



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

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Keys to Unlock the Mind

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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

Sept 19--
Sale begins

Oct 7--
Sale order deadline

Oct 25--
Sale pick up



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 or for more information, go to www.pclda.org and click on "flower sale".

Orders must be placed by October 7

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.

**PCLDA has a page on Facebook!
Become a fan!!!**



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Hollee Mills and Meredith Roever

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Dallas Academy: open

Preston Hollow Presbyterian: open

Winston: Melanie Miller

SEPAC representatives from PCLDA:

Hollee Mills, Kelly Schorr

Lunchtime Lecture with Lori Cook

Our first Lunchtime Lecture of 2011/2012. PCLDA presents Lori Cook, Ph.D, of the Center for Brain Health at UTd. Lori will discuss "How Technology and Injury Affect Our Children's Brain Health"

**Monday, Sept. 19
11:30am-1:00pm
McCulloch Intermediate School
5th/6th Assembly Room**

Lunch will be provided (donations appreciated!)

Free event open to the public--bring a friend!

Have information for the newsletter?

Please email Kelly Schorr
kjschorr@yahoo.com

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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2011 Dale Lawrence Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to all the recipients!

Joey Iacuone
Ross Dunn
Travis Hebel
Nicole Williams
Mackenzie Williams
Will Deaver
Andrew Collins

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.

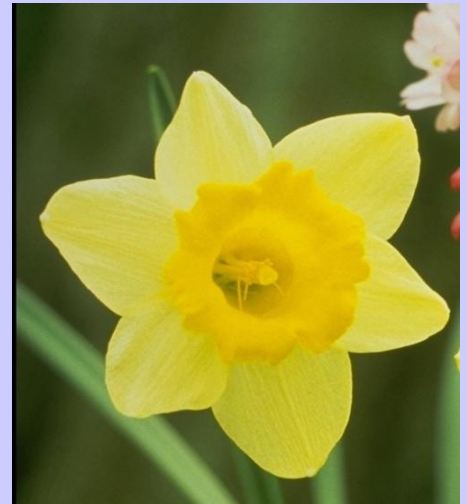
PCLDA Upcoming Events

September 19: Lunchtime lecture Lori Cook Monday, Sept. 19 11:30am-1:00pm
McCulloch Intermediate School 5th/6th Assembly Room
PCLDA Flower Sale begins

October 7: Flower Sale ends

October 20: Evening Event: Visit to Theraplay 7:00 pm

October 25: Flowers ready to be picked up



Message from the Co-Presidents:

Happy New Year! On behalf of the 2011/2012 Board of PCLDA, we want to wish you the best for a happy and successful school year.

PCLDA was very busy this past spring and summer, spending more than \$22,000 on scholarships and programs that support our neighborhood kids with learning differences. We gave \$15,000 to seven HPHS college-bound, graduating seniors via our Dale Lawrence Scholarships. We gave each of your favorite teachers, one from each HPISD campus, our Teacher Appreciation Award and a \$500 check. We donated \$2500 to Bradfield Elementary for their new PPCD/Kindergarten playground that has special features for special kids and exceeds all ADA requirements. We sent Pam Sepulvado, Lead Speech Language Pathologist at Armstrong Elementary and member of HPISD's Assistive Technology Team, to Maryland for the American Speech Language Hearing Association's 2011 National Schools Conference. Last, we provided lunches to the teachers and goody bags to the students of our Extended School Year (ESY), EDGE, and HPMALA (Dyslexia) summer programs.

Whew! We're tired just writing about it!

While continuing to do all the good that we do, we have big goals for the new year: We hope to strengthen our relationships with Park Cities families of students who attend Shelton and Winston and other private schools, and reinstate our PCLDA Community Scholarship for those very students. We also plan to host our "Sowing the Seeds" Pool and Garden Tour, our biggest and most important fundraiser. The Pool and Garden Tour is an enormous undertaking, and we honestly can't pull it off without you. Whether you donate a little bit of time or a little bit of money, WE NEED YOU. Without this fundraiser, we can't fulfill our promises. We hope we can count on your involvement.

It looks like it will be an exciting year! We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Thanks and Best Regards,

Hollee Mills and Meredith Roever

Co-Presidents 2011/2012



PCLDA Annual Teacher Appreciation Awards Ceremony

Teachers/staff members were nominated by parents for going above and beyond on behalf of their learning different students. The award ceremony was held on April 12th, 2011 4pm in MIS 7/8 Assembly Room . The teachers/staff members were awarded \$500.00 each as a “thank you” for their efforts.



Honorees: Back Row--Daren Eason(MIS/HPMS), Allison Metheny(HPHS), Jennifer Landwehr(Bradfield) and Beth Wunderlick(UP) Front Row--Sarah Stutts(MIS), Marta Finlay(Armstrong), Ann McDow(HPHS), Jessica Pollando(Hyer)

Spotlighted Community Info:

Dallas Child Magazine: article about special eyeglasses that help Dyslexics:

<http://dallaschild.com/showarticle.asp?artid=1668>

LD kids getting older and needing independence:

<http://www.dfwthrivemagazine.com/showarticle.asp?artid=145>

Apraxia support group meeting:

Thursday September 22 at 7:30pm.

La Madeleine

• (972) 233-6446

11930 Preston Rd, Dallas, TX 75230

Helpful Community 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 Highland Park Independent School District.

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>

PATH Project/Partners Resource Network Inc. PATH is a grant project of Partners Resource Network, Inc., a non-profit agency serving as a regional Parent Training and Information Center. PATH offers FREE services to parents of infants, toddlers, and youth with all types of disabilities. Mission: To empower parents of children and youth with disabilities in their roles as parents, decision-makers, and advocates for their children while promoting parent/professional partnerships. www.partnerstx.org

Community for Permanent supported Housing

<http://communityforpermanentsupportedhousing.community.officelive.com/default.aspx>

Dallas Dyslexia Information Group (DDIG) Affiliated with the Dallas Branch of the International Dyslexia Association Provides information on Dyslexia, Learning Differences, and related topics. Bob 214-351-1985

This group meets on the second Monday of the month, except for December. 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Meetings are held at: The Winston School 5707 Royal Lane Dallas, Texas 75229 214-691-6950

Especially Needed: organizes fun events for special needs children www.especiallyneeded.org