

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



Letter from the President:

It has been a busy Spring at NLG with many opportunities for celebration and connection! Our New Parent Dinner in March and our NLG Educational Experience Night in May provided opportunities to welcome parents of new students to the NLG family. The opening of our Outdoor Recreation space at 170 Lexington Road and the NLG Carnival provided opportunities for students and adults and their families to celebrate together and have fun. Finally our Spring Fling dance for those 14 and older was a wonderful evening with some very exuberant dancing! These activities are so important to our students and their families and build the strength of our community.

I would like to thank two parents who have worked so hard to build our community as co-chairs of the NLG Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Una Basak and Barb Baker took on their roles in 2011 and over the years have done so much to connect parents and the school! They have created amazing staff appreciation events that our hard working staff members look forward to throughout the year. Una is moving on to co-chair NLG's Annual Fund with Marta Wolf and they will focus on getting to over 90% parent participation by the close of this fund year on June 30! Barb is now an Adult Program parent and will be active in that community. Thank you both for all you have done and continue to do for NLG! We know your successors will build on your legacy.

We are looking forward to a busy summer of helping children and adults with autism learn the skills they need to reach their potential. We will welcome new students as we complete our expansion. We will also continue to integrate our students and adults into the community to engage in paid and/or volunteer work and to increase their independence in the activities of daily life. We appreciate everyone's continued help in supporting us and reaching out to friends, foundations and corporations on our behalf! We look forward to seeing some of you at the upcoming Bike a Thon on July 14th. And finally, we are very thankful to the Cummings Foundation for selecting us for their \$100k for 100 grant!

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for all you do, we can't do it without you!

Liz Martineau
President



Celebrate Student and Adult Achievements!

J. Has started 2 new volunteer positions!

R. can now sound out new words!

N. has been having wonderful conversations with known people around the school!



R. is independently completing his morning routine including brushing and flossing his teeth!

D. is quickly achieving his language objectives!



Upcoming Events

Annual Fund close June 30

Bikeathon- July 14, 2018

Fishin' With A Mission - July 29, 2018

Give them Wings Auction - October 27, 2018

For more information on events and ways to help, contact Emily Wheat
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Spring Carnival

NLG students, adults, families and friends had a blast at our 3rd Annual Carnival on May 19th. Guests participated in fun games and made festive crafts. Having the event indoors due to the weather did not stop anyone from having a wonderful time. Guests loved the JSmiles Photobooth, Balloon Artist, the Duck Pool and so much more. We thank the sponsors who made this event possible!

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2018 Boston Marathon

Congratulations to the four NLG runners who participated in the 122nd Boston Marathon! Chris Pyne, Tim Massey, David DePetris and Javier Lopez raised a total of \$48,350 to benefit Nashoba Learning Group! We thank John Hancock for providing NLG with four bibs, all those who donated to our runners, and a huge round of applause to the runners for completing 26.2 miles in terrible weather!

Annual Fund Update

Thank you to all the families and friends who have contributed to NLG's Annual Fund. Our goal is to have 90% parent participation by the end of June 2018! We are at 54% participation and need your help to reach our goal! Your donations are critical to ensuring that we provide high quality services to our children. To donate to NLG's Annual Fund visit <https://nashobalearninggroup.org/support-nlg>



Brown Students Help NLG

NLG thanks Brown University students Julia McClellan, Madeline Griswold, Raymond Cao, and Michael Lincoln (left to right in photo below)! These students developed a Scheduling Program for NLG's Adult Program as the final project for their Software Engineering class. We are grateful that they applied their talents for the benefit of the adults with Autism served by NLG!



Can You Ride a Bike?

If you can we would love for you to join us on July 14th for our 17th Annual Bike-A-Thon! There are two ride options: 25 or 50 miles. Both rides begin registration at 7:30 am and roll out at 8:30. The group has a few serious riders but is mostly composed of parents and friends who ride at a more leisurely pace enjoying beautiful scenery and great conversation. Ride begins in Concord and goes through the surrounding towns. Van support, water stops and post ride refreshments are provided. For registration details or to sponsor a rider contact Emily Wheet Emily.wheet@nashobalearninggroup.org



170 Open House and Outdoor Recreation Space Grand Opening

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or supported NLG's Recreation Space Grand Opening! Families enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at our School and Adult Program site where they took tours of the facilities, played outside at our new recreation space, and toasted the completion of the project!



Spring Fling

Students 14 and older and adult members had a wonderful time at their Spring Fling! Held at the Courtyard in Billerica they enjoyed dancing and the fun photo booth.



Earth Day Bake Sale

In honor of Earth Day, some NLG students held a bake sale to raise money to adopt a whale named Salt. With the help of NLG's staff, the students raised over \$200, well over their \$50 goal. With this additional money the students adopted 2 whales, a sea lion, a sea turtle and a manatee and planted 60 trees in Florida. The students were so proud and excited! We would like to thank everyone who donated to help make this possible!



PAC Corner

Hello NLG families! Please welcome NLG parents Kristi Hennessey, Tina Cerulo, Melissa Carter, Mary Woodward and Carol Rakers as the new NLG PAC co-chairs! They will be in contact about PAC meetings, lunches, coffees and staff appreciation events in the new school year. Kim Walsh and Justine Neely will be moderating the NLG parent google group and the NLG families Facebook page. If you have any questions or comments about this, feel free to contact me at ujbasak@gmail.com. Thank you for being an amazing NLG parent community! I will be in touch in my new role as Annual Fund Co-Chair with Co-Chair and NLG parent, Marta Wolf. All my best, Una Basak

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Rainy and cold weather could not stop these two NLG staff members from completing the 26.2 miles. NLG had four participants who ran in the Boston Marathon! We thank them all for raising over \$48,000 for NLG.

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