

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS/SPECIAL NEEDS & OTHER GROUPS

This is an announcement only list. This list is designed to inform its members of school and community events and opportunities that will benefit the well-being of our children. Information posted must not conflict with the Mission or Objects of the PTA. The information provided reflects the opinions of the organization providing it, and should not be interpreted as the official position of the WLES PTA

TBD, TBA. New Support Group for Mothers Whose Children Need Support.

This will be an ongoing support group for mothers of children who struggle with such issues as emotional regulation disorders, ADD/ADHD, Asperger's/Autism Spectrum, PDD, Learning Disabilities, Sensory Processing Disorders and other disorders. 5225 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by Deborah Shulman, MSW, 301-986-0099, <http://www.deborahshulmanmsw.com/childrenadolescentsfamilies/support-group-for-mothers-whose-children-need-support/>.

Ongoing. My Child Was Just Identified with an Autism Spectrum Disorder: Now What Do I Do? Online Course.

This is a self-paced on line course for parents of young children who have been identified with an autism spectrum disorder within the past year. The nine-module course will introduce families to the characteristics, needs and recommended services for young children with autism spectrum disorder. Offered by a collaboration of the Autism Center for Excellence at the Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Autism Council, <http://www.vcuautismcenter.org/training/parents.cfm>

Ongoing. Pathway to Services -InfoMontgomery.

Do you have a child that is having behavior problems in the classroom, home or community? At risk of or is likely to be in a gang? Returning home from psychiatric hospitalization? Call Pathway to Services and see what services might be available for your child and family. Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families, Patty Brown, 301-354-4905, www.infomontgomery.org<<http://www.infomontgomery.org>>.

Ongoing. P.A.R.E.N.T. RAPS -"Parents Accessing Recreation, Entertainment, News and Training. (Resources, Advocacy and Peer Support" (3rd Sun., 1:30 - 3:30 PM).

A monthly family-to-family group for parents and other transition age youth and young adults (ages 14 - 26) with behavioral, emotional, or mental health challenges. Parents and other caregivers come together to do enjoyable activities, share information, and participate in educational programs. Registration required. Beverages and snacks are provided. MC Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Colesville Prof. Bldg., 13321 New Hampshire Ave., Terrace B., Silver Spring. Sponsored by the MC Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Celia Serkin, 301-879-5200, ext. 27, cserkin@mcfof.org<<mailto:cserkin@mcfof.org>> for more information and confirm location. (Aug. 2012)

Ongoing. Respite Services of Montgomery County.

Are you caring for a child with challenging behaviors? An adult or child with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities? A frail senior? You can enjoy a period of restorative relief and rest from your caregiving duties in your home or in a variety of venues. Collaboration of the Arc Montgomery County and the MC Dept. Health and Human Services, Julia Abate, 301-816-9647, Ext. 1206, <http://respiteservices-mc.org/>.

FALL. NAMI Basics.

This is a six-week class for parents of children and teens with mental illness modeled on NAMI's signature Family-to-Family program tailored to the needs of parents with children under the age of 18. More information about the program at www.nami.org/basics<<http://www.nami.org/basics>>. Suburban Hospital Auditorium, 8600 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. Sponsored by NAMI of MC, Dara Baylinson, 301-949-5852, ext. 112, dbaylinson@namimc.org<<mailto:dbaylinson@namimc.org>>, www.namimc.org<<http://www.namimc.org>>.

2nd and 4th Tues., 6:00 - 8:30 PM. Pro Bono Legal Clinic.

Montgomery County residents can obtain free legal advice on civil cases. First come, first served, until full. Upcounty Recreation Services Center Site, 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown. Offered the Montgomery County Bar Foundation, 301-424-7651 or 301-414-7652 or 301-414-7633.

Ongoing. Citizenship Help. Need help with citizenship application?

Call for an appointment. Upcounty Recreation Services Center Site, 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown. Sponsored by the Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity, Patty 240-777-6950, patricia.larson@montgomerycountymd.gov<<mailto:patricia.larson@montgomerycountymd.gov>>.

LOCATE: Child Care.

A free service available to parents who have children with special needs and are looking for childcare. Will refer you to childcare providers and programs that are willing and able to accommodate your child's individual needs. Offered by Maryland Family Network, Inc. through funding from the Maryland State Department of Education, 1-800-999-0120, specialneeds@mdchildcare.org<<mailto:specialneeds@mdchildcare.org>>. Services in Montgomery County <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhstmpl.asp?url=/content/hhs/cyf/CCRRC/CRC09/LookingforCare.asp>.

Ongoing. Forget-Me-Not Grief Support Groups, (FREE).

For children in Grades K-5 who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one. Opportunity to connect with other children and to process their feelings. 14508 Physicians La., Suite 111, Rockville. Offered by the Expressive Therapy Center, Stephanie Natter, 301-869-1017, ext. 1, www.expressivetherapycenter.com<<http://www.expressivetherapycenter.com>>. (Call for Fall 2011 dates/times)

TBD. Parents and Teachers as Allies: Recognizing Early-Onset Mental Illness in Children and Adolescents, FREE.

