

JANUARY NEWS

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An Evening with Dr. Peg Dawson

Does your dyslexic child struggle with executive functioning weaknesses like attention issues, organizational skills, working memory challenges, or emotional regulation? Dr. Peg Dawson, the co-author of "Smart but Scattered" will be speaking on January 23 at 6:30 in the Gorham Middle School Auditorium. Come learn some strategies to help your student at this free and open session!

Calling All Applications

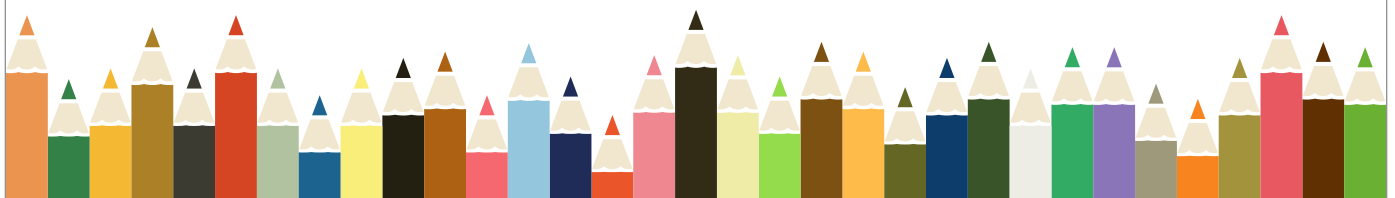
Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a tutor? We're currently accepting applications for our May tutor-training session. You can download an [application](#) from our FB page or contact [Barb Labrecque](#) at 207-773-4949 for more.

Dash For **DYSLEXIA**



April 7 at Mast Landing School in Freeport

We are very excited about the upcoming Dash for Dyslexia! We hope that you plan to join us for this major fundraiser. We're on a mission to replace \$40,000 in funding, and this event is an important part of helping us reach that goal. This year's event includes a choice between a 15K, a 5K, and a Family Story Walk. Afterwards, everyone can enjoy a pancake breakfast and fun activities like a bounce house or a game of giant Jenga. Of course, there will also be prizes and swag! Help us plan by registering now at <http://running4free.com> or visit <https://dashfordyslexia.wixsite.com/dashfordyslexia2019> for more details.





Catching up with Former Students

Checking the mail has been extra exciting for us recently. In addition to opening envelopes with your generous donations to our first Annual Appeal (THANK YOU!!!!), we've been delighted to read your notes with updates on former students. We're so excited and proud of everyone's accomplishments. We'd love to follow up with the former families and share the inspiring updates in future issues of our newsletter - keep your eyes on this space! You can always drop us a line as well. We love to celebrate your success!

We're also hoping to create a new opportunity in the spring to gather and acknowledge ongoing student success. Stay tuned for more details...

Is there something else you'd like to see our newsletter tackle? Feel free to send suggestions to emily@dyslexiacenterportland.org

HS Juniors & Seniors: Looking Ahead

We know that many High School Juniors and Seniors are starting to think about "what's next." While the following is by no means an exhaustive list of resources, we hope that it will give you some support as you navigate the exciting process of planning for the future!

SATs & ACTs, etc. - There are great articles about test-prep and accommodations, such as <https://www.dyslexicadvantage.org/dyslexia-accommodations-for-college-exams-psat-sat-and-act/> and <https://www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities>. Having a documented need for accommodations (such as in a 504 plan) helps! There are also a growing number of secondary learning institutions that consider SAT or ACT scores optional. Check out <https://www.fairtest.org/university/optional> for more!

Scholarships - There are lots of great scholarships available for dyslexic students who wish to pursue secondary education. You can find a comprehensive list at <https://www.scholarships.com>

Gap Year - For some students, the 13 year journey to graduation is so draining and exhausting that a "Gap Year" is a popular choice. There are some interesting considerations in this article: <https://www.dyslexicadvantage.org/what-about-a-gap-year-pros-and-cons-for-students-with-dyslexia/>

Of course, many dyslexic learners find great success as entrepreneurs. If that's the path you choose, here are some tips from someone who has "walked the walk." <https://thecodpast.org/2017/01/five-mistakes-i-made-in-business-as-a-dyslexic->

