



DSPTC News



Photo © FickleZeal Photography 2011

www.dsptc.org

FEBRUARY 2012

Inside this Issue:

Boopa's Run/Walk	2
Exiting Board Members	3
Parents & Schools in Partnership	3
New Board Members	4-6
Smart Start	7
Our Special Heroes Golf Classic	7
Lose the Training Wheels	8
In Memoriam	9
World Down Syndrome Day	9
Club 321	10
Learning Together	11
2011 Tarrant County Buddy Walk Sponsors	12
Calendar, Yahoo Group	13
Notices	14

DSPTC BOARD HAPPENINGS

The DSPTC Board of Directors (BOD) met on January 11 for its annual planning meeting (part one, anyway). In addition to voting in 10 new Board members, the BOD also set some goals for 2012. Read on to learn more about what is being planned for this year, say goodbye to exiting Board members, and welcome incoming Board members.

DSPTC has long enjoyed the support of a working Board of Directors. At the end of 2011, there were 12 members. Since then, three have stepped down, while 10 new members have been voted in, for a current Board membership of 19 people.

DSPTC Extends Thanks to Exiting Board Members

Wendy Behnke served the DSPTC Board for more than five years. She was the Library Coordinator and has staffed the DSPTC exhibit table at the Buddy Walk for several years, at least. Wendy has also been active as an advocate, helping parents write goals for Individual Education Plans and assisting with Admission, Review, and Dismissal meetings, and plans to continue this work, while also returning to school herself.



2012 GOALS

Further Outreach Efforts

- Launch Medical Outreach
- Initiate Tween and Teen Programs
- Revamp New Parent Packets
- Expand Minority Outreach

Continue/Increase Educational Opportunities

- Launch Parents and Schools in Partnership
- Initiate Sign Language Classes
- Hold Lose the Training Wheels Bike Camp
- Continue Smart Start Program
- Support Learning Together Workshops
- Offer Portfolio Workshop

Continue to Raise Awareness of Down Syndrome and DSPTC

Maintain and Increase Volunteer Base

Grow Tarrant County Buddy Walk and Our Special Heroes Golf Classic



Photo © FickleZeal Photography 2011

Say What???

Continued on Page 3



BOOPA'S FAMILY 5K/10K RUN/WALK

[Online Registration Now Open!](#)



Poster pictures, like the one above, and Down syndrome fact signs, placed along the route, help the Run/Walk raise awareness along with funds for DSPTC.

The third annual Boopa's Family 5K/10K Run/Walk is set for Saturday, March 3, 2012, 8 am. It will begin at Boopa's Bagel Deli (at the intersection of Beach Street and Western Center Blvd.). This event was begun by Holly Pils, owner of Boopa's and now a DSPTC Board member. The Boopa's Family 5K/10K Run/Walk benefits DSPTC, but most participants are likely to come from outside the Down syndrome community. Plan to come out and run, walk, or MINGLE!



www.boopasbageldeli.com

DSPTC Contacts:

Board of Directors:

President:
Marilyn Tolbert
president@dsptc.org
Vice President, Socials:
Amber D. Holmes
amberdholmes@gmail.com
Vice Presidents of Education:
1st—Kristen Adams
k.adams@tcu.edu
2nd—Anisha Glidewell
anishaglidewell@mac.com
3rd—Heather Landeros
HeatherMI1@aol.com
Treasurer:
Newley Spikes
nspikes@a-animal.com
Secretary:
Jessica Brown
jesse3331@gmail.com

Hispanic Outreach:
Heather & Hector Pulido
espanol@dsptc.org
Grant Development & Web:
Andy Crim
andycrim@yahoo.com
D.A.D.S. Group Coordinator:
Patrick Bierle
pbierle@gmail.com
New Parent Outreach:
Barbi Beard-Wolfe, Chair
twerps2@att.net
Volunteer Coordinator:
Holly Pils
Hypils@aol.com

Board Members:
Richard Warner
bearsbestdawgs@yahoo.com
Whitney McKimmey
tyganwhit@yahoo.com
Leigh Weedman
leighweedman@greenoaksschool.org

