

Stephen Knolls Newsletter

Information for Parents of Stephen Knolls Students

October 2011

Stephen Knolls School • 10731 Saint Margaret's Way, Kensington, MD 20895 • 301-929-2151

Manna Food Drive
October 20- November 10, 2011

Fall Frolic—November 3, 2011

**Movie Night—Thursday,
November 10**
4pm-6:30pm. Pizza, drinks
and popcorn, \$5 per family.



**Barnes and Nobles BookFair
and Pajama Party—November 18, 2011**

PSA Notes

Welcome back to school. By now children and parents have settled into their school routine. We are gearing up for another exciting year at Stephen Knolls School. Our first PSA event will be the Movie Night on November 10th. Come enjoy a new movie while dining on pizza, drinks and popcorn. \$5 per family. What a great deal and it's always a lot of fun. The movie will be shown with Spanish subtitles.

Sam Campbell
PSA President, Stephen Knolls School



Our Students Have a Voice!

The Stephen Knolls School community, consisting of students, parents, and staff, strive to be a respectful and collaborative student-centered educational environment composed of individuals committed to student achievement and professional development.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Stephen Knolls School Families:



I hope you have had a great start to the 2011-2012 school year! We have had a successful and busy start at Stephen Knolls. I have received a warm welcome by the staff, students, and families. If I still haven't had the opportunity to meet you, I hope to soon. Thanks to all the families who were able to make it to our Back To School Night on September 27, 2011.

I hope you have had time to stop by the school and check out the improvements that happened over the summer.

We have a new drainage system for the playground in the courtyard. Staff have worked hard to get the greenhouse ready and students have begun working in there. We have relocated our work room to a more spacious area for many students to enjoy. Many wonderful events are happening at Stephen Knolls at all levels and it is exciting to see the progress of students already this year at all levels. Stephen Knolls School was recently recognized in the MCPS Staff Bulletin to highlight staff's efforts to stay healthy to support your children. In addition, we were one of 10 schools to be honored with the Outstanding Volunteer Program Award. Stephen Knolls has received this year 3 years in a row, reflecting our commitment to involving the community in supporting the students.

The Board of Education approved revisions to the school system's 2011-2016 strategic plan, Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence. The plan reflects the goals and academic priorities of the Board of Education and a shared commitment to raise the bar for student achievement and close the gap in student performance by race and ethnicity and among students impacted by disabilities, limited English proficiency, and poverty. Because of the difficult economic climate, the plan includes no new initiatives but maintains a commitment to the systems, structures, and processes that have contributed to outstanding teaching and learning over the past decade. The strategic plan reinforces reform initiatives that have been implemented since 1999. The Seven Keys to College Readiness guides school staff and parents to ensure that all students achieve at high levels.

Our School Improvement Plan focuses on students making academic progress as well as staff training and increasing parent involvement.

Please make sure that you take time to speak with your child's teacher and therapists. We are all part of a team working towards a common goal of making sure your child reaches his/her potential.

Best regards,
Kathy Lertora

The Classroom Corner

Preschool Update

As the start of the school year began on September 6th for the preschool classes, all of the classes have been hard at work learning the first important topics of the school year. We are learning listening, following directions, and getting to know our teachers, therapists, and friends in our classes. Naturally, the topic in many of the classrooms pertains to school and the children have been exploring different parts of their classrooms (i.e. circle area, block corner, dramatic play area, listening center, etc.) as well as different rooms in the school: the gym, the cafeteria, the school office, the media center, the art room, the music room, the health room, and, most importantly, the location of bathrooms.



Another topic covered by many of the classrooms this past September has been "school bus" and its various parts. Many classes have learned the words to the preschool favorite, "Wheels on the Bus" and are making the various sounds and motions of the different parts of the bus (i.e. door, wipers, wheels, lights, etc.). The classes have read a variety of books related to school buses and some classes have even viewed the MCPS video, "Ride by the Rules", that shows our students the safe way to ride on the school bus.