A two-hour program focuses on training parents and school staff to identify the signs of mental illness in children and refer children and families to appropriate mental health services. The presentation features four speakers - 3 parents of children with mental illness and a young person with mental illness. One of the parent speakers is also an educator. At Your School In-Service or PTA meeting - call Dara Baylinson to schedule your very own presentation. Offered by NAMI of Montgomery County, call to receive a packet of information or to schedule a presentation this coming fall/winter with Dara Baylinson, Child and Adolescent Program Coordinator, 301-949-5852, ext. 101, dbaylinson@naimimc.org<<mailto:enovick@naimimc.org>>. <http://www.namimc.org/ptaa.asp>.

Mon. - Fri., 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Military Outreach Initiative - Information and Resource Helpline of the HOPES Program.

Call for help in finding resources for military families (active, Reserve, National Guard and veteran. Gain access to mental health services, benefit service information, family readiness organizations, information on housing, employment, transition assistance, recreation and more. 301-738-7176. Offered by the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County, Jessica McNurlen, militaryoutreach@mhamc.org<<mailto:militaryoutreach@mhamc.org>>.

Mon. - Fri., 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Bi-Lingual Case Coordination Service - Family Service Agency.

Community resources for Spanish speaking residents in Gaithersburg. Get information about clothing, food, furniture programs, counseling, education, notary services, medical, dental & much more. Family Service Agency (FSA), 610 East Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg. Co-sponsored by FSA and the City of Gaithersburg, make an appointment with Lucia Torres, 301-840-3234.

Mon. 2nd & 4th, 12:00 - 1:30 PM. Job Search Club.

Participants can join at any time to learn why networking is vital, talk about your experiences, update your action plan and get expert guidance from a professional career coach. JSSA, 9900 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by JSSA Employment and Career Services, 301-610-8380, careerinfo@jssa.org<<mailto:careerinfo@jssa.org>>, <http://www.jssa.org/job-search-networking-groups>.

Thurs, 12:00 - 1:30 PM. Job Search Club.

Participants can join at any time to learn why networking is vital, talk about your experiences, update your action plan and get expert guidance from a professional career coach. JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Rd., Rockville. Offered by JSSA Employment and Career Services, 301-610-8380, careerinfo@jssa.org<<mailto:careerinfo@jssa.org>>, <http://www.jssa.org/job-search-networking-groups>. (Weekly except for some changes see web site for specifics).

Mon., 2:15 - 3:45 PM. Intermediate English Conversation.

Improve your English conversation skills in this drop-in class, admitted first-come, first-served until full. Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave., Wheaton. Offered by the Gilchrist Center, 240-777-4940.

Tues., Wed. & Thurs, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM by appt. Women Counseling Services,

Free until July 1. Collaborative, solution-focused, short term counseling services to address challenging life transitions. Services available in English, French and Arabic. Rockville Memorial Library, 3rd floor, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Offered by the Montgomery County Commission for Women, 240-777-8300.

Tues., 1:30 -3:00 PM. Intermediate English Conversation.

Improve your English conversation skills in this drop-in class, admitted first-come, first-served until full. Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave., Wheaton. Offered by the Gilchrist Center, 240-777-4940.

Wed., 1:30 -3:00 PM. Intermediate English Conversation.

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Thurs., 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Advanced English Conversation.

Improve your English conversation skills in this drop-in class, admitted first-come, first-served until full. Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave., Wheaton. Offered by the Gilchrist Center, 240-777-4940.

Sat., 10:00 - 11:15 AM. Lollipop Kids Support & Play Group.

While parents connect, the children will play with other children with disabilities. This is a bi-weekly group meeting on Saturdays starting on June 15, 2013. 20 Southlawn Ct., Suite D, Rockville. Offered by Lollipop Kids, RSVP Debbie@lollipopkidsfoundation.org<mailto:Debbie@lollipopkidsfoundation.org>. (Saturdays).

Nov. 11, 7:30 - 9:30 AM. State of Schools Address. Superintendent Starr will deliver his second State of the Schools address.

The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman La., North Bethesda. Sponsored by MCPS, RSVP by Nov. 1, www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org<<http://www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org>>.

Nov. 11, 7:45 PM. Monthly Montgomery County Civic Federation Meeting

Community Hero Award. Lyda Astrove will be receiving the Federation's award in recognition of all her work for the special needs community. Montgomery County Council Bldg., 100 Maryland Ave., 1st floor Auditorium, Rockville.

Nov. 12, 9:00 - 10:00 PM. *Webinar - Open Adoption: What It Is and What It Isn't, \$25.

Mari Itzkowitz and Ann Roth will address common questions regarding decisions around contact boundaries, handling different family values, and the evolution of relationships over time. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://yhst-28828629093147.stores.yahoo.net/indemand1.html>.

Nov. 12, 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Webinar: Transition Adolescents and Young Adults with ASD: Higher Ed & Jobs.

Join Dr. Claire Schutte to review how to help young adults with ASD succeed in college and work-life. Offered by the Autism Research Institute as one of their Online Education series, https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/609837870?utm_source=Schutte%2FCarmen+-+Sep+3+%26+12&utm_campaign=schutte%2Fcarmen&utm_medium=email

Nov. 12, 3:00 - 6:00 PM. Rookie Driver Readiness and Developmental Perspective Course, \$19.

