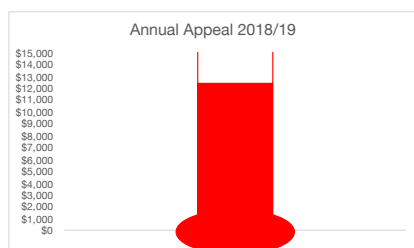


# LATE SUMMER NEWS

## Updates | Inspiration | Celebration



### Annual Appeal

Last fall, we launched our first ever Annual Appeal campaign. Our funding sources are changing, and we have assumed responsibility for becoming a self-sustaining Center. We are heartened by the support from friends, family and alumni! We are just \$2615 away from meeting our goal of \$15,000.00 by August 31. Will you help sustain our efforts to provide impactful, confidence-boosting, life-changing, FREE tutoring for dyslexic students? Every gift helps, and your support affirms the tireless efforts of our staff to ensure that *\*every\** student can read. There are three easy ways to make your gift:

- Through our secure [donation portal](#) on our new website
- Through [Facebook](#)
- By sending a check to:

**Portland Children's Dyslexia Center**  
**1897 Congress St**

**Portland, Maine 04102**

Thank you for your support!  
 Together, we can help dyslexic students succeed at school and look forward to a bright future!



Mast Landing School - Freeport

### RSU5 Update

Last summer, 12 teachers from the Mast Landing School, Morse Street School, and Pownal Elementary School began a pilot training program to receive professional development in the Orton-Gillingham approach to reading instruction within their school district. Staff from the Portland Children's Dyslexia Center provided the training and supervised the practicum. After a full academic year that included 50 hours of seminar and 100 hours of supervised practicum, we are excited to share some fantastic results! Students demonstrated an average double digit gain across 4 different assessment tools. These district results replicate the gains we measure at the Center. Additionally, we heard fantastic anecdotal results like, "Having used OG this school year, my students have flourished. In fact, not only have their reading levels increased dramatically, but they are now scoring higher than their peers in spelling. It's been very exciting for me and for them." We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with RSU5 and we are so proud of the teachers' and students' hard work. Way to go!



## IDA Conference

The *other* Portland will host this year's International Dyslexia Association conference.

Attendees will explore research and advocacy efforts that are "Paving the Way for Structured Literacy."

Registration is now open.

## Homecoming

Please join us for a Homecoming Picnic at Fort Williams Park on September 27. We'll be at the Picnic Shelter from 5-7pm. Bring a picnic, but save room for dessert - there will be cake, marshmallows for roasting, and fresh apple cider. We'll also be recognizing our amazing staff!

## Summer Recess

Students, tutor trainees, and staff all had a busy and productive summer. Well done, everyone! The Center is now closed for a short summer recess. The office will re-open on September 16, and we will welcome students back on September 30. Enjoy these last days of summer!



## Silent Auction

Have you heard about our Silent Auction? It's another first for us! We hope you'll join us on November 1 at the trendy Portland Masonic for food, fellowship, and fun! There will be something for everyone as we auction sports memorabilia, event tickets, art, golf packages, subscriptions, gift baskets, restaurant certificates, travel experiences, and much more! You will be treated to mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres from award-winning Blue Elephant Catering, and you won't want to miss the always entertaining a cappella performance by the After Eight. Plus, Greater Portland Landmarks considers The Portland Masonic "one of the most magnificent interior spaces in Maine." Plan to be with us for this incredible evening! You can purchase event tickets on our website.



## Hannaford Helps

Buy these reusable shopping bags at the Maine Mall Hannaford through the end of August - we will receive a \$1 donation for every bag sold! Plus, all spare change collected in the Community Fundraiser box will also support us. Thanks, Hannaford!