Other important topics we covered in September pertain to home and self. The preschool classes investigate the different kinds of homes people live in – house, townhouse, apartment, etc. The children also learn

importing sorting skills by taking the pictures of various items found in our homes and deciding what room the item usually goes in (i.e. potty in the bathroom, stove in the kitchen, etc.). A number of students created self portraits and investigated the similarities and differences between their facial / body features in comparison to those of their classmates as part of their social studies topic of "self" and cultural diversity.

As we are now headed into October, our curriculum topic switches to Farm. Other topics include colors, the season of fall, apples, and pumpkins. The preschool team has lots of fun math and literacy activities planned and will be sharing them with families through classroom newsletters that come home via your child's backpack. Our fieldtrip to the farm / pumpkin patch was earlier this year (Thursday, October 6th) to avoid the large school crowds. Everyone had a wonderful time visiting with farm animals, going on a hay ride, walking through a corn maze, and enjoying a picnic lunch with their class. Thanks to all the wonderful classroom volunteers and parental chaperones who came along with us! We couldn't have had such a successful fieldtrip without you.

We want to take this opportunity to welcome new members of our preschool team staff. Claudia Cantalice is our new para-educator in the AM PEP INC class. Jackie Mueller is our new PEP INC teacher in the PM PEP INC class. Welcome to all of our new preschool staff-we are so glad you joined our team!

Important dates to remember: October 10 – Open House Day – Come visit with your child at school!

October 21 – No school - MSTA Convention Day for Teachers

October 28 - Preschool's Halloween Parades & Classroom Parties.

Elementary School Update

The elementary classes have been enjoying the fall. All the students have had the opportunity to enjoy the weather and beautiful fall flowers at Brookside Gardens. They got to

smell herbs and flowers to find their favorite. The kindergarten through second grade class is implementing MCPS's Curriculum 2.0 with modifications and adaptations. They have even been skypping with a student regularly whose health prevents him from being in the school building.

Middle School Update

Middle School students enjoyed a warm late September morning at Johnson's Garden Shop in Olney for our Community outing. The purpose for our trip was to purchase seeds for planting in pots in our beautiful, newly renovated greenhouse. We found herb seeds, vegetable seeds and flower seeds. We will begin with the herb seeds for the first quarter of school. That afternoon we planted marjoram, basil, thyme and sage. We water our seeds every day. We will begin measuring them when they start to grow.

High School Update

The high school students have had a great start to the school year, with students in 3 different classes. Students have enjoyed beginning their jobs and helping at school. The senior high girls will participate in Girl Scouts again this year. We will also have a Boy Scouts Troop for the senior high boys, led by Mr. Matt Klein. Both groups are looking forward to participating in upcoming community service projects.

Harvest for the Hungry Food Drive

Stephen Knolls School will be participating in the Harvest for the Hungry "Kids Helping Kids" Food Drive again this year to collect canned goods and other needed food items for needy families in Montgomery County. We hope you will be able to support this wonderful effort by having your child contribute needed items. The food drive will be between October 17 and November 4, 2011. Look for a flyer coming home soon.

Manna Food Drive

Stephen Knolls School will be participating in the Manna Food Drive again this year to collect canned goods and other needed food items for needy families in Montgomery County. We hope you will be able to support this wonderful effort by having your child contribute needed items. Look for a flyer to come home soon.

Low Intensity Support Service

Low Intensity Support Services (LISS) – formerly known as Rolling Access– are support services established under Maryland Health-General Article §7-717. The program is designed to enable a family to provide for the needs of a child or an adult with developmental disabilities living in the home or to support an adult with developmental disabilities living in the community.