Heather Pulido
heatherpulido@gmail.com
Heidi Doty
ouheididoty@yahoo.com
Mattie Gabbert
mattie.gabbert@live.com
Misty Giles Holmes
mistyhollmes@gmail.com
Schunda Murphy
schunda@yahoo.com

Event Chairs:

Buddy Walk - Amber D. Holmes-
amberdholmes@gmail.com
Golf Classic - Newley Spikes
nspikes@a-animal.com
Pool Party - Amy Smith
achks@skybeammmail.com

Down Syndrome Clinic:

Rhonda Hawkins
682-885-2181

Sunshine/Angel Food:

Jennifer Mearns

Jennifer@dsptc.org

Club 321:

Michelle Pollard
club321friends@hotmail.com

Yahoo E-mail Group:

Theresa Moffitt
treace@aol.com

Editor, DSPTC News:

Jennifer Mearns
Jennifer@dsptc.org

Please Note: The content of this newsletter is provided for informational purposes only and is not a substitute for medical or other professional advice. The opinions, beliefs and viewpoints expressed herein are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily represent those of the DSPTC directors, members or editors.

Continued from Page 1

Sheila Crafton very much enjoyed serving as a Board member, for approximately five years. Her roles have varied from running a play group in northeast Tarrant County to serving as Outreach Coordinator to becoming Volunteer Coordinator. Highlights for her were meeting with and training DSPTC's wonderful volunteers, who now number over 700; getting to know her fellow Board members, who have become friends; working on the Buddy Walk; and attending national and local training events for Board members and volunteer managers. Sheila plans to continue volunteering for DSPTC by starting a social group to connect and engage tweens.



Photo © FickleZeal Photography 2010



Photo © FickleZeal Photography 2010

David Pabon served the Board for more than 2 1/2 years, acting as Hispanic Outreach Coordinator, with the help of his wife, Laura. David and Laura's work filled a much needed service, which continues to grow along with the number of DSPTC's Hispanic families. He steps down to allow time for his work and family responsibilities, along with the nursing degree he is now pursuing.

**Meet DSPTC's
new Board
members on
pages 4-6!**



NEW PROGRAM KICKS OFF!

Parents and Schools in Partnership (PSP) seeks to open communications with local school districts and provide staff with education on researched techniques for educating students with Down syndrome. Over a dozen PSP programs have already been created across the nation, with participants noting that parents and school districts have similar concerns and common goals, and require many of the same supports. Once educator concerns have been identified, parent groups can work to provide information and resources.

This Parents and Schools in Partnership program is modeled after programs sponsored by the Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City and the Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas. These programs have partnered with 45 and 20 educational districts in their areas, respectively, and received positive feedback.

PSP is a collaborative effort between the DSPTC and the Alice Neeley Special Education Research and Service Institute at Texas Christian University. It kicks off with a breakfast for Special Education Directors from Region XI on February 24th. For more information, send an e-mail to psp@dsptc.org.

Barbi Beard-Wolfe - Barbi is a returning Board member who will serve as New Parent Outreach Coordinator. She is engaged to Gary Bevil and has two sons: Ethan Beard, 17, and William Wolfe, II, 6. Her hobbies are the B-B Ranch, baseball, and watching her Ethan play baseball (select and high school). Her passion is working with DSPTC families and children from ages 0 to 5 and helping them know the wonderful experiences that are to come. Here's more on Barbi's passion:



Christmas would have been cancelled one year, if not for Rudolph and his shiny nose. If you have a hard time with fairy tales, then consider the leaning Tower of Pisa. Would it be the magnificent architectural phenomenon it is today if it stood straight up, if it didn't lean, if it was normal or perfect instead? Would hundreds

and thousands of people go each year to Pisa, Italy to see this abnormal, not perfect, needs-more-maintenance-than-most-buildings that could collapse at any given time? I don't think so. If you made it straight, you would lose a piece of architecture that for over 177 years has been considered AWE inspiring, beautiful and romantic. If you make it straight, you will have made it like every other old building in Italy. Italy wouldn't have benefited from its presence - and you can just wonder what else would have been different. How many other lives would be different if this never happened; if this building just didn't lean a little bit?