Event for parents of teens, counselors of young adults with cognitive challenges and driver educators that will explore driver readiness from a developmental perspective. Montgomery College, Rockville Campus, Room HU 116, Rockville. Offered by the Montgomery College Transportation Safety Institute, Maria Castro-Trujillo, 240-567-1895, maria.castro-trujillo@montgomerycollege.edu<<mailto:maria.castro-trujillo@montgomerycollege.edu>>.

Nov. 12, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. *Helping Children Manage Anxiety

\$32 pre-paid, \$38, at the door. Presented by Brigid Baker, OTR/L. TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org, <http://ttlc.org/tlc-programs/community-workshops-events/professional-workshops/<http://www.ttlc.org>>.

Nov. 12, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Financial Preparation for College.

Learn how to plan for the rising cost of college through a range of options. Presented by the Foundation for Financial Education. Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 6400 Rock Spring Dr., Bethesda. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/schedule.aspx>

Nov. 12, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Strategies and Techniques for Parentin the Hard-to-Manage Child

\$15/non-members. Dr. Anne Kendall, will share her insights. Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Sponsored by the Partnership for Extraordinary Minds, www.xminds.org<<http://www.xminds.org>>, 301-444-5225.

Nov. 13, 8:45 - 10:00 AM. Math Common Core & the Struggling Learner.

Dr. Honi Bamberger will present a brief overview of the content standards and Standards for Mathematical Practice to show where the emphasis will be and what can be done to assist all students grades 5 - 9. The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School Struggling Learners Series, 410-798-0005, space is limited reply to:

seminars@thesummitschool.org<<mailto:seminars@thesummitschool.org>>.

Nov. 13, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. *Sensory Integration: Strategies For The Classroom

\$32 pre-paid, \$38, at the door. Presented by Sally Neuberger. TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org, <http://ttlc.org/tlc-programs/community-workshops-events/professional-workshops/><<http://www.ttlc.org>>.

Nov. 13, 7:00 PM. The Legal Ins and Outs of IDEA, 504 Plan & Disability Rights of Students in the Classroom

\$5 donation. Dan Furman, Esq. will present. Miller Library, 9421 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City. Sponsored by Individual Differences in Learning Association, <http://gifteddifferentlearners.org>.

Nov. 13, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Parenting the Disorganized Teen: Tips For Calm Parenting While Supporting Your Teen.

Janette Patterson, MSW, LCMFT, will present. The Nora School, Main Hall, 955 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring. The Nora School Parent Education Series, <http://www.nora-school.org/public-events/lecture-series/>, RSVP Marcia Miller, 301-495-6672, marcia@nora-school.org<<mailto:marcia@nora-school.org>>.

Nov. 13, 7:30 - 8:30 PM. The Executive Profile of Children with Autism Spectrum and the Risk for Additional Attention, Anxiety and Mood Challenges.

Dr. Anne Inge, Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, will present. Auburn School, 13525 Dulles Technology Dr., Herndon. Sponsored by the Auburn School Speaker Series, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/Herndon.cfm?subpage=1316540>.

Nov. 13, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Surviving the Cost of College.

Attendees of this workshop will learn the "game" of college preparedness and how to proactively take financial advantage of the opportunities available. Facilitate by the College Resource Center. Paint Branch High School, 14121 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/schedule.aspx>

Nov. 13, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Raising Strong Daughters,

\$25. Presented by Lynn Grasso, OT, facilitator of the S.T.R.O.N.G. girls group. Chesapeake Center of Maryland, 8607 Cedar St., Silver Spring. Offered by the Chesapeake ADHD Center of Maryland, officemanager@chesapeakeadd.com<<mailto:officemanager@chesapeakeadd.com>>.

Nov. 13, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. What is Going On In Maryland State Government That Affects Our Transitioning Youth and Adult with Disabilities -

Montgomery County Transitioning Young Adults (MCTrans) (7:30 - 9:00 PM). MD State Senator Karen Montgomery will discuss what is happening in State Government and how we can advocate for our families. MC Arc, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville. MC Transitioning Young Adults, <http://www.mctransitions.org/>.

Nov. 13, 7:30 - 8:30 PM. The Executive Profile of Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders and Risk for Additional Attention, Anxiety and Mood Challenges.

Dr. Anne Inge will present. Auburn School, Herndon Campus, 13524 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 101, Herndon. The Auburn School, Speaker Series, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/Herndon.cfm?subpage=1316540>

Nov. 14, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Including Samuel Documentary Presentation And Discussion.

This film documents the Habib family's journey as they work to include Samuel in all facets of their lives. The screening will be followed by a discussion how to promote inclusion. B-CC High School Auditorium, 4301 East West Hwy, Bethesda. Sponsored by the NCC ES, B-CC and Westland PTA/PTSA.

Nov. 14, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Understanding the PEERS Program, Social Skills for Adolescents.

Dr. David Black presents. The Auburn School, 9545 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by the Auburn School, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/SilverSpring.cfm?subpage=1256709>.

Nov. 14, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The Teen Years: Effective Parenting Skills.

Learn how to strengthen and enhance family communication and explore techniques to develop age-appropriate expectations of behavior and consequences. Presented by Family Services, Inc. Seneca Valley High School, 19401 Crystal Rock Dr., Germantown. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/schedule.aspx>

Nov. 14, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Coping Strategies for Anxious Kids: What Parents Need to Know.

