

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



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Coming Events

The 8th annual Ken Oliver Memorial Bike and Walk a thon is **Saturday, June 13, 2009**.

The 2009 NLG Prom is **Saturday, June 20, 2009**.

The next "Give them Wings" dinner and auction is being planned for **September 2009**. The Committee is forming now. Contact jenny.kane@nashobalearninggroup.org to be part of the fun!

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LETTER FROM LIZ

Thank you to all who participated in our First Anniversary Party on March 14th! We had a fantastic turnout as over 300 came to celebrate all that NLG has accomplished in the last year. So many staff members, parents and friends contributed to the success of the event. Thank you to all! Special and heartfelt thanks are due to Celine Soucy, who in addition to her teaching duties, serves as our Art Teacher. Celine was the mastermind behind all the incredible art our students prepared during small group art classes and she created the stunning art displays that are now everywhere in our building. Art class is an opportunity for each participating student to generalize language/communication and social skills, work on motor skills, and express themselves through art. As is true for all other activities at NLG, challenging but achievable learning objectives are created for each student by the student's clinical team. The results of high expectations, individualized goals, customized teaching, and constant celebration of each success, as demonstrated through the beautiful art work and each student's progress across all skill domains, are spectacular. Thank you for all you do to help NLG bring out the best in all our students with autism. We could not do it without your support.

-Liz Martineau, President

READY, SET, RIDE!

Get Ready! The 8th annual Ken Oliver Memorial will be held at the beginning of the summer this year, instead of the end. Mark **Saturday June 13, 2009** on your calendars and get those bikes dusted off and on the road. The 50 mile bike ride will start at 8:30 am and the 2 or 4 mile walk at noon. Both events begin and end in Concord. This is always a fun day for NLG students, families and friends. Entry and sponsorship forms can be found on our website. We are hoping NLG staff will enter the "Beat Liz" bike challenge and show a certain over the hill former athlete what the new generation can do.



TD BANKNORTH & NLG

TD Banknorth has a new program that can benefit NLG. Open an account with TD Banknorth in the Affinity Membership Program and they will make a donation to NLG. If you are already a TD Banknorth customer, ask to have your balances **included as part of NLG's Affinity Membership Program**.

TD Banknorth will make an annual contribution to NLG based on the average balance in all members' accounts. **Checking, Savings, Money Market, CD and IRA accounts** are all included in the program. Your account balances are used to determine the level of contribution to NLG but TD Banknorth will keep this information confidential.

If you would like to know more about this program, contact Maureen Vibert by e-mail: Maureen.vibert@nashobalearninggroup.org

NLG OUTREACH

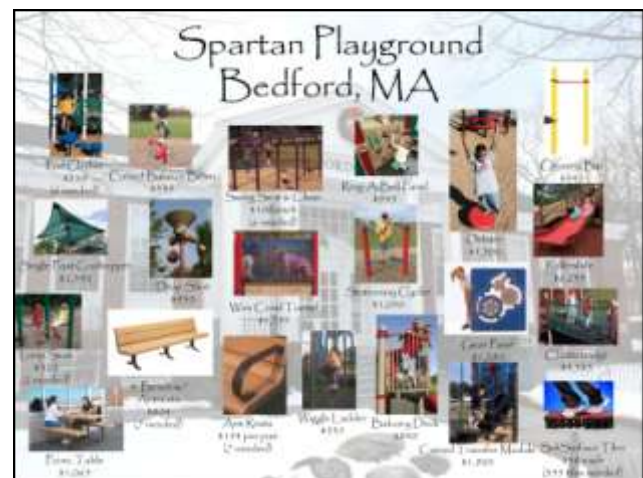
Nashoba Learning Group was invited by Professor Mary Tripsas to be a topic of study for a Leading Innovative Ventures class at Harvard Business School. It was a pleasure to share our vision, our progress, and our plans with the MBA students and to hear their ideas for how NLG might enable all students with autism to achieve their potential. This is part of our continuing effort to apply the best ideas from management and science to the profoundly important task of enabling all those affected by autism to achieve their potential throughout their lives.

NLG is now on Facebook!
Our cause page is:
www.apps.facebook.com/causes/144161

NLG SPARTAN PLAYGROUND UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that we will break ground for our playground this spring! Our playground, named the Spartan Playground in honor of the United States Navy SEALs Spartan Platoon at the request of an anonymous donor, is an important learning environment for our students.

A playground is all about fun, but is also about **enhancing our students' skills**. Critical motor and social skills are practiced on the playground. Regular physical activity enhances **our students' ability to attend to learning activities** throughout the day. Thank you to our anonymous donor, to all who donated funds and specific items through the Giving Tree, and to Scott Indermuehle of Sudbury Designs for contributing his time and talents to the design of the playground, so that we can bring this learning environment to our students.



NLG'S MISSION

Rates of autism are now reported as 1 in 150 children by the Center for Disease Control. Children with autism require intensive educational intervention in order to develop to their potential. Nashoba Learning Group was formed as a non-profit corporation in 2002, opening in 2003, in order to provide more impaired children and adults with autism with the services they need to succeed.

We provide outstanding individualized education, training, and intervention to children and young adults with autism, allowing those we serve to achieve their full potential and participate as fully as

possible in family and community activities throughout their lives. We can't do this without your support! Thanks for all you do to help us achieve our mission!



Thursday, April 2, 2009



FIRST ANNIVERSARY PARTY THANK YOUS

Many thanks to everyone who attended NLG's First Anniversary Celebration!

Thank you for bringing friends and families to the event as well.

We had lots of food and fun at the event—for this we need to thank Starbucks Coffee in Burlington for donating 2 urns of coffee and Whole Foods in Bedford for donating a sheet cake. And, thanks to all the families who brought in food and got great items for the raffle and silent auction. Thank you also to all who purchased items from the Giving Tree. Last, but not least, thank you to our event sponsors: The Ursitti family, Shaun & Janet Kelly, the Forlenza family, the Palotta family, the Zorn Family, New York Life, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Emerson Hospital, and Autism Speaks. NLG couldn't have held this great event without all of you!



HOW YOU CAN HELP

“Wish List” Some of NLG's most basic needs are included on a Wish List that is on our website. Click on the link provided at nashobalearninggroup.org to provide support.

Matching Gifts: An easy way to increase the value of your donation is through a matching gift. Speak with your employer about a matching gift program.

Be an Employer Partner: Help us prepare our students for adult employment and gain access to valuable services for your business.

Igive.com: Log on to igive.com/NLG and shop at over 650 stores. A percentage of your total purchases go directly to the school.

Volunteer to help with the Sat, June 13th, 2009 Bike a thon. Email ann.rosas@nashobalearninggroup.org

NEW!!! Buy gift cards : We order monthly from a supplier of gift cards for hundreds of retailers and get to keep a percentage of each order. E-mail jenny.kane@nashobalearninggroup.org for more information.



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