Mattie Gabbert Mattie Gabbert has been married to her husband, Jerad, for 3 years, and they have an amazing one-year-old son named Rhett. Mattie is a licensed hair stylist

who had every intention of going back to work after Rhett was born. God had other plans, though, and Mattie feels very blessed to be able to stay at home with her son (she still does hair as a sideline). Mattie is greatly excited about her opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors for the DSPTC. She plans on raising awareness and further educating not only herself, but also many other people who aren't familiar with Down syndrome. Mattie feels God has blessed her in many ways and she cannot wait to see what else He has in store for her family and this community.

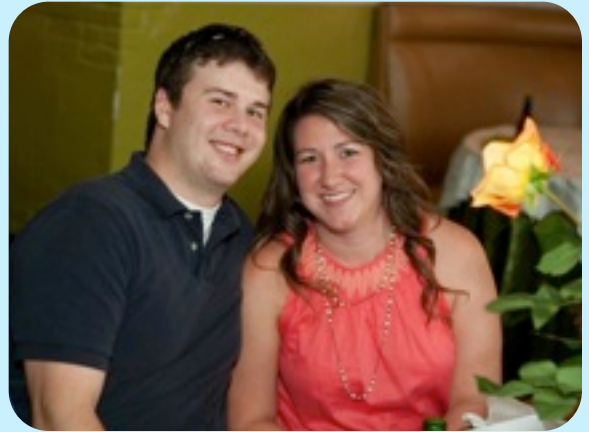


Heidi Doty - Heidi lives in Grapevine with husband Chris and daughters Sophia and Savannah. She spent over 15 years as an outsourcing and technology sales professional, and has recently been blessed with the opportunity to spend more time raising her children and becoming more involved in church, community, DSPTC and KinderFrogs. Heidi likes college football (Boomer Sooner!), wine (Pinot Noir is her favorite), and transforming vintage furniture into new creations. She plans to serve DSPTC with her passion for public awareness and inclusion for people with Down Syndrome, as well as her enjoyment of fundraising for the DSPTC cause.



Misty Giles Holmes - Misty's most fulfilling role is mother to her two daughters, Avangeline Grace and Alison Faith, and wife to her husband, Nicholas; the family resides in Grapevine. Her younger daughter, Alison, has Down syndrome and is the heart of the family. Misty highly values her faith and enjoys participating in community

activities. As a former Miss Texas Teen USA and Miss Fort Worth USA, Misty has had opportunities for public and media appearances, national modeling campaigns, and, most importantly, community service. She holds a Bachelor of Science of Electrical Engineering and a Master of Science Systems Engineering from Southern Methodist University and is employed with Lockheed Martin. Her adventurous nature convinced her to take a shot at competing in the ultimate game of survival, CBS' SURVIVOR, and she was excited to learn that she had been cast to compete on SURVIVOR PANAMA: EXILE ISLAND. She loves running, reading, and, most of all, spending time with close friends and family. Misty is extremely excited to serve on the DSPTC Board and to advocate for people who are touched by Down syndrome.



Whitney McKimney - Whitney is a PPCD teacher in the Irving ISD and loves everything about it--the students, their determination, and, most of all, witnessing the progress and success her students achieve. Her passion is teaching special education, grown from babysitting Whitney did while in college for a family with a little boy with Down syndrome. She is excited about the opportunity to serve on the DSPTC Board in whatever capacity she can help.



Schunda Murphy
Schunda Murphy is the mother of five-year-old Taylor, who has Down syndrome. She holds an Administration and Deaf Education Degree, and currently teaches Special Education, having taught for a total of 13 years. She

enjoys reading a variety of genres, interpreting at church and being a "soccer mom." Her goal as a Board Member is to increase the participation of DSPTC families in events with personal invitations and help teach sign language to parents, learning in turn from other Board Members and families.

Heather Landeros - Heather does private practice counseling out of Northwood Church. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor with an emphasis in working with family members of individuals with special needs. Heather is married to Carlos and they have three amazing children, Lilliana 5 years old, Isabella 2 years old with Down syndrome, and Landon, 10 months old. Heather will serve as 3rd Vice President of Education for the DSPTC. Heather also currently is a member of the Board of Directors for the Arc of Northeast Tarrant County (NETC). She will serve as a liaison between the DSPTC and the Arc of NETC to assist with the 2012 Learning Together workshop series. Heather is excited to have the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors for the DSPTC and to be able to give back by furthering education of the community.