Dr. Erin Berman, NIMH, will present. Johns Hopkins University Montgomery County Campus, A & R Bldg., Rm. 106, 8, 10, 9601 Medical Center Dr., Rockville. Offered by NIMH, 301-402-8225, kidswithworries@mail.nih.gov<<mailto:kidswithworries@mail.nih.gov>>.

Nov. 16. 17th Annual Kids' Adoption Network (KAN) Conference - the REEL Experiences of Adoption

\$55/person. This year's conference will feature the Children's Theatre of Annapolis: Second Stage Goes to the Movies. National 4-H Center Conference Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://adoptionsupport.org/index.php/about-us/staff/community-partners/k-a-n-conference/>

Nov. 16, all day. *Future Quest 2013, FREE.

A college and career forum for students with disabilities, their families, and educators. There will be speakers, workshops and displays covering all aspects of the transition from school the real world including college application process, financial aid, strategies for college success, career planning and career opportunities. George Mason University, Johnson Center, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax. Co-sponsored by the Virginia Dept. of Education, Training & Technical Assistance Center and the Northern Virginia Transition Coalition, <http://www.novatransition.org/future.html>. Pre-registration starts in the fall, 703-204-3941, http://www.fcps.edu/cco/prc/resources/events/documents/2013FQ_flyer.pdf.

Nov. 16, 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

*Behavioral Interventions and Learning Strategies, \$41. Drs. Marcia Braden and Jennifer Epstein will teach how to identify behaviors and the tools to help children with Fragile X. Woods Community Center, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Offered by Fragile X Families of Northern Virginia as their annual conference, Jimi & Buffy Grande, NorthernVA@gragilx.org<mailto:NorthernVA@gragilx.org>, <http://www.fragilexnorthernvirginia.com/2013-conference-information.html>.

Nov. 16, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. *Maryland Transition Conference,

\$. Annual conference for transitioning youth and their families. Topics include employment, postsecondary education, adult services linkages, accommodations & supports, youth development & leadership, and housing. Comfort Inn & Conference Center, 4500 Crain Hwy, Bowie. Sponsored by Maryland Transitioning Youth, Rachael Faulkner, rfaulkner@mdod.state.md.us<mailto:rfaulkner@mdod.state.md.us> or Sequaya Tasker, Sequaya.Tasker@maryland.gov<mailto:Sequaya.Tasker@maryland.gov>, <http://www.mdtransition.org/Transition%20Conference.htm>.

Nov. 17, 8:30 - 9:45 AM. Baltimore Lab School Breakfast Tour.

Learn about the services available for bright, motivated students with learning differences like dyslexia, ADHD and more grades 1 -12. Old Goucher Hall, 2220 Saint Paul St., Baltimore. Offered by the Baltimore Lab School, 410-261-5500.

Nov. 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Financial Preparation for College.

Learn how to plan for the rising cost of college through a range of options. Presented by the Foundation for Financial Education. Thomas Wootton High School, 6400 Rock Spring Dr., Bethesda. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/schedule.aspx>

Nov. 19, 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Webinar: Teaching Play Skills to Children with ASD.

Join Bobbie Edwards to learn the importance of developing play skills and strategies for teaching the skills. Offered by the Autism Research Institute as one of their Online Education series, https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/633668798?utm_source=Schutte%2FCarmen+-+Sep+3+%26+12&utm_campaign=schutte%2Fcarmen&utm_medium=email

Nov. 19, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. *Beyond Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes: Music for the Young Child

\$32 pre-paid, \$38, at the door. Presented by Sally Neuberger. TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Julie Bobrow, 301-424-5200, ext. 147, www.ttlc.org, <http://ttlc.org/tlc-programs/community-workshops-events/professional-workshops/<http://www.ttlc.org>>.

Nov. 19, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Stress and ADHD: It's A Family Affair

Monthly Howard County CHADD Speaker Series, (\$5/non-members). Dr. Noah Weintraub and Dr. Sarah Weden present. Elliott City Senior Center, 9401 Frederick Rd., Elliott City. Sponsored by the Greater Baltimore Chapter of CHADD, 410-796-6700, <http://www.chadd-mc.org/category/howard/>.

Nov. 20, 8:45 - 10:00 AM. Demystifying Diagnostic Testing.

Dr. Michael Castleberry will explain the components of a comprehensive assessment and how to gain a full understanding of the learner. The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School Struggling Learners Series, 410-798-0005, space is limited reply to: seminars@thesummitschool.org<<mailto:seminars@thesummitschool.org>>.

Nov. 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Cybersafety and Social Media.

Learn about the most common websites used by children and safety issues related to computer and cell phone use. Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/schedule.aspx>

Nov. 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Special Needs Planning Process and Government Benefits

\$15. Learn the key elements of planning for special needs and create your own timeline. The basics of SSA and SSDI will be discussed and how to apply for these benefits. Treatment and Learning Centers, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by Maedi Tanham Carney, M&L Special Needs Planning, 202-248-7113, register at: <http://specialneedsplanning.net/><<http://specialneedsplanning.net/workshops/understanding-ssimedicaid-ssdimedicare/>>

Nov. 20, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. ADHD and Impulsivity:

Gain Control and Reduce Consequences, \$25. Facilitated by Joan Palmer. Chesapeake Center of Maryland, 8607 Cedar St., Silver Spring. Offered by the Chesapeake ADHD Center of Maryland, officemanager@chesapeakeadd.com<<mailto:officemanager@chesapeakeadd.com>>.

