



November 13, 2016

NEWS & NOTES

A weekly newsletter to keep you informed.

Friends Night Out at *Griffin Claw Brewing Company

575 S. Eton St., Birmingham, MI 48009

Thursday, December 1, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a social night out with Friends. It will be a night of networking and meeting parents of children with learning differences. This will be a great chance to renew past acquaintances and meet new Friends and have fun. For more information contact Jane Konoya at 248-497-2706 or jkonoya@gmail.com



Become a *Friends* Volunteer!

Friends of Different Learners is looking for a Treasurer for this 2016-17 school year and we are also looking for committee members to help with both the Camp and Resource Fair on February 4th and the Appreciation Celebration on May 4th. For more information contact Jane Konoya at 248-497-2706 or jkonoya@gmail.com.

All *Friends* meetings are FREE and open to the public!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Novi Hoedown

11/18/2016

6:30 PM - 8:30 pm

Novi Parks and Recreation Cultural Services, 45175 West 10 Mile Road Novi, MI 48375

For individuals 18 & older with developmental disabilities. Event includes pizza and salad (served until 7:30 p.m.) Music and dancing

Pre-registration required, no refunds. Register by: Nov. 11

\$10/person, \$5/caregiver

Details: 248-424-7081 or Adaptive@oakgov.com
<http://www.destinationoakland.com/Pages/default.aspx>

Helping Behaviorally Challenging Studetns (and, while you're at it, all the others). with Ross W. Greene, Ph.D.

Sunday, November 20, 2016

12:30 p.m. Registration and Resource Fair

1:30 p.m. Presentation followed by Parent Session

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit Anita Naftaly Family Circle Conference

For more information, jewishdetroit.org/specialeducation or contact Ellen Maiseloff at 248-205-2533

Autism Conference

November 22, 2016

8:15 am - 4:30 pm

Causeway Bay Lansing Hotel & Convention Center, 6820 Cedar Street, Lansing, MI 48911

Speakers: Dr. Temple Grandin, Jennifer McIlwee Meyers, Dr. Jim Ball

Registration information and fees <http://fhautism.com/attend-a-conference/lansing-mi-nov-22/>

Understanding IEPs with Sandee Koski

Wednesday, November 30th, 2016

11:30 am - 1:30 pm - Sign-in opens at 11 am. Light refreshments will be served.

The Children's Center, 79 West Alexanderine, Detroit, Michigan

This workshop will help you better understand the Individualized Education Program (IEP) for children and youth who receive special education services. When you better understand the IEP process, and how to participate, you will have a better chance of your child getting the services they need to be successful in school.

Our goal is to help you understand the basic IEP components and how they work together, specifically:

- * The present level of academic achievement and functional performance (PLAAFP statement);
- * Writing measurable goals and objectives;
- * Support services; and
- * Plan implementation.

Dispute resolutions options will also be discussed.

Register by 11/23/16 with Barbara Wright at (313) 557-8780 or

Debbie Townley debbie@michiganallianceforfamilies.org

Or online at www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/rsvp

The Power of Telling Your Story with Kelly Orginski

Wednesday, December 7th, 2016

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Sign-in opens at 12:30 pm.

Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Road-Room 206,

Clinton Township, MI 48038

Your story is important! Parents can become empowered and effective "system change agents". This workshop can help you craft your personal story and tie that story to an issue of concern. Learn about what systems advocacy is, who can be influenced, and how to influence a system. This presentation also includes information on resources that parents may find helpful. Register with Donesa Crivella by 12-1at (586) 469-1600 ext.121 or donesa@michiganallianceforfamilies.org

<https://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/upcoming-events/eventregistration/>

Jingle Bell Ball

Oakland County Parks Adaptive Recreation

Wednesday, Dec. 7

6-8 p.m

Waterford Recreation Center: 5640 Williams Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48329

F or individuals 18 and older with developmental disabilities. Will include a pasta and salad dinner, music

and dancing Santa will also be a part of all the fun as he and Mrs. Claus will visit with participants and listen to all their wishes for the holiday season! Cost is \$10/participant and \$5/caregiver. Pre-registration is required as walk-in registration will not be available. For more information, contact 248-424-7077 or Adaptive@oakgov.com.

Almost New Year

Oakland County Parks Adaptive Recreation
Wednesday, Dec. 28 from 6-8 p.m. at the Waterford Oaks Activity Center. 2800 Watkins Lake, Waterford, MI 48328
Thursday, Dec. 29 from 6-8 p.m. at the Royal Oak Mahany/Meininger Senior Community Center., 3500 Marais, Royal Oak, MI 48073
For individuals 18 and older with developmental disabilities Pizza, music and dancing plus all kinds of New Year's Eve festivities.
Cost per event is \$10/participant and \$5/caregiver. Register here by Dec. 20
Pre-registration required, No walk-ins, No refunds
248-424-7081 For more information, contact 248-424-7077 or Adaptive@oakgov.com

Team Guts

1008 ORCHARD ST, FERNDALE, MI
248.415.5535
Saturday:
Martial Arts 10am
Zumba 11am
Yoga 1:30pm
Sunday:
Autism Movement Therapy 1:45pm
Sensations Dance 2:35pm
Here is also a link to our classes:
<http://www.teamgutmichigan.com/scheduling>

4th Wall Theater Company Announces Fall Classes

Theatre is for everyone! We empower people with special needs, seniors, everyone, to break through the fourth wall, get on stage, and shine. Through singing, dancing, and acting our actors-to-be learn about the theatre, the world, and themselves. Our staff travels to your venue providing an enriching theatre experience with music and movement therapy creating a showcase performance for family and friends. Go to <http://www.4thwallkids.com/> for locations, dates and times.

No Shush Services

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009
On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month beginning at 5pm, our no-shush Rejoicing Spirits service is a family friendly service where the gifts of all God's people are affirmed and appreciated. Noise reduction headphones, musical instruments for all, gluten-free refreshments, and a sign language interpreter are available at each service. Stay for refreshments and fellowship following the service. Beginning in January, a simple meal for all will follow the mid-month service. Make your reservation for the dinner by signing up online or by calling Cindy Merten at 248-644-2087 x145
<http://www.fpcbirmingham.org/>

JOIN NOW FOR 2016-17

JUST \$10.00!

Annual Memberships are valid September - August.

Additional donations help us provide high quality speakers at our monthly meetings and support our annual projects like LINKS, the Disability Awareness Workshop, and the Camp & Resource Fair.

Sign up on-line!

Friends of Different Learners (*Friends*) is an independent organization of parents, staff, and community members dedicated to maximizing the potential of Birmingham Public School students with different abilities.

For more information visit our web site at www.friendsofdifferentlearners.org

Follow us on Facebook!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE



Earn money for Friends every time you shop at Kroger!

Follow these simple instructions to register Friends of Different Learners as your designated Community Rewards recipient with your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card on-line. You just shop, swipe your card and earn money for Friends!

- Go to www.kroger.com.
- If you have not registered your card online, click on the registration link. Kroger will send a confirmation e-mail for you to complete before proceeding to the next step.
- If you have registered your card online, sign in, and edit your savings card information.
- Under Community Rewards type "Friends of Different Learners" or use NPQ number 90711.

Your card will now be registered and you will start earning points for *Friends* every time you shop at Kroger!