

NOVEMBER NEWS

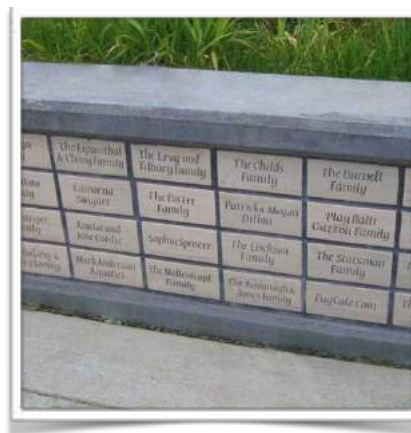
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DyslexiaCon 2018

Every year, the International Dyslexia Association hosts a conference in a different location. This year, the event was "local" at Foxwoods in Connecticut. The Children's Dyslexia Center - Portland was well represented. Present and former tutors including Mary, Bonnie, Paula, Sarah, Linda, Julia, Mica, Brenda, and Marianna attended. Our Director, Barb Labrecque felt that the conference served as "a re-affirmation that we are up to date on the science of reading and the latest developments in the field." Thank you to all who attended - your efforts on behalf of our students are appreciated!

Thank You!

We had great attendance at our two Elsmere BBQ fundraiser nights. Between the 8% donation on all orders and the raffle that we ran in Portland, we raised \$393.00 to support the Center. What a delicious way to help!



Looking for Ways to Give Back?

The Children's Dyslexia Centers were founded in 1994 by the Scottish Rite Masons in partnership with Massachusetts General Hospital. There are over 40 Centers in 13 states, and they have largely been supported by the Scottish Rite Masons. The Centers have recently been challenged to become more self-sustaining, and here in Portland, we are accepting that challenge. There are many ways to help support our Center as we continue to provide free tutoring for dyslexic students and free training to educators wishing to work with dyslexic students. We have ongoing fundraising opportunities with Clynk* and AmazonSmile*. Our annual wreath sale is underway*. You can purchase a brick to be included in our "Wall of Fame*" (facsimile above). We will soon be launching our first ever Annual Appeal and we will gratefully accept any donations to help us support more children. If you own a business and would be interested in sponsoring a scholarship or purchasing naming rights for one of our classrooms, please contact Emily Read, Director of Development and Communications at emily@dyslexiacenterportland.org.

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DYSLEXIC MIND STRENGTHS

Category	Strengths	Associated Careers
M-STRENGTHS	Material Reasoning – Reasoning about the Physical or Material World SPATIAL THINKING, VISUAL THINKING, NAVIGATION	M Careers: Architects, Artists, Builders, Computers/IT, Designers, Engineers, Filmmakers, Sales, Surgeons, Pilots
I-STRENGTHS	Interconnected Reasoning: Ability to Spot Connections Between Different Ideas, Objects, or Different Points of View INTERCONNECTED THINKING, PATTERN DETECTION, BIG PICTURE	I Careers: Actors and Actresses, Chefs, Doctors, Historians, Inventors, Museum Directors, Scientists, Software Design
N-STRENGTHS	Narrative Reasoning: Reasoning and Learning with Stories STORYTELLER, PERSONAL MEMORY, SCENE CREATION	N Careers: Authors, Coaches, Counselors, CEOs, Lawyers, Marketers, Ministers, Musicians, Politicians, Psychologists, Sales, Teachers
D-STRENGTHS	Dynamic Reasoning: Reasoning In Complex and Changing Environments, Mental Simulation, and Ability to Predict the Future GOAL DIRECTED, FUTURE PREDICTION, COMPLEX SYSTEMS	D Careers: Accountants, CEOs, Doctors, Economists, Entrepreneurs, Farmers, Game Designers, Investors, Strategists, Traders

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Play to your Strengths

One of our current students, John, attended the two-day “Innovators and Entrepreneurs” workshop held as part of the International Dyslexia Association conference. By lunch break on the first day, John was already thoroughly engaged, commenting, “I never realized that I’m good at stuff that other people aren’t.” Just over twenty dyslexic students in grades 4 - 9 from around the US spent two days together exploring their creativity and some of the strengths that are associated with dyslexic learners. John discovered that he has excellent Interconnected and Narrative Reasoning skills (see graphic at left), and he used those skills with his small team to create a product and deliver a sales pitch to a panel of judges (“Fishbowl Presentations” - a kinder, gentler version of “Shark Tank.”) The workshop also touched on the high percentage of entrepreneurs (35%) and self-made millionaires (40%) who are dyslexic. By unlocking dyslexic potential, our students can accomplish exciting and impressive things. For more resources on recognizing and nurturing dyslexic strengths, check out

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as well as the books highlighted in the sidebar (left).

Congratulations on all your hard work, John! May you have ongoing success with your newly identified strengths.

Advocacy Corner

Students with dyslexia can struggle with more than just reading. Here are a few resources that address some executive functioning issues as well as strengths:

- The Dyslexia Empowerment Plan** by Ben Foss
- THE DYSLEXIC ADVANTAGE** by Brock L. Eide, M.D., M.A., and Fernette F. Eide, M.D.
- SMART but SCATTERED** by Peg Dawson, EdD, and Richard Guare, PhD
- OVERCOMING DYSLEXIA** by SALLY SWARTZ, Ph.D.