Nov. 20, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Navigating College Admissions,

\$5 contribution. Eliot Appelstein will give straight answers to your admission questions. JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Offered by JCCGW, contribution supports the JCCGW Special Needs Program, <https://online.jccgw.org/OnlineEdge/programlist.html?event=GotoPage&curPage=17&ext=>.

Nov. 21, 9:30 - 11:00 AM. *Professional Networking Reception.

For area educators and professionals. Tour the new school, see how technology is used and ask questions about our program . Siena School, 1300 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring. Offered by Siena School, www.thesienaschool.org<<http://www.thesienaschool.org>>.

Nov. 21, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Open House - Compass Academy.

Learn more about this school for bright students with learning and social differences grades 1 through 12. Compass Academy, 4601 Maple Ave., Halethrope. Offered by the Compass Academy, <http://compassacademy.md.org/>, 410-501-3571, info@CompassAcademyMD.org<<mailto:info@CompassAcademyMD.org>>.

Nov. 21, 10:00 - 11:30 AM or 6:00 - 7:30 PM. What is OT and Why Would My Child Need It?

\$25/session or \$100/5 part series. Professionals and parents will lead these discussions giving parent of children with autism an opportunity to hear from others. TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Lisa Torvik, 301-424-5200, ext. 6923, <http://tvlc.org/2013/10/autism-101-new-parent-workshop-series-at-tlc/>.

Nov. 21, 1:00 - 2:30 PM. *Webinar - W.I.S.E., - Up! For Parents: Empowering Children to Handle Questions/Comments About Adoption,

\$25. Even parents can be "caught of guard" when confronted with questions and comments about adoption. W.I.S.E. Up! Has been developed to teach children and families that they can decide if, when and how they share their adoption story. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://yhst-28828629093147.stores.yahoo.net/wupforpaemch.html>.

Nov. 21, 7:00 PM. Post Secondary Options!.

Joyce Draper, Educational Consultant, Bass Educational Services will present. Cherrydale Baptist Church, Rm. 118, 3910 Lorcom La, Arlington. Sponsored by Asperger's Syndrome Information and Support (ASIS), Barbara Ferrell, MissusF@aol.com<mailto:MissusF@aol.com>

Nov. 21, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Raising "I Can" Kids.

Learn strategies to increase your child's sense of feeling connected, capable, competent and courageous. Presented by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP). College Gardens Elementary School, 1700 Yale Pl., Rockville. MCPS Parent Academy Workshop, 301-517-5940, 301-279-3100, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/schedule.aspx>

Nov. 23, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Adaptive Technology Saturday: MCPS - HIAT.

The High Incidence Accessible Technology (HIAT) program at MCPS are the team of experts who train and assist MCPS teachers in determining solutions for students who may benefit from adaptive technologies. This will be a great opportunity for parents to learn more how services are provided and what is available in MCPS. Location to be announced. Sponsored by the Disability Resource Center Library Advisory Committee, Francie Gilman, 240-777-0959, Francie.gilman@montgomerycountymd.gov<mailto:Francie.gilman@montgomerycountymd.gov>.

Nov 23, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Young Families Saturday Night Live

\$7. Come join in the fun with games, music, arts, optional bible teaching and pizza. For ages 15 and under with special needs and their families. Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanzi, 301-841-7412, hu@havenuniverse.org<mailto:hu@havenuniverse.org>, http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=113429.

Nov. 25, 6:00 - 7:30 PM. *Webinar: Rebroadcast - W.I.S.E., - Up! For Parents: Empowering Children to Handle Questions/Comments About Adoption

, \$25. Even parents can be "caught of guard" when confronted with questions and comments about adoption. W.I.S.E. Up! Has been developed to teach children and families that they can decide if, when and how their share their adoption story. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://yhst-28828629093147.stores.yahoo.net/satcsuforad.html>.

Nov. 26, 9:00 - 10:30 PM. * Webinar: Rebroadcast - W.I.S.E., - Up! For Parents: Empowering Children to Handle Questions/Comments About Adoption

, \$25. Even parents can be "caught of guard" when confronted with questions and comments about adoption. W.I.S.E. Up! Has been developed to teach children and families that they can decide if, when and how their share their adoption story. Offered by the Center for Adoption Support and Education, <http://yhst-28828629093147.stores.yahoo.net/satcsuforad.html>.

Dec. MCCPTA Special Education Committee Social.

Connect with other SEC chairpersons. Location and time to be determined. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, Jeanne Taylor, FRTJMT@aol.com<<mailto:FRTJMT@aol.com>>, http://www.mccpta.org/Special_Education.html

Dec. 2. 2014 Schwallie Family Scholarship Program Application Open.

This scholarship program is to support post secondary, undergraduate education of qualified individuals with an autism spectrum diagnosis. Offered by the Organization for Autism Research, <http://www.researchautism.org/news/otherevents/scholarship.asp>.