Richard Warner - Richard and his wife, Carlita, are the proud parents of Cherokee, who turns one this month. Richard, who worked as a chef for many years, was the baking force behind the 4000 cookies you may have sampled at the 2011 Tarrant County Buddy Walk.



Heather Pulido - Heather is wife to Hector and mom to Emily and Blair. She works as a family law paralegal and is also the Governor Appointee to Continuing Advisory Committee for Special Education. She will serve the Board as Government Affairs Co-Liaison and, along with Hector, Hispanic Outreach Coordinator.

Continuing Board Members:

President

Marilyn Tolbert

Vice President, Socials

Amber D. Holmes

Amber also serves as Mom's Night Out Coordinator. This year, she will be serving as Buddy Walk Chair for the second year in a row.

1st Vice President of Education

Kristen Adams

2nd Vice President of Education

Anisha Glidewell

Treasurer

Newley Spikes

Newley also serves as Chair of the Our Special Heroes Golf Classic Planning Committee.

Secretary

Jessica Brown

Board Member - Grant Development & Web

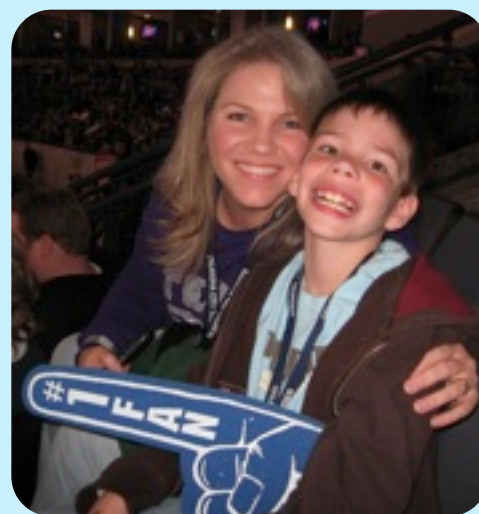
Andy Crim

Board Member - D.A.D.S. Group Coordinator and Our Special Heroes Golf Classic Committee Member

Patrick Bierle

Board Member - Volunteer Coordinator

Holly Pils



Leigh Weedman

Leigh Weedman lives in Saginaw with her husband, Bart, their two boys, and a dog, Phoebe. Zach, her older son, is a senior and planning to attend the University of Oklahoma in the Fall. Her younger son, Jacob, is ten

years old, has Asperger's and ADHD, and attends Wedgwood Academy. Leigh has a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Special Education, a Diagnostician Certification, and a Teacher Certification. She is in her 11th year at Green Oaks School (GOS) and currently works as the Director of Education/Principal. In addition to working at GOS, Leigh has taught in both Life Skills and General Education classrooms throughout her career and has worked in three local school districts. She serves on the Board for Cloverleaf Academy and the Professional Advisory Board for Come Read With Me. Leigh is excited about being on the Board for the DSPTC and hopes to be of service with adult issues and education.

SMART START

Plan now to attend the final session of Smart Start! Although this is the final of three workshops, each workshop can also stand alone. "Placements & Individual Education Plans" will provide valuable information that you can use throughout your child's school years.

Placements & Individual Education Plans

March 3, 2012, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This session will cover the following topics:

- State assessments
- IQ testing
- Inclusion, mainstreaming and self-contained classrooms
- Individual Education Plans (IEPs)
- Creating IEP goals

Smart Start, organized by DSPTC Board member and KinderFrogs teacher Kristen Adams, is being held on the TCU campus at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center, 2820 Stadium Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76109. To be guaranteed workshop materials, RSVP to Kristen at k.adams@tcu.edu by Thursday, March 1. Smart Start is brought to you by the DSPTC and the Alice Neeley Special Education Research and Service Institute (ANSERS).



Photo © FickleZeal Photography 2011

Want to help with the Our Special Heroes Golf Classic?



