

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



We are looking forward to Fall at Nashoba Learning Group! September is a busy month, even though our students and adult members have been here learning and achieving all summer. September is when we work with each person on our staff to review their progress in our comprehensive development process and set goals for the upcoming year.

I love this chance to look individually and globally at the skills and trajectory of our staff because it makes me so proud! It is clear that we have a fantastic staff and that we are enabling them to build careers at NLG. Each staff member brings talent and passion to our students and members and has the opportunity to advance their skills to the next level. Our focus on training and development of staff ensures that we can deliver the high quality programs individuals with autism need now and in the future, and that we are building the clinical resources to enable further growth.

The skill of our staff and the quality of our programs for those with autism were affirmed by our recent surveys of Parents/Guardians for both programs, and School Districts and DDS decision makers. All constituents gave us very high ratings for quality! Results are inside.

Coming Events

Give them Wings Auction—October 18, 2014, 6:00 at the Doubletree Hilton, Bedford, MA

New Parent Dinner—November 8th

Gift Cards—November

Annual Appeal—December

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

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All these efforts have one purpose, enabling individuals with autism to reach their potential by learning the skills they need to enjoy productive and full adult lives.

Thank you for all you do to support us as we build the future for those with autism!

**Liz Martineau
President and
Clinical Director**



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12th Annual Give them Wings Dinner and Auction

Don't forget to buy your tickets for this exciting event as NLG supporters gather to honor our wonderful teachers, gain inspiration from our student and parent speakers, and participate in our lively auction. The event begins at 6 pm at the Doubletree Hilton in Bedford MA. Contact Kathy Romeo at 781-275-2500 for more information and to RSVP. Or, go to the Events tab at www.nashobalearninggroup.org to order tickets and space in our Program Book.

Congratulations to Robert and Brendan!



Congratulations to Robert and his family! Robert started at NLG in 2003 and graduated this June to our Adult Program. Robert has always been eager to learn and do his best and he has brought his great skills and attitude to his new program.

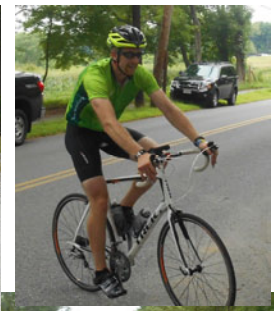
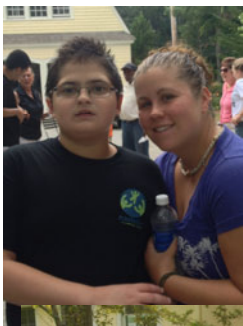
In August, Brendan graduated from NLG and successfully transitioned into our Adult Program. Brendan was our 5th student and he has learned so much in his 11 years at the school! Brendan was enthusiastically welcomed to the Adult Program by his old friends who preceded him there.



Congratulations Robert and Brendan we are so proud of you and so happy you are part of the NLG Adult Program!

13th Annual Bikeathon and Walkathon

NLG's Bikeathon/Walkathon was a great success! Tim Massey won the Beat Liz Challenge and was the first staff member to do so by a margin greater than the difference in their ages! Beth Battin also beat Liz, her third time doing so! Thirty cyclists rode for NLG, including 3 NLG students. Many other NLG students, adult members, their families, and NLG staff members walked the 2 mile walkathon trail. This event provided a great opportunity for our students, families, staff and friends to support NLG and celebrate the dramatic difference NLG makes for those we serve.

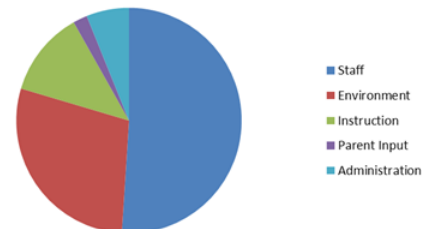


NLG Constituent Satisfaction Survey

NLG asked 4 groups of constituents to rate our performance on 35 measures of program quality in 4 categories. Surveys were sent in May 2014 and we had a very high response rate: 79% of Parents/Guardians at the school, 80% from the Adult Program, 28% of School district liaisons and 29% of MA DDS representatives completed the survey. We received a very high overall average rating of 4.6 on a 5 point scale! We are highly motivated by the specific feedback on areas of strength and areas for enhancement. Categories rated were: Care for the individual and the family, Application of Applied Behavior Analysis, Delivery of Services, and Administration and Facilities. Contact NLG for a summary presentation.

NLG Survey: 2014 Parent/Guardian Responses

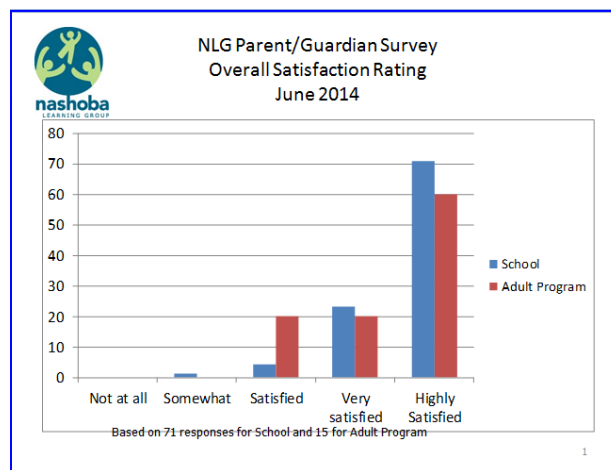
Parents' Favorite Things at NLG



NLG Parent/Guardian Survey Satisfaction Ratings June 2014

Category	Average Rating on a 5 point scale
Care for individuals and families	4.60
Application of Applied Behavior Analysis	4.62
Satisfaction with Service Delivery	4.59
Administration and Facilities	4.56
Overall Rating	4.63

Scale: 1= not at all satisfied, 2=somewhat satisfied 3= Satisfied 4= Very Satisfied 5=Highly Satisfied



Janet Flynn

After more than 9 years of service to NLG, Janet, our school Nurse, has decided to retire. Janet was our first full time Nurse and set the standard for skilled and loving care that our students enjoy. We thank her for her very dedicated service and we all wish her the very best. Janet has trained our two excellent new nurses, Meaghan and Mary, to follow in her footsteps. We welcome them to NLG.



PAC Corner

Hello from your Parent Advisory Council!

The PAC is off to a busy start– please note the following dates:

- Saturday, October 18:** Annual Give Them Wings NLG Auction – Please attend!!
- Friday, October 24:** NLG Parent/Guardian Lunch: Place TBD – watch your email
- Wednesday, November 12:** First Staff Appreciation Lunch – watch your email and backpacks and please contribute so we can buy our wonderful staff lunch!!!
- Friday, November 14:** Annual Fall Parent/Guardian Coffee at the home of Jody Marcoux in Sudbury – 9:30 a.m. More info coming!

We know the fall is a busy time for everyone. We hope you will take some time to join us for these events. We love getting to know everyone and building our community! If you have any questions about anything at all, feel free to contact us or your neighborhood liaisons (list will be coming home in backpacks shortly).

Thanks!!

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