Dec. 2, 1:00 - 2:00 PM. MCIE Transition to Adulthood Webinar Series

3012: Self Determination and Transition for Students with Disabilities, \$49/session; \$129/series of 3. Karrie Shogren presents. Co-sponsored by the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education and Brookes Publishing, 3rd a series of three, <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e82sp6tn1971caec&oseq=&c=&ch=>.

Dec. 2, 7:30 - 9:00PM. Technology for Students with Autism.

Guest speakers are Drs. Katherine Boser and Sarah Wayland. McLean Bible Church, Community Room B, lower level, 8925 Leesburg Pk., Vienna . Offered as a McLean Bible Church Access Community Lecture, Erin Roundtree, 703-770-2938.

Dec. 3, 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Webinar: Healthy Living for the New Year.

Alan Gutierrez will help you set up 12 goals for the new year. Offered by the Autism Research Institute as one of their Online Education series, https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/779255598?utm_source=Schutte%2FCarmen+-+Sep+3+%26+12&utm_campaign=schutte%2Fcarmen&utm_medium=email

Dec. 3, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Navigating College Admissions for Students with IEPs/504s,

\$5 contribution. Eliot Appelstein will give straight answers to your admission questions. JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Offered by JCCGW, contribution supports the JCCGW Special Needs Program, <http://bit.ly/HyrRSP>.

Dec. 4, 7:30 - 9:00 PM. *What's Eating Your Child? The Surprising Ways Nutrition Influence Learning, Behavior and Mood, FREE. Presentation by Kelly Dorfman. Lab School, Reservoir Campus Main Building, 4759 Reservoir Rd., NW, Washington, D.C. Offered by the Lab School Lecture Series for Parents and Professionals, Tiffany Parry, 202-944-2207, events@labschool.org<<mailto:events@labschool.org>>, <http://www.labschool.org/lectureseries>.

Dec. 5, 10:00 - 11:30 AM or 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Overview of Interventions: What Are the Options and How to Decide?

\$25/session or \$100/5 part series. Professionals and parents will lead these discussions giving parent of children with autism an opportunity to hear from others. TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Lisa Torvik, 301-424-5200, ext. 6923, <http://ttlc.org/2013/10/autism-101-new-parent-workshop-series-at-tlc/>.

Dec. 7, 10:00 AM. MOVIE - Frozen, \$7. Opportunity for families with special needs children who seek a sensory-friendly movie.

Lights and sound will be adjusted and sensory breaks encouraged. AMC Rio Cinemas 18, 9811 Washington Ctr., Gaithersburg. Co-sponsored by the Autism Society of America and AMC Theaters, 301-948-6673. For more information on the Sensory Friendly Film program call 301-657-0881, www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms<<http://www.autism-society.org/sensoryfilms>>.

Dec. 7, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Adult Saturday Night Live,

\$7. Come join in the fun with games, music, arts, optional bible teaching and pizza. For ages 16 and over with special needs and their families. Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanzi, 301-841-7412, hu@havenuniverse.org<<mailto:hu@havenuniverse.org>>, http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=113429.

Dec. 9, 7:00 PM. Psychiatric Medications 101: A Workshop for Parents,

\$5 donation. Dr. Brett Greenberger will present. Miller Library, 9421 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City. Sponsored by Individual Differences in Learning Association, <http://gifteddifferentlearners.org>.

Dec. 11, 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Webinar: Family-Centered Transition Planning. Alan Kurz will discuss transition planning. Offered by the Autism Research Institute as one of their Online Education series, http://ariconference.com/?page_id=80

Dec. 11, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. College Planning and Preparation for Students Who Learn Differently.

Joan Wittan will present. The Nora School, Main Hall, 955 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring. The Nora School Parent Education Series, <http://www.nora-school.org/public-events/lecture-series/>, RSVP Marcia Miller, 301-495-6672, marcia@nora-school.org<<mailto:marcia@nora-school.org>>.

Dec. 12, 10:00 - 11:30 AM or 6:00 - 7:30 PM. How to Manage the Tough Parts of the Day,

\$25/session or \$100/5 part series. Professionals and parents will lead these discussions giving parent of children with autism an opportunity to hear from others. TLC, 2092 Gaither Rd., Suite 100, Rockville. Offered by the Treatment and Learning Centers, Lisa Torvik, 301-424-5200, ext. 6923, <http://tvlc.org/2013/10/autism-101-new-parent-workshop-series-at-tlc/>.

Dec. 12, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Finding the Right School for Your Child.

Panel of representatives from local high schools. The Auburn School, 9545 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by the Auburn School, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/SilverSpring.cfm?subpage=1256709>.

Dec. 14, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Young Families Saturday Night Live, \$7.

Come join in the fun with games, music, arts, optional bible teaching and pizza. For ages 15 and under with special needs and their families. Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanzi, 301-841-7412, hu@havenuniverse.org<<mailto:hu@havenuniverse.org>>, http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=113429.

Dec. 16, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Feedback Forum on Proposed Changes to Start Times.

This forum will give attendees an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback on Superintendent Joshua Starr's that MCPS consider moving high school start times 50 minutes later (from 7:25 AM to 8:15 AM); moving middle school start times 10 minutes earlier (from 7:55 AM to 7:45 AM) and keeping elementary school start times as they currently are (8:50 AM and 9:15 AM) but extending the school day by 30 minutes. FREE childcare (ages 4 & older) and interpretation services provide. Richard Montgomery High School, 240 Richard Montgomery Dr., Rockville. MCPS, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?pagetype=showrelease&id=3417&type=&startYear=&pageNumber=&mode=>.