Golf Classic Chair Newley Spikes is looking for five new members to help on the Our Special Heroes (OSH) Golf Classic planning committee this year. If you can help raise money, recruit people to play golf or are simply interested in helping take this year's tournament to the next level, your help will be appreciated! If you are interested, please contact Newley at golf@dsptc.org.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A LOSE THE TRAINING WHEELS FOLLOW-UP STORY FROM APRIL 2011

This summer will be the one-year anniversary of Andreas' LTTW program graduation and his first time ever riding a two wheel bike. We continue to ride bikes almost daily. During the week, we usually go for about half an hour just around the neighborhood. He now does these little rides by himself if I cannot accompany him. He rides on the side of the road (instead of smack dab in the middle, which he did for the longest time), he obeys all traffic signs and he will get off his bike and walk across the one intersection he encounters on his ride. He takes his cell phone with him so he can call me in case something unforeseen happens. Allowing him to do this was a huge step for me. Andreas is now 19 and needs this independence and self reliance. It has made him much more aware of his surroundings, which has carried over to when he is walking as well. On weekends, we load the bikes on the car and go for rides along Lake Grapevine. He is totally comfortable biking on the street, on bike pads and on trails. He can stop and start anywhere. It still amazes me how well he is doing. He wants to start entering bike races, like his father. We are going to check into Special Olympics biking. He still has the biggest smile on his face when he is out riding!

—Ann Nauwelaers



3RD ANNUAL LOSE THE TRAINING WHEELS CAMP

DSPTC's 3rd Annual Lose the Training Wheels camp is being planned for the summer of 2012. Information for both participants and volunteers is available at www.dsptc.org, under the "Education" tab. Contact Jennifer at jennifer@dsptc.org or 817-390-2970 to be put on the interest list or sign up to volunteer. Being on the interest list enables you to be among the first to receive application materials.

IN MEMORIAM



Photo © FickleZeal Photography 2011

DSPTC mom and advocate Tracey Morgan passed away last month after a long battle with cancer. The Tarrant County Buddy Walk was her very favorite DSPTC event, and this year's Walk, on October 20, will be dedicated to her memory. Tracey presented the idea to give Buddy Walk medals to



Photo © FickleZeal Photography 2011

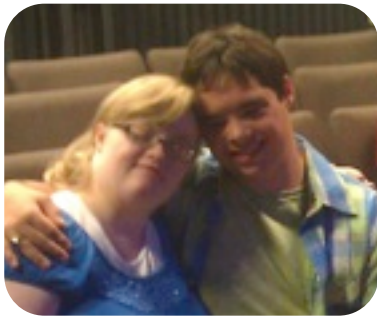
people with Down syndrome to the Buddy Walk Committee in 2010; she researched options and made it happen, and they are now being done each year. They have been a big hit! Tracey is survived by her husband, John, and their son Daniel, three, pictured with Tracey above.



March 21, 2012 will mark the seventh World Down Syndrome Day (WDS Day). The 21st day of the 3rd month was chosen for this special day to reference the extra replication of the 21st chromosome in individuals who have Down syndrome. This year's WDS Day is the first to be officially recognized by the United Nations (UN), since the UN adopted a resolution to recognize March 21 as WDS Day on November 10, 2011. WDS Day is a great time to raise awareness, promote acceptance and inclusion of people who have Down syndrome, and celebrate their abilities and accomplishments. Visit www.worlddownsyndromeday.org for more information.



ADULTS, MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!



**February 4, 6:00-9:00 PM
50's Sock Hop (Dance)**

Dress in 50's attire! Come enjoy refreshments and ice cream floats (not dinner) and help celebrate the oldest Club 321 member's turning 50!!

Ridglea United Methodist Church
6036 Locke Avenue
Ft. Worth, Texas 76116

**Feb. 17, 6:30-9:00 PM
Valentine's Celebration**

Dinner will be served.

Green Oaks School
5508 Chaperito Trail
Arlington, Texas 76016



VENUES NEEDED!

Club 321 is seeking area venues at which to hold its events. This social club wants to involve people from across Tarrant County and even beyond, so there is considerable flexibility on location. Free venues are especially appreciated. To make a suggestion, please contact Michelle at club321friends@hotmail.com.



