

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



Letter from the President:

Happy Spring from all of us at Nashoba Learning Group! Despite the unprecedented snow, our winter was filled with student and adult member achievements. We celebrated 5 graduations from our School and welcomed new members to our Adult Program. And, we reached an important milestone in our plan to grow in service of our mission!

On February 23rd we completed our purchase of 170 Lexington Road in Billerica! We continue the exciting work of preparing for the opening of NLG's second School site and welcoming the first new students this summer. As we plan, we are taking advantage of this opportunity to continue to enhance the quality of our services and processes as we become one School with two sites. Our Adult Program benefits from our ownership of the building with reduced occupancy costs and upgraded building services as part of the renovation. In order to complete renovations and have the resources to add 40 students over the next few years we have embarked on a Campaign to raise \$1,500,000 by the end of next year. We appreciate

everyone's support during this campaign. There are many ways to participate. In addition to supporting the campaign financially, NLG benefits when those in our community connect us to their friends and family who may be able to contribute, help us gain access to foundation and corporate support, or help at fundraising events. Please contact me or Emily.Wheet@nashobalearninggroup.org to join the Campaign. Together we enable a growing number of children and adults with autism to achieve their potential and contribute to the community throughout their lives!

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for all you do!

Liz Martineau
President

Upcoming Events

Talent Show—April 11, 2015
61 Center St. Burlington

Leprechaun 5K Shuffle and Fun Run—April 19th
Burlington High School

Student Spring Dance—May 30, 2015
Doubletree Bedford

Red Sox/Cal Ripken Event—June, 2nd 2015
Tuft's University


Bikeathon/Walkathon—July 25, 2015

Give them Wings Auction—October 24, 2015
DoubleTree Bedford


For more information on events and ways to help, contact Emily Wheet, emily.wheet@nashobalearninggroup.org



Celebrate student and adult achievements!

D. learned to calculate his blood glucose levels, measure the accurate insulin and administer the insulin with oversight for safety but 100% independently! 

B. independently asks for a 'minute' in place of engaging in problem behavior!

E. has learned to independently shower going from no toleration of the shower to being independent! 

N. has decreased his aggressive behavior and is learning to follow a schedule for activities with his peers!

R. completes a morning routine with 100% independence!



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16th Annual Full Court Charity Challenge

Thank you to Bob Forlenza for running a very successful basketball tournament! Players, spectators and volunteers had a great time at our new venue, Boston University Fitness and Recreation Center. Competition was fierce this year with many returning and new players. All funds raised go to Nashoba Learning Group and the Lurie Center. For the second year, Landmark Partners won the Corporate Division and NYC earned their first win in the Open Division!



Liz, John, Karen and Bob



Team NYC



Landmark Partners

The winners were:
Corporate Division- Spring
Lake Equity Partners
Open Division- NYC

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3rd Annual Leprechaun Shuffle



The 5K Leprechaun shuffle has been postponed until **April 19th 2015**. It will be held at the Burlington High School, 123 Cambridge St. All ages are welcome to take part in the 5K run or 1/2 mile shuffle.

If you are interested in being part of a fun-filled day please contact Julie Copenrath at jabsbo03@gmail.com or Emily Wheet at Emily.wheet@nashobalearninggroup.org.

2015 Boston Marathon

Nashoba Learning Group is excited to announce our runners for the 119th Boston Marathon. Running in her sixth Boston Marathon is **Judith Ursitti**. Judith supports NLG in so many ways and we are so happy she is running again. **Thomas Feller** is a dedicated staff member who completed the race last year for NLG. We love his enthusiasm and determination (if you see a runner with two large American flags, you know it is Tom). **Bob Principe** is a parent to one of our students. We are thrilled to have him on our team! Our fourth hard-working runner is **Chris Manring** running his first Boston Marathon. We thank all of our runners and wish them good luck on April 20th! Please support our runners and their fundraising goals by visiting our website www.nashobalearninggroup.org to donate.



Everybody's Got Talent—April 11th

Students, parents, and staff all look forward to NLG's annual talent show. The show will take place at the **Burlington Council on Aging, 61 Center Street**, Burlington, making this year bigger and better than ever before. Come watch all the talented students as they put on NLG's own Variety Show!

A Visit with Peter Gerhardt, Ed. D.

NLG was pleased to welcome Peter Gerhardt, Ed. D. for a program consultation. Peter is the author or co-author of numerous articles and book chapters on the needs of adults with autism spectrum disorder, the school-to-work-transition process and analysis and intervention of problematic behavior. He has presented nationally and internationally on these topics.

The visit focused on vocational programming and finding external job sites and we appreciated Peter's feedback and ideas.



Congratulations Graduates!



We are very proud to announce that five more of our hard working NLG students have graduated from NLG's School!

Congratulations to Sanjana, Paige, Derek, Jonathan, and Sean for all you have achieved. We are proud of you and excited for the future.



PAC Corner

Hello NLG community! Spring brings some exciting events to NLG.

-Thank you to all who donated to the **staff appreciation lunch taking place on March 25th**. We are excited to treat our hard working staff to a special meal at the tail end of this long winter!

-Our **spring PAC meeting will take place on Thursday, April 9th at 7pm**. At this evening meeting, we will be hosting **Judith Ursitti, an NLG parent and regional director for Autism Speaks**. She will be speaking about health insurance reimbursement and other reimbursement sources for home therapy.

- Finally, a new format for our traditional "open house"-it will feature the **annual talent show and will take place on April 11th at 2:30pm at the Burlington Senior Center- 61 Center St. Burlington** (our overabundance of talent outgrew the NLG gym!). We look forward to watching our students show off!

Many thanks to all our parent volunteers who make the NLG community truly special. Yours, Una and Barb

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