



Park Cities Learning Disabilities Association
Unlocking learning for all kinds of learners

www.pclda.org

Keys to Unlock the Mind

fall- October 2010

Park Cities Learning Disabilities Association is a non-profit organization of persons interested in advocating for the education and well being of children who learn differently.

PCLDA, founded in 1975, is one of the largest LDA chapters in the country. All the monies for student and educator scholarships, speakers, publications, website and other community education activities are generated through memberships and fund raising events.

Keys to Unlock the Mind, our newsletter, serves to publish responsible information and opinions to better inform our members and the students they serve. Publication of information does not imply endorsement or recommendation. Views expressed herein are not necessarily those of the PCLDA.

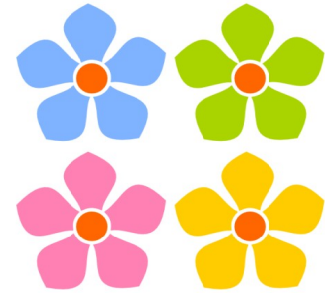
PCLDA

Flower Sale

Oct 1-- Sale begins

Oct 15-- Sale order deadline

Oct 26-- Sale pick up



from 12-6:00pm at 3617 Caruth Blvd.

We offer several varieties of fall flowers pansies, red or white kale and, of course, daffodil, hyacinth, and tulip bulbs to plant for your spring blooms

To order on-line, print an order form, or for more information go to **www.pclda.org** and click on "**flower sale**".

Orders must be placed by October 15.

PCLDA is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization. Proceeds go towards scholarships for high school seniors who have successfully dealt with a learning difference, teacher continuing education and the EDGE program--"booster" classes held during the summer.



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Click on the link below**

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Park-Cities-Learning-Disability-Association/131521110229653>

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Hollee Mills, Lee Ann Millard

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Thank you for a super September!

September was a wonderful month for PCLDA!

We want to thank our wonderful speakers
Kami Turner (Burns) and Madge Carlson.

Thank you to Wendy Harkness for hosting the
evening event at her home.



Have information for the newsletter?

Please email Kelly Schorr

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PCLDA Volunteer Opportunities

Please consider the PCLDA when weighing
volunteer opportunities. We have a variety of
choices to fit large or small time commitments. We
are always looking for energetic concerned parents
who want to get involved in this important
organization.

Please contact one of our co-presidents

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Co-Presidents Message

Hope this newsletter finds you and your family settling into the new school year.

Park Cities Learning Disabilities Association is setting precedence with our Co-Presidents position-- between therapy, tutoring and homework this seems to be the logical solution for busy mothers of learning different kids. New school years bring new schedules, new friends and new activities. Transition isn't easy for most of us, and it's even more difficult for a student with learning differences. These differences become startlingly clear as our children transition grade to grade and from one school into another. As parents, we can take extra time with each of our children to let them know they are valued for whom they are, to listen to their feelings that they will find their way.

We here at PCLDA have planned some excellent programs for the coming year. We started the school year with an evening get together at the beautiful home of Ashley and Wendy Harkness. We enjoyed our speaker, Marge Carlson, a private consultant that specializes in matching LD kids to colleges and universities in which they will likely be successful. Then, on September 20, we had our first lunchtime lecture with Kami Turner (Burns) who spoke on the topic of "My child is struggling, now what?" Both speakers provided us with lots of great strategies in helping our children reach their full potential.

Please join us November 1 for our next lunchtime lecture featuring Callan Harrison, a Shelton and SMU graduate. Callan has written a children's book about what it is like to have Dyslexia, called "The Girl who Learned Differently". She will talk to our group about her story, how her parents supported her and what it was like to have neurotypical siblings.

This promises to give great insight to the struggles of our children. Miss Harrison will bring some copies of her book for sale after the meeting. We would love to have you join us; we will be serving a light lunch in the 5/6 Assembly Room at MIS beginning at 11:30a.m.

We are thankful for your support of PCLDA. There are many ways for you to get involved, whatever "free time" (Hah! What's that?) you are willing to give. Don't hesitate to contact either of us for more information.

We have many new ideas in store for you....stay tuned!

Sincerely,

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Nov 1--**General Meeting/ Speaker: Callan Harrison**,
Shelton School and SMU Grad and author of children's
book, "The Girl Who Learned Differently"

11:30am MIS 5/6 Assembly Room

Nov 11--**Evening Get Together/Speaker—Dr. Susan Istre** will
speak about School Bullying. The event will be held at 7:00 pm at
the Shelton High-Rise 5909 Luther Lane Club room 7th floor.

Feb 25--Evening Get Together/Speaker—TBA

Apr--Spring Flower sale - TBA

Apr 12--Teacher Appreciation Assembly MIS 5/6 3:30-5



Callan Harrison

Dale Lawrence Scholarship **Recipients**

Congratulations to all the recipients!

Laura Anne Burgos
Logan Lanning Gass
Samuel Duggins Leonard
Brent Booe Gresham
Margaret Susan Rummel

Dale Lawrence Scholarships are awarded annually to seniors in the Highland Park Independent School District. College-bound Highland Park graduating senior students who have effectively managed a diagnosed learning difference receive a one-time monetary award.

This scholarship fund is named in honor of Dr. Dale R. Lawrence, former HPISD Superintendent of Instruction from 1986-1990, and principal of Robert S. Hyer Elementary School from 1982-1985. Dr. Lawrence recognized the individual differences in children and supported positive teaching methods.

Membership

Have you renewed your Park Cities Learning Disabilities Association membership for the 2010-2011 school year?

Please go to www.pclda.org to renew your membership and to ensure you are on our mailing list to stay updated on issues and upcoming programs.

