

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



Letter from the President:

Happy Spring! At least I hope it feels like Spring by the time you receive this newsletter! Despite the difficult Winter weather, and the need for more snow days than any of us wanted, our wonderful staff continued to help each person we serve add new skills and enhance their independence. We celebrated three graduations, rejoicing at the incredible achievements of three students who have now moved to our Adult Program. And we have continued our growth. We now serve 162 individuals between our two School sites and our Adult Program and we will complete the planned expansion of our School-age population this summer. We are so happy to welcome new families to the NLG family and to help more individuals with Autism achieve their potential!

Just before the snow began in December, we completed the Outdoor Recreation Space at our 170 Lexington Road site. This space will provide essential outdoor activities for our students and adults and we are eagerly looking forward to using the space as soon as the snow melts. Please join us for an Open House to celebrate the opening of the Recreation Space on April 28th from 2-4 pm. There are sponsorship and naming opportunities still available, please contact Emily Wheel at Emily.wheel@nashobalearninggroup.org to claim one and be part of this great effort!

Upcoming Events

Annual Fund Drive— April-June

**170 Lex Rd Open House/
Grand Opening of Rec
Space— April 28**

**NLG Educational Experience
for New Parents—May 15th
and 23rd
10 Oak Park Drive**

**Carnival—May 19
10 Oak Park Drive**

**Student Spring Dance—
June 2 Hilton Billerica**

**Bikeathon/Walkathon—
July 14**

**Fishin' With A Mission—
July 29**

**Give them Wings Auction—
October 27
Westin in Waltham**

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

An important recent event highlighted in this newsletter is the Full Court Charity Challenge Basketball Tournament. We are grateful to Bob Forlenza for organizing this very successful event. And we thank Tina Cerulo and Allison Biggio for organizing the NLG Shuffle! This 5k and fun run was great fun for the entire NLG community and raises funds for NLG! Thank you to the top fundraising teams JK Joggers, Aidan's Allies and Ella's Shining Stars.

We are looking forward to an exciting Spring of continued growth at NLG! We celebrate each and every individual achievement of the students and adults we serve. We are grateful for your support which makes these achievements possible. On behalf of those we serve, thank you for all you do!

Liz Martineau
President



Celebrate student and adult achievements!

T. has made great strides in his math programming!

J. has been noticing when others need help. He recently stopped what he was doing to help another person sweep after they dropped their stuff all over the ground!



N. is now able to participate in brushing his teeth and is doing well going out in the community!

A. has been very successful in the car!

F. is doing better asking for space when adults say hello to her!

H. has been doing a fantastic job handling loud noises.



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19th Annual Full Court Charity Challenge

Thank you Bob Forlenza for running a very successful basketball tournament! Players, spectators and volunteers had a great time at Boston University Fitness and Recreation Center on March 10th. Competition was fierce this year with many returning and new players. All funds raised go to Nashoba Learning Group and the Lurie Center. Congratulations to team Max's All Stars who took home the Corporate Division trophy and team Game Creek who won the Open Division!



Game Creek Open Division Champs!



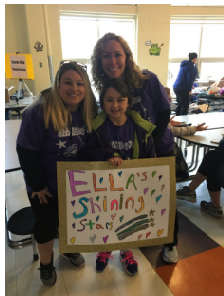
Max's All Stars Corporate Division Champs!



NLG vocational students helped fold and organize team shirts prior to game day!

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6th Annual Leprechaun Shuffle



Thank you to Tina Cerulo, Allison Biggio and Amy Casale for all their hard work and dedication! They made the 6th Annual 5K Shuffle a success! Amy Ursitti, sister of an NLG student, sang a heart felt rendition of the national anthem. Over 200 participants enjoyed running the 3.2 miles and had a blast at Red Heat Tavern for after the race. We had a spirited team competition this year with JK Joggers, Aidan's Allies and Ella's Shining Stars being the top 3 fundraising teams! Other teams included: Justin's Lucky Charms, Adulting, JoMotion, TeamCole and Sean's Giant Leprechauns.



2018 Boston Marathon

Nashoba Learning Group is excited to cheer on our runners for the 122nd Boston Marathon. We have four runners supporting NLG. **Chris Pyne** is the father of one of NLG's students, **Javier Lopez**, a family friend of an NLG student, **Tim Massey** and **David DePetris** are dedicated NLG staff members. All look forward to a memorable day. We are excited to cheer them on and support them in their fundraising efforts. We thank our runners and wish them good luck on April 16th! To support our runners and their fundraising goals, visit our website www.nashobalearninggroup.org to donate.

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to three NLG students who recently graduated from NLG! Rosie, Austin, and Mary Gwen have all achieved so much at NLG. We are so proud of their hard work and determination! All are now part of NLG's Adult Program where they will continue learning and working.



Gateway to the Community

Thank you so much for supporting **NLG's Expansion Campaign** and our Gateway to the Community Gala! Our \$1,000,000 goal will:

- Fund an **outdoor recreation space** at our 170 Lexington Road location to serve both our School and Adult Programs,
- Provide Community Opportunities for our teens and adults, and
- Fund continued **growth** of both our school and adult programs.

Thanks to you, we are nearly there! And, we are excited that we have completed the outdoor recreation space! This space is so important to achieving the fitness goals of those we serve, providing a chance to experience the outdoors and providing the recreation needed so that learning activities are successful.

We are hosting a reception so that you can tour the new recreation space and our School and Adult Programs at 170 Lexington Road in Billerica. There will be light refreshments and a chance to meet NLG staff and students. Please save the afternoon of **April 28** between 2 - 4 PM for this event! We **appreciate** your support!

Contact Emily at Emily.wheet@nashobalearninggroup.org to RSVP or sponsor event.



PAC Corner

Hi everyone! Hopefully spring has sprung! The PAC served a wonderful Italian meal to our amazing staff thanks to our generous parents. Thank you for making it possible! As well, we had a great PAC meeting with Boston Police Officer and NLG mom, Michelle Maffeo. She is helping to organize a safety day for our school. We will send out details on this event as we know more. Hope to see you all at upcoming events: 170 Playground open house on April 28th, the NLG Academic Experience night for New Parents on May 15 or 23rd, and the Carnival on May 19th! As always email ujbasak@gmail.com or staceylannan@verizon.net with questions or comments. Take care! Una and Stacey

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NLG students enjoyed ice skating during the winter months at Edge Sports Center in Bedford!

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