Dec. 18, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Reading Comprehension Strategies for K-8

, \$15/non-members. Amanda Leichter and Dale Frengle will share their insights. Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Sponsored by the Partnership for Extraordinary Minds, www.xminds.org<<http://www.xminds.org>>, 301-444-5225.

Dec. 25 - 27. Summit Camp Weekender Event, \$425.

A weekend getaway for young people ages 11 - 18 with issues of mild LD, Asperger's Syndrome, NVLD and/or ADHD where they are kids, make friends and work with a staff that "gets" them. YMCA Camp Letts, 4003 Camp Letts Rd., Edgewater (transportation provided from Montgomery Mall, Bethesda. Offered by Summit Camp, 202-701-3979, wash-balt@summitweekender.com<<mailto:wash-balt@summitweekender.com>>, <http://www.summitweekender.com/index.php/locations/baltimore-washington-dc>.

Jan. 6, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Feedback Forum on Proposed Changes to Start Times.

This forum will give attendees an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback on Superintendent Joshua Starr's that MCPS consider moving high school start times 50 minutes later (from 7:25 AM to 8:15 AM); moving middle school start times 10 minutes earlier (from 7:55 AM to 7:45 AM) and keeping elementary school start times as they currently are (8:50 AM and 9:15 AM) but extending the school day by 30 minutes. FREE childcare (ages 4 & older) and interpretation services provide. Seneca Valley High School, 19401 Crystal Rock Dr., Germantown. MCPS, <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/press/index.aspx?pagetype=showrelease&id=3417&type=&startYear=&pageNumber=&mode=>.

Jan. 9, 8:45 - 10:00 AM. Math Common Core & the Struggling Learner.

Dr. Honi Bamberger will present a brief overview of the content standards and Standards for Mathematical Practice to show where the emphasis will be and what can be done to assist all students Kindergarten through 4th grade. The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School Struggling Learners Series, 410-798-0005, space is limited reply to: seminars@thesummitschool.org<<mailto:seminars@thesummitschool.org>>.

Jan. 11, 2014, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Adult Saturday Night Live,

\$7. Come join in the fun with games, music, arts, optional bible teaching and pizza. For ages 16 and over with special needs and their families. Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanzi, 301-841-7412, hu@havenuniverse.org<<mailto:hu@havenuniverse.org>>, http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=113429.

Jan. 13, 7:00 PM. Technology for the 2E Student,

\$5 donation. Drs. Sarah Wayland and Katharina Boser present. Miller Library, 9421 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City. Sponsored by Individual Differences in Learning Association, <http://gifteddifferentlearners.org>.

Jan. 15, 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Webinar: ABC's of Healing.

Dr. Maya Shetreat-Klein presents. Offered by the Autism Research Institute as one of their Online Education series, http://ariconference.com/?page_id=80

Jan. 15, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Growing Up with ADHD: Letting Go While Helping Your Adolescent Become Independent.

Dr. Carey Heller will present. The Nora School, Main Hall, 955 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring. The Nora School Parent Education Series, <http://www.nora-school.org/public-events/lecture-series/>, RSVP Marcia Miller, 301-495-6672, marcia@nora-school.org.

Jan. 15, 7:30 - 8:30 PM. Tax Reductions for Students Attending Special Education Schools.

Education tax advisor, Matthew Miller, will present. Auburn School, Herndon Campus, 13524 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 101, Herndon. The Auburn School, Speaker Series, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/Herndon.cfm?subpage=1316540>

Jan. 21, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Helping Kids Deal with Anger, donation accepted.

Anger is good for identifying problems but not good for solving them. Workshop will address ways parents can help their children recognize early warning signs and develop strategies for deal with their anger in a positive way. Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Offered by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services. Questions or registration with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, parenting@ymcadc.org<<mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org>>.

Jan. 22, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Raising Responsible Children and Teens,

donation accepted. Workshop will address getting children's cooperation with chores, instituting a plan for allowances and setting limits. Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services. Questions or registration with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, parenting@ymcadc.org<<mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org>>.

Jan. 25, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Young Families Saturday Night Live,

\$7. Come join in the fun with games, music, arts, optional bible teaching and pizza. For ages 15 and under with special needs and their families. Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanzi, 301-841-7412, hu@havenuniverse.org<<mailto:hu@havenuniverse.org>>, http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=113429.

Jan. 27, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Building Resilience in Children and Teens,

donation accepted. Specific strategies to develop "psychological muscle" will be discussed. Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Rd., Bethesda. Offered by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services. Questions or registration with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, parenting@ymcadc.org<<mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org>>.

Jan. 29, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Ten Reasons Children Don't Succeed...and Eleven Things Parents Can Do,

donation accepted. Parents will learn strategies for helping kids become more confident, courageous, capable and caring. White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services. Questions or registration with Pam Mintz 301-229-1347, parenting@ymcadc.org<<mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org>>.

Jan. 30, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Chelsea School Open House.