To be eligible for LISS assistance the individual must meet all of the following guidelines:

- be diagnosed with a developmental disability verified by an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and/or a medical statement of developmental disability
- be a resident of Maryland as verified by a valid drivers license, Maryland identification card or bill noting address
- have a social security card
- not currently receiving funding for full residential services
- not enrolled in the New Directions Waiver
- have applied for medical assistance (minors do not have to apply)

What services and supports are offered under LISS ? LISS applications can be awarded up to \$3,000 per fiscal year. LISS applications exceeding \$3,000 per fiscal year will need to be approved by the State of Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). LISS does not cover services or supports that require on-going funding. LISS may include, but are not limited to, supports involving: Adaptive equipment, Adaptive Clothing, Assistive Technology, Camp, Community Supports, Day Care / Child Care, Dietary Supplements, Educational Equipment, Food, Housing Related: Eviction Assistance, Utility Disconnection, Deposits, Job Coaching, Medical Services, Personal Care, Recreational Programs, Therapeutic, Self-advocacy and support groups, Vehicle Modifications.

How can I apply? For more information and a Request Form application please visit DDA's website: www.ddamaryland.org

The LISS program is operated by DDA licensed Family and Individual Support Service providers. For Montgomery County's region you can also contact the following agencies to apply: Arc of Prince George's County, Inc. Toll Free: 1-877-967-5272 Web Address: www.thearcofpgc.org OR Maryland Community Connections Toll Free: 1-877-622-6688 Web Address: www.marylandcommunityconnection.org

Therapy Note

Welcome back! Therapy began at Stephen Knolls this school year when the first bus arrived. You will see therapists greeting students as they get off the bus, and transitioning them into the equipment. Therapy ends when the students get back on the bus to leave in the afternoon.

The integrated approach that has always been used at Stephen Knolls continues, with emphasis on more team and continuous/ongoing functional activities. Arlene Arthur, SLP has instructed all therapists in the use of the switches, how to set them up on the equipment once a student is positioned, and ways to integrate communication into the OT and PT activities. OT's and PT's are working on optimal positioning to enhance sitting, supporting the students for maximum participation in activities, and keeping our students moving. Therapy occurs across all classes and in the community.

A theme in therapy this year is; our students are sitting up, not back. When students are greeted at the bus, staff is encouraged to tilt the chair to the erect position. In this erect position our students are readily available for communication, peer interaction, and to learn. Most students are more alert, happier, and engaging. This position facilitates breathing, and swallowing during eating.

If you would like further information or have any questions, please contact the therapy department.

Children's Museum with Programs for Children with Special Needs

Port Discovery Children's Museum in Baltimore has programs to encourage children with special needs to visit them. They have special days and they work with Kennedy Krieger and I know it's far but maybe even a field trip possibility. Check it out: <http://www.portdiscovery.org/educators/specialneeds>

Transitioning Youth Resource Fair

Saturday, Oct 15, 2011
9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Montgomery College—Rockville
Physical Education Bldg.

The Transitioning Youth Resource Fair is for Young People with Disabilities, Families and Professionals! Workshops + Exhibits!

Jobs - Education—Training—Sports and Fun—Housing—Benefits

Workshop Schedule:
www.idamc.org/spotlight/Spotlight_Launch.asp?title=transition_Fair_Schedule2011.pdf
http://www.idamc.org/spotlight/Spotlight_Launch.asp?title=transition_Fair_Schedule2011.pdf

Apunte esta fecha en sus calendarios!

Feria de Libros de Barnes & Noble

Viernes, el 18 de noviembre
 En el Barnes & Noble de Bethesda
 4801 Avenida de Bethesda

Si quieren vengan en sus pijamas y nos divertiremos juntos de las 7 hasta las 8 de la noche!

Nuestro personal leeran libros, dirigiran escenas de actuacion de los cuentos, y tocaran musica para animar el circulo de canciones. Nuestro mascota, el aguilas de Stephen Knolls estara presente. Tambien vengan a ver los productos artisticos de nuestro estudiantes.

