

DSPTC News

Affiliate, National Down Syndrome Congress & National Down Syndrome Society

March 2007

* **Annual Spring Fling!** *
* Mark your calendars! *
* **Sunday, March 25th, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** *
* The Spring Creek Pavillion at Ameriquest Field *
* Come out and enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt, food, games and *
* fun! Look for your postcard in the mail for additional *
* details. *



Richard Villa

“Accessing the General Education Curriculum & The Possible Future of Education”

March 22, 2007

For more information about the presenter and sessions, call Trudy Dapprich at (817) 577-2240. To RSVP, call Pam Runnels at Birdville ISD at (817) 547-5779.

A Day at the DS Clinic . . .

By Margaret Yaquinto

Jacob and I attended the Nannie Hogan Boyd DS Clinic in February. I wanted reassurance that Jacob is on track and getting the best therapy. Our day began at around 9:30 a.m. Jacob had a physical therapy, occupational therapy and hearing test in the morning. After lunch, he had a vision test, then a nutritional consult. We ended the day at 2:30 p.m., going over the results with Dr. Kukolich and getting a thyroid screening. We got great evaluations and some good tips in Jacob’s areas of concern. I believe it was a day well spent.

Take advantage of this clinic! The professionals all come to the same place, saving you from driving all over town. Call Sarah Stringer, Clinic Coordinator, at 682-885-2181 for information and scheduling.

Upcoming Community Events

March for Respect

Saturday, March 31st Activities start at 9:00 a.m. March starts at 11:00 a.m.
Depart from the Fort Worth Intermodal Center at 8:30 a.m. on the Trinity Rail Express. Arrive back in Fort Worth at 1:54 p.m. To register, call the Arc of Greater Tarrant County at 817-877-1474.

Special Olympics Spring Games (Track & Field)

Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28. Come out to cheer or to volunteer. Go to sotx.org for a volunteer application or more information.

The Miracle League Spring Baseball 2007

For boys and girls, ages 5-19. To sign up, call the YMCA at 817-801-1400 or go to www.ymca-arlington.org. Coaches and volunteers are needed. Opening day is April 7.

Summer Activities

These are not DSPTC sponsored events

• Summer Language Camp

Students may have Down syndrome, a similar developmental delay, or be typically developing. All children must meet admission criteria, including being completely toilet trained. Students will be between the ages of four and ten (approximately - varies depending on ability level).

Each week we will use our theme to focus on language usage and development. A variety of techniques will be used to facilitate language, including sound cues. Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Week One: June 4-7 “Fun with Favorite Books” Each day we will focus on a different favorite children’s book.

Week Two: July 16-19 “It’s a Party!” We will celebrate birthdays all week.

Week Three: August 13-16 “Fun With More Favorite Books” We will again focus each day on a favorite children’s book.

Tuition is \$120.00/week plus \$10.00 supply fee for children with special needs and \$60.00/week plus



• Green Oaks School Summer Program 2007

The purpose of the GOS Summer Program is to provide enjoyable and educational activities that will help prevent regression of academic, social and life skills. Summer students will benefit from in-school visits from a variety of entertainers and animal experts, as well as participate in a field trip each Friday. Music, art and exercise programs are included. Student/staff ratio will be 5:1 to ensure that each student will receive essential instruction and supervision.

For students between the ages of 10 and 22 who have Down syndrome or a similar developmental delay. Appropriate students for this program are those who have mild to moderate mental impairment and minimal behavior or medical involvement. A maximum of 30 students will be accepted for each summer school week.

Program dates are June 18-22 and July 23-27. Classes are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day.

Cost per week is \$160, which includes all class materials, program and field trip expenses, and one t-shirt per student. Students may register for either one or both weeks.

For additional information, or to receive an application for summer admission, please call 817-496-5100.

Barn Full House/Full Hearts

Not a DSPTC sponsored event

Western Casino Night, Barbecue Dinner & Auction

Live entertainment by
the Josh Weathers Band

Really cool auction
items!

Saturday, March 24, 2007
The River Ranch in Fort Worth
Benefiting Green Oaks School

Call 817-496-5100 for more info.

Green Oaks School Open House Day

Monday, April 2
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Have you considered a private education for your child with DS? Are you curious about what we have to offer? Meet our staff and students, and learn more about our specialized curriculum. Please call 817-496-5100 to reserve your time for a personal tour. Keep in mind that academics are done mainly during morning hours with a variety of activities in the afternoon.

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Upcoming Seminars

IEP Clinic

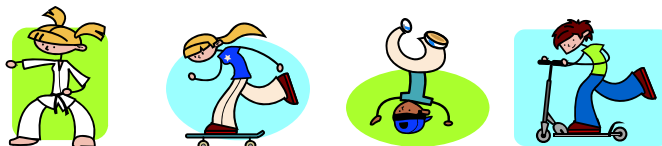
March 17, 2007
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Region 10 Service Center
904 Abrams Rd., Richardson

Lynn Campbell, a local private speech pathologist with extensive experience working with children and adults with Down syndrome, will speak on the topic of reading, a major key to lifelong learning. Individuals with Down syndrome typically are strong visual/motor learners so it is critical that reading instruction be presented in a unique way that helps them to read for meaning and not just call out the words. Lynn will provide

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information about how to get started with the printed word at an early age and how to ensure continued development with comprehension as reading skills progress.

Please note that all the clinics are on Saturdays. For additional information, contact the Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas office at 214-267-1374.



GROSS MOTOR SKILLS for Children with Down Syndrome

Saturday, April 28

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
at The Rise School of Dallas

Pat Winders, PT, is a Senior Physical Therapist at the Down Syndrome Clinic at Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. She has specialized in providing PT to children with Down syndrome, ages 0-5, for over 25 years and is the author of Gross Motor Skills in Children with Down Syndrome: A Guide for Parents and Professionals. She provides training conferences for therapists and parents on gross motor development for kids both nationally and internationally.

Cost: \$10 per individual or couple

All proceeds to benefit The Rise School of Dallas

Space is limited, so sign up early! Refreshments will be served.

Free Child Care is provided but you must pre-register by April 20th as space is limited.

For more information, call Angela O'Brien at 214-546-0507.

The Rise School of Dallas is located in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 5923 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75230 (one block east of the North Dallas Tollway).

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Things to Remember

Mom's Night Out

March 16

Carraba's, Northeast Mall in North
Richland Hills

RSVP to Cyndi Anderson at
cyndi0633@yahoo.com or call her
cell phone, 817-501-2358. Hope to
see you there!

Important Numbers

DSPTC Voice Mail 817-421-1812

Home & Community Based Services
(Kim Lambert) 817-569-4140

Medically Dependent Children Program &
Community Living Assistance & Support
Services 1-877-438-5658

**Northeast
Play Group**

Contact Sessalie
Shapley
at (817) 358-1879

**Arlington
Play Group**

March 17
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Green Oaks School
Contact Wendy
Behnke for more info.:
Behnkesw@yahoo.com

Bienvenidos!

La Asociacion Syndrome de Down
de Tarrant County prove recursos y
apoyo para gente con syndrome de
down y sus familias. Mas
informacion: Favor de llama a la
Sra. Julia Barbosa, (817) 923-3628.

Dads

For more
information,
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**Down Syndrome
Clinic**

Upcoming Clinic Dates:

March 16

For more information, call
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