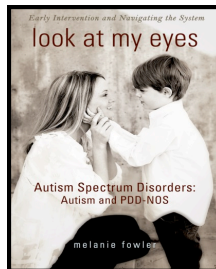
[Club 321 is on Facebook!!](#)

*Club 321 membership is by application. Membership and events are for adults, ages 18 and older, who have intellectual disabilities, such as Down syndrome. Club 321 is a collaborative project of the DSPTC and Green Oaks School. **An RSVP for each participant is required.** For additional information or to RSVP, call 817-496-5100 or email club321friends@hotmail.com.*

The Learning Together Workshop Series 2012 presents:

Melanie & Seth Fowler

“Look At My Eyes”



Date and Time:
Saturday, February 4, 2012
9:00-11:00 am
Book Signing to Follow

Location:
Texas Christian University
Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center
2820 Stadium Drive

The Fowler 4 Group was established in 2011 by Seth & Melanie Fowler to offer a parent-centered, avenue when dealing with Autism Spectrum Disorders. When the Fowlers' son William was first diagnosed with autism, Seth and Melanie were like so many other new, young parents with a child with special needs...scared, angry, confused, sad, alone and hopeless.

Melanie and Seth realized that they had two choices...give up or get busy making a difference...they chose the latter. With her educational background and first-hand experience with her son, Melanie wrote the bestselling book, “Look At My Eyes” in 2011. The book deals with helpful in-home training, the importance of early intervention, helpful websites; education on available therapies, insurance struggles and battles, and has portions written by Seth from a father’s perspective.



The Fowler4 Group
 www.lookatmyeyes.com

Reserve Your Spot Today!
 To register, please call 817-834-7700 or arcnetc@att.net . Please provide your name and phone number when making your reservation.
Seating is limited.

Lecture Sponsors:



THANK YOU! 2011 BUDDY WALK SPONSORS

MARATHON BUDDY



RUNNIN' BUDDY



JK Custom Apparel & Marketing Designs

WALKIN' BUDDY



All About Rehab LLC
dba Pediatric Rehab
Providing quality therapy services to children



Law Office of Angela Harvey



McReynolds Orthodontics



CRUISIN' BUDDY

BOMBARDIER



CookChildren's

Law Office of Kathryn Craven



Kar-Lynn Arts

Ben E. Keith

Muralicious

Balloons Fantastique—Hurst

Nestle Waters

CRAWLIN' BUDDY

Arc of NE Tarrant County
Carter Therapy
Barnes & Noble Arlington at the Parks
Harmon (Hank) Jacobs, DDS ANSERS Institute

BABY STEPS BUDDY

KidsCare Therapy
Cloverleaf Academy
Target—Hurst
Jordan Health Services

FEBRUARY

February 1-4	19th Annual Inclusion Works! Conference: <i>From Disability to Possibility</i> (www.thearcoftexas.org)	The Renaissance Hotel Austin, Texas
February 4	Club 321 Event: 50's Sock Hop (Dance) (817-496-5100; club321friends@hotmail.com)	Ridglea United Methodist Church 6036 Locke Ave., Ft. Worth, TX 76116
6:00-9:00 pm		Cooper's BBQ
February 7	D.A.D.S. (Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome) (RSVP to Patrick Bierle at pbierle@gmail.com)	301 Stockyards Blvd, Ft. Worth 76164
6:30 pm		Outback Steakhouse
February 17	Mom's Night Out (RSVP to Amber D. Holmes at 817-874-1613 or amberdholmes@gmail.com)	4608 Bryant Irvin (I-20 & Bryant Irvin, Ft. Worth)
6:30 pm		Green Oaks School
February 17	Club 321 Event: Valentine's Celebration (817-496-5100; club321friends@hotmail.com)	5508 Chaperito Trail, Arlington, TX 76016
6:30-9:00 pm		Brown Lupton University Union Bldg., TCU
February 18	"A Starry Night" - KinderFrogs School at TCU Annual Dinner and Auction (Call 817-257-6828 for ticket information.)	
6:00 pm		