Ninos de todas las edades estan invitados a venir y disfrutar con nosotros.

Puede comprar productos de Barnes & Noble por medio del Internet. Parientes y amigos por todo el pais puede participar por medio de acceso por el Internet con fechas de venta extendidas.

Si no puedes estar con nosotros ese dia, no se preocupe porque todavia puede participar en esta feria de libros si tiene acceso a un computadora por medio de visitar al.bsn.com/bookfairs desde el 18 hasta el 22 de noviembre y entrar el codigo 10567162 cuando vas a terminar la compra.



Upcoming Events

2nd and 4th Tues., 6:00 - 8:30 PM. Pro Bono Legal Clinic. Montgomery County residents can obtain free legal advice on civil cases. First come, first served, until full. Upcounty Recreation Services Center Site, 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown. Offered the Montgomery County Bar Foundation, 301-424-7651 or 301-414-7652 or 301-414-7633.

Ongoing. Citizenship Help. Need help with citizenship application?

Call for an appointment. Upcounty Recreation Services Center Site, 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown. Sponsored by the Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity, Patty 240-777-6950, patricia.larson@montgomerycountymd.gov.

LOCATE: Child Care. A free service available to parents who have children with special needs and are looking for childcare. Will refer you to childcare providers and programs that are willing and able to accommodate your child's individual needs. Offered by Maryland Family Network, Inc. through funding from the Maryland State Department of Education, 1-800-999-0120, specialneeds@mdchildcare.org. Forms to request LOCATE services in Montgomery County are available in English & Spanish at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhstm.pl.asp?url=/content/hhs/cyfl/CCRRRC/forms/ccf orms.asp>

Mon. - Fri., 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Bi-Lingual Case Coordination Service - Family Service Agency. Community resources for Spanish speaking residents in Gaithersburg.

Get information about clothing, food, furniture programs, counseling, education, notary services, medical, dental & much more. Family Service Agency (FSA), 610 East Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg. Co-sponsored by FSA and the City of Gaithersburg, make an appointment with Lucia Torres, 301-840-3234.

Ongoing. Forget-Me-Not Grief Support Groups, (FREE). For children in Grades K-5 who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one. Opportunity to connect with other children and to process their feelings. 14508 Physicians La., Suite 111, Rockville. Offered by the Expressive Therapy Center, Stephanie Natter, 301-869-1017, ext. 1, www.expressivetherapycenter.com. (Call for Fall 2009 dates/times)

Oct. 11, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Snapshot: Capture...Connect...Create. This event celebrates Maryland

Disability History and Awareness Month & National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Silver Spring Civic Bldg., Veterans Plaza, 8525 Fenton St., Silver Spring. Co-sponsored by Independence Now, MCDHHS, Commission on People with Disabilities, Prince George's County Government, Dept. of Family Services Commission for Individuals with Disabilities and MD DORS, registration required by Sept. 27, 301-277-2839.

Oct. 11, 7:30 - 9:00PM. Ability Project- Housing Project for Adults with Developmental Disabilities -

Montgomery County Transitioning Young Adults (MCTrans). Matt Hurson, parent of an adult on the Autism Spectrum and a real estate developer will speak about an exciting innovative housing project in Maryland. MC Arc, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville. Affiliated yahoo group located at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MCTrans/> or subscribe by sending message to MCTrans-subscribe@yahoo.com. Group co-moderator - Reda Sheinberg, rjsheinberg@yahoo.com, <http://www.mctransitions.org/>

Oct. 12, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. *Early Fine-Motor Issues and Ways to Support Your Child. Todd Misura of WriteHereRightNow will present. Auburn School, Herndon Campus, 13524 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 101, Herndon. The Auburn School, Speaker Series, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/Herndon.cfm?subpage=1316540>.

