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CID PARENTS NEWSLETTER

Save the Date

The Annual CID Ultimate Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, April 2 at the Four Seasons Hotel. The picnic annually raises around $200,000 to support scholarships and programs at CID.

Parents can support the event in a few ways. More information will be available in the new year.

1. *Volunteer at the event*

There will be numerous opportunities for folks to volunteer for the event set-up, decorating, clean-up, and to support activities the evening of the event.

2. *Donate items for the silent auction*

The event includes an auction for various items. Traditionally, CID parents sponsor a 'summer fun pack' of items for auction. Tara Brengle will coordinate and send information out closer with details. If you have other items to donate, or connections with potential donors, please contact Bree De Graw at bdegraw@cid.edu to discuss.

3. *Attend the event*

Tickets will be available for purchase closer to the event for folks interested in attending as invited guests.

The theme of this year's event is "CID by the Sea"

Free Online Course Now Available

Parent Advocacy Training (P.A.T.) is designed to help parents build the knowledge and confidence you need to negotiate and advocate on behalf of your child with his or her school district. This 90-minute online course provides an understanding of the legal framework of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to better prepare parents for the process of creating an Individualized Education Program plan for your child, and understand your rights and the school district's rights and responsibilities. In addition, the course includes an interactive glossary of terms and sample videos demonstrating the IEP negotiation process to help you work better with your school administrators. The course is free thanks to the generous support of the Oticon Foundation, and is available online from the A.G. Bell Foundation at www.agbell.org.

Bookshelf

***For parents*:**
Kid-Friendly Parenting with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children.
Daria Medwid , 1995. Gallaudet University Press.

Children With Hearing Loss: A Family Guide. David Luterman. 2006. Auricle Ink Publishers.

For kids:
Cosmo Gets an Ear Gary Clemente. 1994. Modern Signs Press.

A Button in Her Ear. Ada B. Litchfield. 1976. Albert Whitman and Company.

All books available at www.amazon.com

Sophie's Tales: Learning to Listen. Melanie Paticoff. Available at www.sophiestales.com
Ms. Paticoff, a graduate student at Fontbonne, came and visited the pre-K students with the real Sophie last year.

Reading programs on the web:
Headsprout http://www.headsprout.com/ Pre-school through second grade. This program is not free, but it has a "try me" link where you can try a couple of lessons without charge. It teaches kids to listen carefully to things like "spell" vs "spill." They have to repeat back to the computer everything that the read. It teaches them how to put words together. Each lesson takes about 20 minutes.

Starfall www.starfall.com
Starfall.com opened in September of 2002 as a free public service to motivate children to read with phonics. The systematic phonics approach, in conjunction with phonemic awareness practice is perfect for preschool through second grade, special education, homeschool, and English language development (ELD, ELL, ESL). Starfall is an educational alternative to other entertainment choices for children.

Did you know that the father of the inventor of cochlear implant, Graeme Clark, was deaf and inspired him to create an electronic implantable hearing device?

CID CONNECT
UPCOMING DATES

January 4– School resumes

January 22 – Trivia Night

February 12 – Parent Workshop

April 2 – Ultimate Picnic

INTERESTED IN FREE BABYSITTING?

- Choose a 3-4 hour time slot convenient for you.
- Invite 5-10 of your childrens' friends over.
- Have responsible, fun, CPR-certified occupational therapy students provide entertainment and developmentally appropriate activities for your kids.
- Cost= $20 per child (free for the host)
- Feel great about the fact that you are supporting the International Assistance Committee's spring service trip to Guatemala.

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Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

Congratulations to the following family center children who recently received cochlear implants:

Tyler
DJ
Daria
Alfredo

DID YOU KNOW THAT CID IS ON FACEBOOK? FOLLOW US THERE TO KEEP IN TOUCH!

YOU CAN ALSO KEEP UP WITH UPDATES FROM ADVANCED BIONICS AND THE COCHLEAR CORPORATION THIS WAY.

The 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 was signed by President Obama! This bill will update current law to increase access to Internet, television, smart phones and other telecommunications technologies through improved interfaces, closed captioning, video description and other tools.