A LOOK AHEAD

March 3, 2012	3rd Annual Boopa's Family 5K/10K Run/Walk (Visit www.boopashageldeli.com for info and online registration)	6513 N. Beach St. Ft. Worth, Texas 76137
8 am		
March 3, 2012	Smart Start - Placements and IEPs (For questions or to RSVP, e-mail k.adams@tcu.edu)	Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center, TCU 2808 Stadium Dr., Ft. Worth 76109
10 am - 12 pm		Arlington Convention Center
March 3, 2012	"The Gators Get Groovy" - Green Oaks School's Annual Gator Gala (Call 817-496-5100 for ticket information.)	
6:30 pm		
May 19, 2012	Miss Sweetheart Special Needs Pageant https://www.facebook.com/pages/Miss-Sweetheart-Special-Needs-Pageant/176242832456302	Hillside Community Church
May 19, 2012	2nd Annual B-B Ranch Round-Up	
June 11, 2012	11th Annual Our Special Heroes Golf Classic	Texas Star Golf Course
July 2012	3rd Annual Lose the Training Wheels Bike Camp	University of Texas at Arlington
October 20	Tarrant County Buddy Walk	

DSPTC Events

Family Members--Did you know???

DSPTC has a Yahoo e-mail group, a wonderful online chat forum where information is exchanged and community is built. If you have a question, you can ask it and let others who may have been through that particular situation respond. You may need a doctor/therapist recommendation or need help navigating an ARD or need to know how to help your baby learn to crawl; whatever it is, there's probably at least one person in the group willing and able to provide valuable input from first-hand experience. There is a wealth of information posted, from helpful workshops being offered to pertinent pending legislation that you may want to weigh in on to personal posts, such as new arrivals and milestones achieved. If you are not already a part of this group, but would like to be, and you are a parent or adult sibling of someone with Down syndrome, go to <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/dsptc/> or contact Theresa Moffitt at treace@aol.com. This is a GREAT resource that you're sure to find highly beneficial!

Notices!!

DADS (Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome)

DADS is a community of fathers of children who have Down syndrome who come together to share insights and experiences, and who want to help create a better environment for their children with Down syndrome as well as for their typically developing children. The group usually meets monthly on Tuesdays at Cooper's BBQ. For more information or to RSVP, contact Patrick Bierle at pbierle@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 7, 2012 6:30PM

Cooper's BBQ
(in the Fort Worth Stockyards)
301 Stockyards Boulevard
Fort Worth, Texas 76164
817-626-6464

BIENVENIDOS!

Tenemos un nuevo contacto

La Asociación Síndrome de Down de Tarrant County provee recursos y apoyo para gente con síndrome de down y sus familias. Mas información: Favor de llamar a Heather y Hector Pulido, espanol@dsptc.org.

Homeschooling?

We have a wonderful group of home schooling families who share lots of information, ideas and support for those who are homeschooling a child with Down syndrome. We welcome other families who would like to join in our discussions and find answers to questions, who are considering homeschooling or who would like to share resources about homeschooling in Texas. There is lots of learning taking place in this dedicated group of parents.

Please email Amy Powers at powersaltx@gmail.com.

Also, check out the DFW Ds Homeschool Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dfwdshomeschoolsupport/>.

Dual Diagnosis Group!

This group is for moms (or dads) whose child with Down syndrome also has a second diagnosis under the autism umbrella (Autism, ASD, PDD). The purpose of the group is to network with and support each other in our unique challenges. Contact Robyn Hardison at 817-905-6546 or robyn_hardison@yahoo.com for more information.

Mom's Night Out

February 17, 6:30 pm

Outback Steakhouse

I-20 & Bryant Irvin (4608 Bryant Irvin)
Ft. Worth, Texas 76132

RSVP to Amber D. Holmes at

817-874-1613 or

mno@dsptc.org

Call for Entries - NDEAM Poster Art Contest!

Each year in October, the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities produces a Texas poster for National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). This poster is distributed free of charge to businesses and offices all across the State. The art featured on the poster each year is an original piece created by a Texas artist with a disability. 2500 posters were distributed in 2011!

There is NO FEE for entries, which must be received by March 15. For more information, visit http://governor.state.tx.us/disabilities/ndeam/ndeam_poster/.