Oct. 14 - 15. Transforming Lives, Transforming Communities - 2011 NAMI Maryland Education Conference, \$125/members; \$165/non-members, CEUs. Workshops for local NAMI affiliate leaders, consumers and family members, mental health service providers and individuals working in criminal just settings. The Conference Center at Sheppard Pratt, 6501 North Charles St., Baltimore. Sponsored by NAMI of Maryland, Karin Kramer, 410-884-8691, kkramer@namimd.org, <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e4eem2zxc775e22b&llr=bog8aicab>.

Oct. 16 - 17, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. *2011 Maryland Transition Conference: Mapping Futures, \$. Conference to enhance the skills and abilities of professional staff, families, students with disabilities and other community partners to promote the successful transition of youth/young adults with disabilities to post

school outcomes. Ocean City. Co-sponsored by the Governor's Interagency Transition Council for Youth with Disabilities and the Maryland Rehabilitation Association, Adele Connolly, aconnolly@dors.state.md.us, <http://www.mdtransition.org/>. A limited number of scholarships are available, kmarchman@msde.state.md.us

Oct. 16, 12:00 - 5:00 PM. World of Montgomery Festival. Festival celebrates the cultural and ethnic diversity of Montgomery County with music and dance performances, international food and craft vendors and a health fair. There will be an International Village with hands on education are for families and children. Wheaton Triangle, Grandview Ave. & Reedie Dr. Sponsored by Montgomery County Government, <http://www.worldofmontgomery.com/>.

Oct. 20 - 21, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. *11th Annual Autism Conference - Autism Through the Lifespan, \$150/1 day; \$275/2 days before Aug. 1. This conference brings together national recognized experts to address critical topics for autism professionals, educators and family members, including early diagnosis, the latest intervention strategies, and issues of management across the lifespan. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2004 Greenspring Dr., Timonium. Hosted by The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) at Kennedy Krieger Institute, Joy Johnson, johnsonjoy@kennedykreiger.org, <http://www.cvent.com/events/11th-annual-autism-conference/invitation-badf73829a5140ddb1b8a8654e8cb807.aspx?i=bdcb401-80ed-496d-be5e-f00f3063435b>.

Oct. 20, 1:00 - 2:30 PM. *Webinar - 1915(i) State Plan HCBS Option, Health Homes and the Intersect of Health Reform and Systems of Care. This webinar will discuss how states can use the 1915(i) option to serve children with mental health and substance use disorders and their families. Sherry Peters, will facilitate this discussion with Kathy Poisal and Christa Speicher from the Center for Medicaid, CHIP, and Survey & Certification and with Jim Wotring, Director, National TA Center for Children's Mental Health GU Center for Child and Human Development. Presented by the National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health at Georgetown University, <http://gucchtdcenter.georgetown.edu/resources/2011calls.html>.

Upcoming Events continued

Oct. 21, Nov. 18 & Dec. 16, 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Family Fun Nights at Port Discovery Children's Museum. \$2/person (normal price \$13.95). Enjoy the exhibits at this nationally recognized Children's Museum designed for children 2 to 10 years old. Fully stroller and wheelchair accessible. 35 Market St., Baltimore. Sponsored by Target via a generous donation. Museum information, <http://www.portdiscovery.org/#home>, 410-727-8120. Parking available at attached Harbor Park Garage accessible via Market St. or Lombard St.

Oct. 24, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. *Revitalizing Respite - Respite Care Conference, \$60/family caregivers; \$125/professional, CEUs. Conference featuring Lon Kieffer, as keynote speaker. The Conference Center at the Maritime Institute, 692 Maritime Blvd., Linthicum Heights. Sponsored by Maryland Respite Care Coalition, <http://www.respitecoalition.org/conference>.

Oct. 24, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. *Training for Language and Learning Using Proloquo2Go on iDevices, \$129. You will learn to create pages that are personalized to the learning needs of your child or student and much more. Topics include Programming Basics, Introduction to Language Design and Using an iDevice for Learning. AT:LAST, Inc., 7050 Oakland Mills Rd, Suite 160, Columbia. Offered by AT:LAST, Inc., Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative, 410-381-2662, look for registration information and more details soon, <http://www.matcoop.org/training/training.html>.

