

Children's Dyslexic Center Parent News

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Center Director



Director's News

Announcement of the Corporate Name Change

I am pleased to officially announce the new name of our Corporation. The Corporate Board of Directors approved the new Corporate name "Children's Dyslexia Centers Inc." at the June 10, 2010 Corporate Board of Directors meeting.

I am also pleased to inform you that the Teddy Bear will continue to be the logo for the Corporation. The Corporate website is under reconstruction and will be accessible using both our new and most recent past name.

The Corporate Board of Directors further voted to allow each local Learning Center the option of using a geographic location or name as determined by the local Board of Governors to follow the designation **Children's Dyslexia Centers**. Our local Board will vote on the exact format in an upcoming Board meeting.

This format has been developed to maintain continuity as it relates to our corporate identity and federal tax status. The name change is effective as of December 1, 2010.

William G. Ziemer
Director of Operations
Children's Dyslexia Center, Inc.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ January 5, 2011
Spring Session Start
- ◆ January 15, 2011
Pancake Dinner
- ◆ January 17, 2011
Martin Luther King

Dear Parents

The Learning Center has decided to change the spring opening date to Wednesday, January 5, 2011.

It has come to my attention that some schools are still off Monday. I think it will be easier to get the kids into the swing of things with a Game Night the first session back and then a weekend to get rested. We've had a long break and it

may take a few sessions to be back into tutoring and school. Tutors will be calling to confirm.

Have a nice New Years!

Melissa J. Merritt
Director - Valley of New Castle

Steelers's Quilt

It is time for our annual Steelers Quilt raffle!

This year's quilt has been signed by several past and present team members.

#10 - Dennis Dixon	#11 - Stefan Townsend
#16 - Charlie Batch	#26 - Deshea Townsend
#37 - Anthony Madison	#53 - Bryan Hinkel
#93 - Nick Eason	
#34 - Andy Russell	#54 - Craig Bingham
#56 - Robin Cole	#64 - Ed Nelson
#72 - Gerry Mullins	#74 - John Brown
#84 - Randy Grossman	

Other Signatures include: "Steely McBeam"

Pat Rooney's Daughter
2002 Hall of Famer - Jim Kelley

Our goal is to have each family sell ten or more tickets. If you need additional tickets or have any questions please ask Amy (Office Assistant).

All tickets and money are to be turned in by:

Thursday, January 13, 2011.

Spring 2011 Theater

On Sunday, March 27, 2011 "A Royal Tea" will be held to help raise money for the Learning Center. The afternoon will include refreshments, a one time performance of the play "The Three Princes", plus a cast "Meet 'n Greet". This event will be held here at the Cathedral.

Peggy is currently filling cast positions. She is looking for children and adults interested in participating as cast members, stage hands, set design, and/or costume designs. Anyone interested in should call the Learning Center at 724-654-5408 or Peggy at 724-924-9572; email: peggyh68@gmail.com.

Gift Card Basket Raffle

Our first annual Gift Card Basket raffle was a huge success! We had over \$1,000 worth of gift cards for entertainment, goods, and services all over western PA. Highlights included: The Youngstown Symphony, The Carnegie Museum of Art, The Pittsburgh Zoo, New Castle Playhouse, Mohawk Trails Golf Course, additionally there were several cards for restaurants, gas, and groceries.

Our basket was raffled off on July 26, 2010 by the evening daily number. The winning number was 578; the ticket was purchased by Kim Tinch. The Tinch family was extremely excited about winning and has been enjoying themselves spending the gift cards.

We will be kicking off the 2011 Gift Card Basket raffle in January at the Pancake Dinner. We intend to have a basket worth over \$1,000 and will be selling tickets for \$5.00 each. Each family will be asked to help sell the raffle tickets at scheduled events and outside of the Learning Center. We will take the basket to Cathedral functions, bingo nights, and at least one tag day throughout the spring.

I am confident that we will be able to fill the basket with a variety of exciting entertainment, goods, and services again this year.

That's where we need your help.

Filling the basket is quite a challenge. Gift Cards are popular Christmas gifts but not always for places you like or are convenient. **So...donate those gift cards to the Gift Basket.**

We need to build our basket to a \$1,000 value and would appreciate all donations. Each Center family has been asked to donate a gift card for this fundraiser. We are suggesting a minimum card value of \$10.00 for each donation. **Please bring or mail your donation in to the Learning Center by:**

Thursday, January 13, 2011.

Thank you in advance for continuing to make events like these successful fundraisers for the Learning Center.



Safety Reminders

Your child's safety is a priority while he or she is at the Center. Please help us to maintain this.

Child Dismissal

The Learning Center Staff will not permit children to leave the Center alone.

Please let us know if someone else will be responsible for transporting your child. Photo Id will be required before your child will be released to any adult other than a parent.

Sign In/Sign Out

Please remember, the Learning Center requires all children/guests to be signed in and signed out. This helps us keep track of who is in the building. In the event of an emergency, we need to be able to account for everyone.

Cancellations

ALL session cancellations must be made directly to the Learning Center as well as your child's tutor.

Policy Reminders

- It is important for insurance purposes that all parents/siblings/guests stay within the Learning Center area.
- The Learning Center is a Quiet Zone, so it is important to keep the noise level down in all areas of the Learning Center. Cell phones should be on silent or vibrate and used outside.
- Food and drinks are prohibited anywhere but the front lobby at the request of the Cathedral Foundation.
- Our Lobby is a "shared" space. It is important to be sure toys are returned to the bins, garbage is thrown away, and that we keep it as neat as possible. Your continued help in this matter is greatly appreciated.
- In the rear lobby area there are a set of stairs leading to the upstairs office. **No one is permitted on these stairs.**
- Please do not slide down the front banisters. It is a Potential safety hazard as well as it might chip the paint.
- Please do not play in the parking lots or on the Cathedral Landscaping. The lawn on the left side is a great energy release area.

Pancake Dinner

All you can eat!

PANCAKES, WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE, DRINKS

January 15, 2011

3 - 7 PM

NC Scottish Rite Cathedral

Proceeds benefit the

Children's Dyslexic Center in New Castle

Adults - \$5 Children under 12 - \$3

Call 724-654-5800 for tickets.

Coin Cans

Each family should have a set of 'Change to Read Cans'. If you have not picked up your Coin Cans. Please pick them up in the office.

Remember they are not due back until the end of the school year. So pack them as full as you can get them. All proceeds will benefit the Children's Dyslexic Center in New Castle!

Supplies Needed

The Children's Dyslexic Center is a non profit educational facility that operates on a budget funded largely by donations.

Another way you can help as a Parent Volunteer is to donate items that the Center uses in its day to day operations.

The following is a list of suggestions of items that would be most helpful to the Center.

Copier Paper	Index Cards	
Colored Pens/Pencils	Paper Towels	
Ink pens		
White Board Cleaner	Rubber Bands	White Cardstock
paper	Hand Sanitizer	
1 ½' Three Ring Binders	Kleenex	
Clorox Wipes	Lysol Spray	

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Holidays and Observances: Jan 5 Spring Session Starts ; 17: Martin Luther King Day - Closed

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

Holidays and Observances: 14-15 Presidents' Day Break

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