

TALKING TIMES

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CID PARENTS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the academic year at CID. A lot of fun and learning lies ahead for your student. The CID Parent Organization is here to support CID families and connect parents with CID staff.

The CID Parent newsletter is one way for us to remain connected and in communication. Look for a newsletter edition every 3 months. They will regularly be distributed electronically via email communication list.

The newsletter will be distributed four times per academic year: August, November, January and April. Please feel free to submit any content ideas or information for "Talking Times" to Leanna Fenneberg at fennebel@slu.edu.

While the first edition of the newsletter has been printed, it is intended to be an electronically distributed communication. If you do not receive this newsletter electronically, and would like to be added to the distribution list, please email the above address as well.

The Entertainment Book Fundraiser is back!

For only \$30, you can buy an entertainment book, which can save you thousands of dollars.

Discounts in the book include...

- Shop 'N Save
- Steak & Shake
- McDonalds
- AMC Theaters
- Blockbuster
- Picture People
- The Pasta House
- Six Flags
- American Cleaners
- TGI Fridays
- and hundreds more...

As a parent, selling these books to your friends and family will help raise money for the CID Parents Organization.

Deadline Friday, December 4 2009



DID YOU KNOW?

Parent Resources

FINANCIAL AID

If your child is 3 years old or younger as of December 31, 2009, financial aid is available through the Alexander Graham Bell Association (AG Bell). The child must have a documented bilateral hearing loss, within the moderate to profound range. To apply, visit www.agbell.org and search for "Parent Infant Financial Aid". Applications (including letters of reference) are due October 1, 2009.

DEAFESTIVAL

The annual St. Louis Deafestival is scheduled for Saturday, August 31, 2009 at the Kirkwood Community Center. This is a great potential way to connect with others in the D/deaf community (signing deaf, oral deaf, all types of communication methods), learn about available support and resources, and enjoy local entertainment. More information is available at: www.stldeafestival.org.

Some helpful websites

www.agbell.org

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/circle/>

<http://www.hearingexchange.com/>

<http://www.johntracyclinic.org/>

CID CONNECT

UPCOMING DATES

September

- 7 Labor Day holiday - NO SCHOOL
- 25 Early dismissal from school 1:30pm

October

- 16 Fall Break - NO SCHOOL

November

- 9 Staff development - NO SCHOOL
- 24 Thanksgiving holiday begins 3:00pm
- 25, 26, 27 Thanksgiving holiday - NO SCHOOL

December

- 18 Winter break begins - NO SCHOOL

Visit www.cid.edu for the school calendar and other upcoming dates!

SUPPORTING CID PARENT ORGANIZATION

Fundraising

The parent organization relies on fundraising to maintain initiatives on an annual basis. CID Parent Organization fundraising supports things including the annual staff appreciation luncheon, the family back-to-school ice cream social, individual support efforts for CID families, and other family socials and educational events throughout the year.

We'll have various fundraisers throughout the year, so look out for more information about the following:

Aug-Dec	Entertainment Book sales (\$30/each)
April-May	TJs pizza and dessert sales
all year	Box Tops for Education

Volunteers

In order to accomplish all of our goals and ideas to further the connections of families and success of our children through the parent organization, we need your help!

Volunteering with the CID Parent Organization can be on a one-time basis for a specific fundraiser or event, or as an ongoing leadership role for a specific area of interest.

Specific areas where we need leadership include:

- CID Parent Newsletter "Talking Times"
- CID Family social events/outings
- Parent education workshops (working with staff)
- Welcome packs for parents/families new to CID
- Fundraising - TJs pizza sales
- Fundraising - t-shirts
- Fundraising - CID Ultimate picnic parent support
- Staff appreciation lunch coordination

If you're interested in participating in any of these, please contact Leanna Fenneberg at fennebel@slu.edu.

Teacher changes

Family Center/Nursery Class

Robyn Mortenson, a graduate from the recent PACS deaf ed class will join the Family Center staff working both in the Nursery class and in individual sessions.

Pre-K

Jennifer Johnson, former Primary teacher, will be moving to pre-K and we are thrilled to welcome her!

Primary

Sara Sisk will be teaching in Primary. She graduated last year from the PACS program and is a welcomed addition to Primary.

CID welcomes new students

Nursery/Family Center

*Frances Heidmann,
from Georgia*

*Porter Bishop,
from St. Louis*

*Ella Boerm from
Maryville Ill.*

*and the Family Center
has welcomed over
10 new families with
early intervention*

Pre-K

*Kenan Alukic, Ziare
Flowers, Peter Griggs,
Shayna Hemesath,
Aevion Ingram, and
Terran Shaw (from
Nursery Classroom)*

*Malachi Cotton,
from St. Louis.*

*Hearing Peers:
Nathan Barton,
Mackenzie Gamlin
Andrew Gronski
and Fred Wessels.*

Primary

*Layne Adkins,
from Kentucky*

*Lily Crawford
(from Pre-K classroom)*