Oct. 26, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM. *Maryland Community of Care Consortium for Children with Special Health Care Needs - Quarterly Meeting. The Maryland Community of Care Consortium is a working group of diverse stakeholders committed to improving systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs in Maryland. The Consortium is open to anyone with interest in improving systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs. The Meeting House, 5885 Robert Oliver Pl., Columbia. Offered by the Parents Place of Maryland, Kelly Meissner, 410-768-9100, ext. 107.

Oct. 27, 12:30 - 2:00 PM. Making Social Skills Less Frustrating for People with Autism - Brown Bag Seminar Series. Dr. Heather Hinkle will present. The Arc of Frederick County, 620-A Research Dr., Frederick. Co-sponsored by Pathfinders for Autism and Frederick County Public Schools' Partners for Success and Infants and Toddlers Programs and the Arc of Frederick, Trish Kane, 443-330-5341, tkane@pathfindersforautism.org, <http://www.pathfindersforautism.org/newsItem.aspx?id=265>.

Nov. 1, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Navigating the Financial World of the Special Needs Family. Tanya Harvey, Esq. covers the ins and outs of estate planning for the special needs family. TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at <http://www.specialneedsplanning.net/>, 202-841-8362.

Nov. 3, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. *Wrightslaw Special Education One-Day Conference, \$145/person, \$165/couple before Oct. 21; \$195/person, \$225/couple after Oct. 21. Conference focuses on IEP statutes, regulations and commentary on the regulations, recent IEP case law and drafting of SMART IEPs. George Mason University (Fairfax Campus, Dewberry Hall), 4400 University Dr., Fairfax. Sponsored by the Autism Society of Northern Virginia, Kymerly DeLoatche, 703-495-8444, http://support.autism-society.org/site/Clubs?club_id=1200&sid=8290&pg=event.

Nov. 5, 10:00 AM. MOVIE - Puss in Boots, \$6. Opportunity for families with special needs children who seek a sensory-friendly movie. Lights and sound will be adjusted and sensory breaks encouraged. AMC Rio Cinemas 18, 9811 Washington Ctr., Gaithersburg. Co-sponsored by the Autism Society of America and AMC Theaters, 301-948-6673. For more information on the Sensory Friendly Film program call 301-657-0881, <http://www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms>.

Nov. 6, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Issues Impacting Individuals with Disabilities: Workshop 1- Educational Advocacy, Special Education Process and Programming; Workshop 2 - Access to Health Care; Workshop 3 - Transition Services and Educational Options Post-High School, \$10/session. JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA as a Community Seminar, 301-610-8414.

Nov. 7 - 8, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. *Augmentative Communication Evaluations Simplified: Tools & Resources, \$125/ day; \$235/2 days; CEUs. Participants will complete an augmentative communication evaluation guided by the ACES module, organize and use a low-cost toolkit to evaluate the most complex communication needs. Loyola University Maryland, Columbia Campus, 8890 McGaw Rd., Columbia. Offered by ACC TechConnect, 1-888-482-2279, co-hosted by Maryland Technology Assistance Program, Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative and Loyola University Maryland, <http://www.aactechconnect.com/index.php/aac-workshops>.

Nov. 10, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. *Beyond Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes, \$30 pre-paid, \$35, at the door. Amy Gardiner will present this workshop that explores song ideas and activities that promote learning and development in children aged 2 -6. Katherine Thomas School, 9975 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, <http://www.ttlc.org/community.htm#registration>.

