

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



Spring has been busy and exciting at NLG with celebrations such as our Spring Fling Dance and our day with the Red Sox and Minnesota Twins added to the many daily victories we celebrate with our students and members. And our expansion plans are moving along briskly! Renovations to 170 Lexington are nearing completion. We are on schedule to move 15 students to the new space in July and to begin increasing our enrollment at both sites. This is an important advancement of our mission and we are looking forward to helping more individuals with autism reach their potential. We will grow to an overall enrollment of 130 students and 50 adult members over the next two years! In addition, our ownership of the building provides important cost savings to our Adult Program relative to the costs of renting. This helps reduce the significant gap between costs and available funding. We are at the 1/3rd mark in our Campaign to raise \$1,500,000 to support this expansion! We appreciate everyone's continued help in supporting us and reaching out to friends, foundations and corporations on our behalf! Together we can get to the finish line and allow 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



Celebrate Student and Adult Achievements!

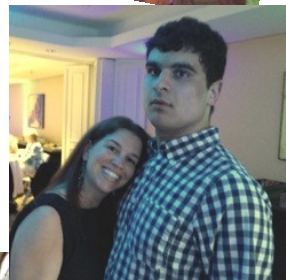
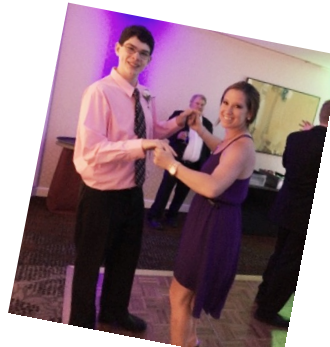
J. is now intelligible to most (if not all) listeners!



M. has learned to independently measure out the appropriate portions for his lunch!

T. reduced his aggressive behavior by 100% this year and is now working toward grade level skills in reading and math!

E. can navigate a gym, do a cardiovascular workout, and all his DLS skills (shower, change, deodorant) independently!



Upcoming Events

Bikeathon/Walkathon - July 25, 2015

Row It Forward - Assembly Row, Somerville August 10th - 23rd
More details to follow

Open House - 170 Lexington Road
September 26, 2015

Give them Wings Auction -
October 24, 2015

For more information on events and ways to help, contact Emily Wheat
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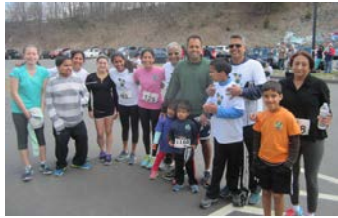
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Leprechaun 5K Shuffle and Fun Run

The 3rd Annual Leprechaun 5K was a success! We had many NLG friends and family along with other community members who came out to have fun and complete the 5K or 1/2 mile fun run. Ella's Shining Shamrock's fielded the largest team—thank you to Ella's family and friends! Thank you so much, Julie Copenrath, for coordinating this great event!



Ella's Shining Shamrock's



Top 3 Males



Everybody's Got Talent - NLG Talent Show

Round of applause goes to all the parents, families, and friends who supported and came out to watch NLG's Talent Show. Many thanks to Karen Abruzzi, Katie Marshall, and Dori Stern for coordinating the events. From the singing to the fashion show we are so proud of all our students.



Annual Fund Update

Thank you to all the families and friends who have contributed to NLG's Annual Fund. Our goal is to have 100% parent participation by the end of 2015! Help us reach our goal! These funds are critical to providing all needs are met and that we provide the highest quality programs and services to our children. Check out the video on our homepage to learn more and see the smiling faces of our staff, students, and members. To donate to NLG's Annual Fund visit <https://nashobalearninggroup.org/support-nlg>

2015 Boston Marathon



Congratulations to the four NLG runners who participated in the 119th Boston Marathon. Tom Feller, Chris Manring, Bob Principe, and Judith Ursitti raised a total of \$23,318 to benefit Nashoba Learning Group. Even with the horrendous weather this winter, they all trained hard to complete the 26.2 miles! Picture on left - Runner, Bob Principe, high fiving his daughter, Claire, after a practice run. Picture on right - Will cheering on the runners.

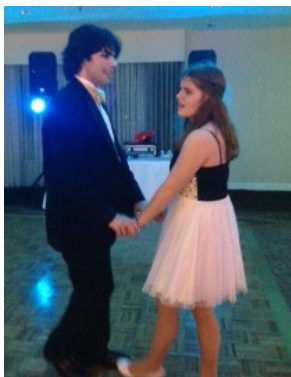
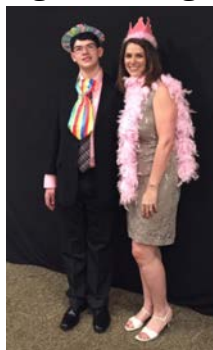


NLG Bike/Walk-A-Thon

Support NLG at our 14th Annual Bike/Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, July 25th. Bikers have two riding options, 25 or 50 miles in the Concord area and walkers will stroll 2 miles to Walden Pond. For registration details or to sponsor a rider contact Emily Wheet Emily.wheet@nashobalearninggroup.org.

Spring Fling

NLG's Spring Fling this year was a blast. Our teenage and young adult members danced the night away, enjoyed delicious food, and posed like rock stars for the photo booth. Thank you to all our staff members who volunteered their time to make this night amazing!



Red Sox/Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Event

For the second year in a row, NLG students and adult members had the amazing opportunity to learn various baseball skills from professional players. The students had a wonderful time with MLB players Shane Victorino, Matt Barnes, Steven Wright and Blake Swihart of the Red Sox, and Eddie Guardado, Blaine Boyer, JR Graham, Trevor Plouffe, and Tim Stauffer of the Minnesota Twins! NLG thanks the MLB Players Association, the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, Tufts University, the Tufts Baseball team, the MLB Players Trust, and Mike Weiner and Diane Margolin for all their help making this possible again.



PAC Corner



Hello Everyone! We would like to thank all NLG parents for your generosity this year! Thanks to you, we were able to treat our amazing staff TWICE this spring with a well deserved luncheon in March and an ice cream Sundae bar in May for Teacher Appreciation Week. The staff loved the events and it gave them great reinforcement after a long, hard winter.

Also, we want to welcome our newest NLG families. We look forward to getting to know you! If anyone (new or old) is interested in joining the NLG parent google group, please email ujbasak@gmail.com and we'll add you. Its a helpful way to both reach out and listen in to what NLG parents are asking and sharing. Great resources are exchanged through this helpful group.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us with questions, comments and feedback! Have a wonderful summer!
Una & Barb -- your PAC Co-Chairs

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