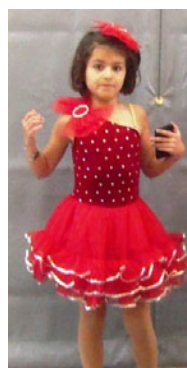
NLG participated in the 32nd Annual Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy Conference which took place on October 13th and 14th in Amherst Massachusetts. The conference draws over 900 ABA professionals from around the country. NLG presented a 2 part workshop on vocational and life skills and a symposium on enabling students to overcome aversion to taking medicine. NLG staff members Liz Martineau, Steph Daniels, Crystal Seagle, Heather Bairos, Chanelle Hume, Jess Slaton, Maureen Lacerte, and Kate Raftery presented for NLG.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Hi! My name is Josh. I like to watch movies and play on the game cube. I like to play Super Monkey Ball with my friends at school. It is fun. I love my school. We get to go on outings to the playground, swimming pool, and restaurants. My favorite restaurant is McDonald's because I like chicken nuggets. My teachers are Leanne, Jess T, Jess S, Nicole, Rachel and Karen. They Rock!



Jenna has been a student at NLG for 3 years. Just recently she has sparked an interest in singing and dancing. In fact, she was one of NLG's superstars in the talent show; performing the cha-cha slide. To enhance this interest, her family enrolled her in the Helene Joy School of Dance which is an adaptive dance studio in Middleton, MA. Not only did she attend classes, she was able to successfully participate in a dance recital on June 25th, 2011. Jenna did so well she even received a medal. Her family, teachers, and friends were, (and continue to be) so proud of her.



STUDENTS FROM NASHOBA BROOKS VISIT NLG



Students from Nashoba Brooks School (NBS), located in Concord, MA visited NLG in November. These students are part of NBS's Youth in Philanthropy Club. The visiting students were paired with NLG students and worked on art and vocational projects as well as social skills. The NBS students will be visiting us again in the new year. Everyone involved enjoyed the experience and our students are looking forward to welcoming their buddies again soon.

Gift cards that benefit NLG!

Our gift card program is complete. We once again partnered with Great Lake Scrip for our Holiday gift cards. A portion of each card purchased benefits NLG. Thank you to all who participated. The program was a big success.



Your Shopping can benefit NLG:

Register at www.onecause.com and choose NLG as your school to support. Shop at One-cause.com and NLG will earn a percentage of what you spend at places like Amazon.com and more.

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