Nov. 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Parent Panel On Working with Your School to Enhance Social Opportunities and Success - Extraordinary Parents Night, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. These meetings are for parents to support each other, share experiences, solve problems to improve the educational experiences and outcomes of students on the autism spectrum. Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Sponsored by Extraordinary Minds, <http://www.xminds.org/>, 301-444-5225. (Dec. 7 - How Students Can Benefit From Well-Written Behavior Intervention Plans).

Nov. 15, 16, 17 & 18. Discovery Days at Port Discovery Children's Museum, FREE (normal price \$13.95). Enjoy the exhibits at this nationally recognized Children's Museum designed for children 2 to 10 years old with special needs. Fully stroller and wheelchair accessible. 35 Market St., Baltimore. Sponsored by Target via a generous donation. Museum information, http://www2.portdiscovery.org/index.cfm?gid=10&page=content&id=16&label=educators_programs, Kristi Gulick, 410-864-2664. Parking available at attached Harbor Park Garage accessible via Market St. or Lombard St.

Upcoming Events continued

Nov. 15, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. What is Augmentative and Alternative Communication Intervention and How Can It Benefit Children on the Autism Spectrum? A free introductory STAR (Sharing Treatment and Autism Resources) training for parents. Dr. Pamela Mathy, Director of the Achievements Therapeutic Day Program and Speech-Language Pathologist at CARD, and Emily Watkins. Lead teacher in the CARD's 1-year-old program, will present. 3901 Greenspring Ave., Creamer Bldg., 3rd Floor, Large Conference Room, Baltimore. Hosted by The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) at Kennedy Krieger Institute, <http://kennedykriegercard.eventbrite.com/>.

Nov. 15 & 22, 6:30 - 9:00 PM. Navigating the Transition Years. Two-session course for caregivers of

transition age youth (ages 14 - 24) with mental health needs discusses high school transition planning, available services, employment and continuing education, housing and community life, health care, benefits programs and changing roles and legal rights. Century Plaza Building #2000, 10632 Little Patuxent Pkwy, 1st floor conference room, Columbia. Offered by the Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health, Ann Geddes, ageddes@mdcoalition.org, 410-730-8267, <http://mdcoalition.org/whatsnew.htm>.

Nov. 16, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Issues Impacting Individuals with Disabilities, \$10. Participants can choose among three workshops: Educational Advocacy, Special Education Process and Programming; Access to Health Care; Transition Services and Educational

Options Post-High School. Deaf interpreter available with one-week prior notice. 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by the Jewish Social Services Agency, as a Community Seminar; pre-registration required, Jamell White, 301-610-8414, http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning/family-parenting#Comm_Seminars.

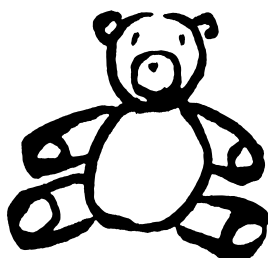
Dec. 7, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Overview of the Residential Options & How to Plan Financially. TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by M & L Special Needs Planning, LLC, register at <http://www.specialneedsplanning.net/>, 202-841-8362.

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

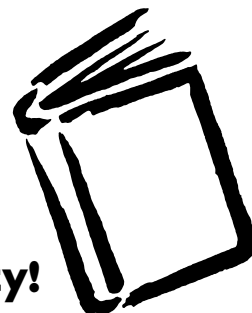
Friday, November 18th

Barnes & Noble in Bethesda

4801 Bethesda Avenue



Join us 7:00-8:00pm for a Pajama Party!



Our school staff will read books, lead follow up activities to act them out, and have a sing-along.

Feel free to come in your pajamas!

Our school mascot – the eagle- will join us.

View the art display of our students' artwork.

Children of all ages are welcome to join us!

SHOP ONLINE – FRIENDS AROUND THE COUNTRY CAN SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WITH ONLINE ACCESS AND EXTENDED DATES:

Can't attend the bookfair?

Visit bn.com/bookfairs to support us online from 11/18/10 to 11/22/10 and enter Bookfair ID 10567162 at checkout.