As a PCLDA member you will receive our newsletter as well as the Learning Disabilities Association of Texas ("LDAT") newsletter and LDA America's "News briefs."

**Membership
begins
September 1
each year.**



Helpful Organizations

SEPAC - Special Education Parent Advisory Committee: In an effort to provide excellent educational services and facilitate communication, Highland Park Independent School District has established a Special Education Parent Advisory Committee. The 20-member committee is committed to working in partnership with parents, the schools, and the district. The committee, which is comprised of parent liaisons from each campus and other community members, meets monthly. Those who have a special needs child and wish to voice concerns through another parent, are encouraged to contact the appropriate campus representative. Parent representatives to the committee can be found on the previous page, or on the Special Programs website at www.hpsid.org.

PASE - Parent Association for Special Education: Parent organization that works to keep special education families in touch with each other and the school district and improve the educational and social opportunities for children who receive special education services in HPISD.

Warrior Parents of Dallas- A parent group formed to support each other in the journey of our children with autism spectrum disorders. The group meets monthly, hosts a speaker and exchanges helpful information to maximize the future success of ASD kids. To receive updates go to their Facebook group! Here is the link:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=225157118413>

Upcoming Community Events

Saturday, Oct 9- Children's Medical Center Legacy in Plano is the Red Balloon Run and Relay. The Crystal Charity Ball Autism Project has been selected to benefit and is looking for parents/family members/professionals interested in organizing and leading a team during this event. If you are interested or simply want more information, check out http://www.redballoonevent.org/site/PageServer?pagename=event_info

Thursday, October 14 - Shelton Workshop - 7:00 pm - " Simulations of Learning Differences" - The Thursday Evening Information Overviews Series consists of one a half to two hour overview of topics relating to students with learning differences. The evenings are designed for Shelton parents, but are appropriate for educators, family members, and the public. CEUs and TEA CPEs are available. The community is always welcome. There is no charge for these workshops, however RSVP is required 1 week prior to the workshop. You may send a copy of the Registration Form to bshortall@shelton.org or by calling 972-774-1772 Ext. 223 or fax 972-991-3977. Childcare is not available. For more info see www.shelton.org in the "community outreach" section of the website.

Friday, October 15- 5pm, open house happy hour for Whole Child Wellness, 14300 Midway Road, suite 116, Dallas,

Saturday, Oct 16- Free family fun day sponsored by Whole Child Wellness, 10/16/10, 10am, 14300 Midway Road, suite 116, Dallas - rain or shine, kids yoga, clown, balloons, games, bounce house, obstacle course.

Saturday, October 23 - Shelton Saturday Seminar - 8:30 - 4:30 pm "Shelton Method for Teaching Social Skills" - These short, single topic seminars are geared toward educators, but are appropriate for parents. They are offered at Shelton or by Webinar. Most courses begin at 8:30 AM and end at 4:30 PM. \$95 per seminar (\$125 for Webinar). Advance registration is required at least two weeks prior to the workshop by calling Outreach at 972-774-1772 Ext. 223, or by emailing shortall@shelton.org. Dates and times are subject to change - please check the website to confirm.

Saturday, October 30 – CHAMPS Halloween Dance 1:30pm – 3:30pm - Park Cities YMCA Of Metropolitan Dallas, 6000 Preston Road. For more information, please contact Lindsay Kirkpatrick 214.526.7293 or lkirkpatrick@ymcadallas.org

Thursday November 11- Mark your calendar for NAA's National Autism Conference, featuring Rodney & Holly Robinson Peete, November 11-14, 2010. Conference highlights include presentations by Andy Wakefield, Dan Rossignol, Jeff Bradstreet, Anju Usman, Soma Mukhopadhyay, Areva Martin, Chantal Sicile-Kira, David Berger, Dan Olmsted, Mark Blaxil...and more! And don't miss the Special Ed Law Day - a full-day workshop on everything you need to know to get the best IEP in place for your child!

www.nationalautismconference.org.

Thursday November 18- World Congress on Disabilities - The mission & vision of the World Congress on Disabilities (WCD) is to educate, inform, & provide a useful exchange of ideas for people with disabilities & special health care needs & those involved in their care & development. Opinion leaders in medicine, education, research, technology, adaptive physical sports & recreation, & product development gather along with scientists, researchers, physicians, caregivers, & families for an intensive learning experience focused on the needs of all people with disabilities. Nov 18-Nov 19 Dallas 9a to 5p Dallas Convention Center – for more information contact William Schwanger at 201-722-9233.

Saturday April 9- Warrior mom Mary is organizing a really cool autism concert for next April. She is taking reservations for tickets at this time - tickets to go on sale 1/11. Email dallasrocksagainstaautism@gmail.com for tickets. Mary has already sold 200 tickets! Here is her message: "I am organizing an event called 'Dallas Rocks Against Autism,' to benefit the Elizabeth Birt Center for Autism Law and Advocacy and BRAINS FOR AUTISM. The event will take place April 9, 2011 at the Sons of Hermann Hall, featuring comedy, 2 great bands playing classic rock from the 1970's, Tex-Mex cuisine, cash bar, live and silent auctions, and guest speakers. Tickets are \$25 and will go on sale in January 2011. I know this invitation is early, but there will only be 400 tickets available, so I am taking reservations to insure I set aside tickets for Warrior Moms and their friends. Once the publicity starts, the event will most likely sell out quickly. We are also always appreciative of corporate sponsors and donations. Any sponsor will be featured on the event's web page, which should be up in October which will link to the EBCALA's website and Brains for Autism website, and give sponsors national recognition and publicity. Thanks for your consideration, and keep us in your prayers that we are successful and can make a difference for children with autism." Yeah, Mary! "Like" it on FB here:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dallas-Rocks-Against-Autism/146039232098041?ref=ts>