Learn more about the services and supports offered by this school for students with specific language based learning disabilities grades 5 through 12. Chelsea School, Suite 300, 2970 Belcrest Center Dr., Hyattsville. Offered by the Chelsea School, Debbie Lourie, 240-467-2100, ext. 303.

Feb. 3, 7:00 PM. MCCPTA Special Education Committee Advocacy Meeting.

Hear from representatives of various local advocacy groups. Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville. Sponsored by the MCCPTA Special Education Committee, Jeanne Taylor, FRTJMT@aol.com<<mailto:FRTJMT@aol.com>>, http://www.mccpta.org/Special_Education.html

Feb. 5 - Mar. 12, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Y's Words: Parenting Teens,

req. text: \$20; class fee: \$30. Down to earth and practical strategies to parent teens. YMCA Ayrilawn Center, 5650 Oakmont Ave., Bethesda. Sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services, register with Pam Mintz, 301-229-1347, parenting@ymcadc.org<<mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org>>.

Feb. 5, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Overcoming Obstacles and Realizing Potential: Educating Smart Teens with Learning Differences.

Rich Weinfeld will present. The Nora School, Main Hall, 955 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring. The Nora School Parent Education Series, <http://www.nora-school.org/public-events/lecture-series/>, RSVP Marcia Miller, 301-495-6672, marcia@nora-school.org<<mailto:marcia@nora-school.org>>.

Feb. 6 - Mar. 13, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Y's Words: Parenting Children

req. text: \$20; class fee: \$30. Parents learn to identify the purpose behind misbehavior and develop effective discipline and encouragement strategies. United Church of Christ, 9525 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring. Sponsored by the YMCA Bethesda Youth & Family Services, register with Pam Mintz, 301-229-1347, parenting@ymcadc.org<<mailto:parenting@ymcadc.org>>.

Feb. 8, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Adult Saturday Night Live,

\$7. Come join in the fun with games, music, arts, optional bible teaching and pizza. For ages 16 and over with special needs and their families. Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanzi, 301-841-7412, hu@havenuniverse.org<<mailto:hu@havenuniverse.org>>, http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=113429.

Feb. 9, 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Open House - Compass Academy. Learn more about this school for bright students with learning and social differences grades 1 through 12.

Compass Academy, 4601 Maple Ave., Halethrope. Offered by the Compass Academy, <http://compassacademyMD.org/>, 410-501-3571, info@CompassAcademyMD.org<<mailto:info@CompassAcademyMD.org>>.

Feb. 10, 7:00 PM. Another School Year (sigh): Tips and Strategies for Helping Your Disorganized Child or Teen Build Effective Executive Skills,

\$5 donation. Dr. Joyce Cooper-Kahn presents. Miller Library, 9421 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City. Sponsored by Individual Differences in Learning Association, <http://gifteddifferentlearners.org>.

Feb. 10, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. MCPS Feedback Forum on Proposed Changes to Start Times.

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Feb. 11, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Anxiety, Calm Enough Children; Calm Enough Parents.

Dr. Dan Shapiro presents. The Auburn School, 9545 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by the Auburn School, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/SilverSpring.cfm?subpage=1256709>.

Feb. 22, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Young Families Saturday Night Live,

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Feb. 27, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Chelsea School Open House. Learn more about the services and supports offered by this school for students with specific language based learning disabilities grades 5 through 12.

Chelsea School, Suite 300, 2970 Belcrest Center Dr., Hyattsville. Offered by the Chelsea School, Debbie Lourie, 240-467-2100, ext. 303.

Mar. 8, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Adult Saturday Night Live

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Mar. 10, 7:00 PM. Anxiety, Perfectionism and Depression

\$5 donation. What can you do for the student who doesn't to "join in".? Miller Library, 9421 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City. Sponsored by Individual Differences in Learning Association, <http://gifteddifferentlearners.org>.

Mar. 12, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Parenting the Anxious Teen: Counter-Intuitive Strategies for Easing Teen Anxiety.

Dr. Jonathan Dalton will present. The Nora School, Main Hall, 955 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring. The Nora School Parent Education Series, <http://www.nora-school.org/public-events/lecture-series/>, RSVP Marcia Miller, 301-495-6672, marcia@nora-school.org<mailto:marcia@nora-school.org>.

Mar. 15, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Reading, Attention and Executive Function.

Conference features keynote presentation by Dr. Eric Tridas, President of the International Dyslexia Association and author of "From ABC to ADHD". Universities of Shady Grove, 9600 Gudelsky Dr., Rockville. Co-sponsored by the DC Chapter of the International Dyslexia Association and International Dyslexia Association of Maryland, www.dcida.org<<http://www.dcida.org>>, dciabbranch@gmail.com<mailto:dciabbranch@gmail.com>.

Mar. 19, 8:45 - 10:00 AM. Demystifying Diagnostic Testing

.Dr. Michael Castleberry will explain the components of a comprehensive assessment and how to gain a full understanding of the learner. The Summit School, 664 East Central Ave., Edgewater. The Summit School Struggling Learners Series, 410-798-0005, space is limited reply to: seminars@thesummitschool.org<<mailto:seminars@thesummitschool.org>>.

Mar. 19, 7:30 - 8:30 PM. Creating Routine at Home.

Dr. Lorna Sanchez will present. Auburn School, Herndon Campus, 13524 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 101, Herndon. The Auburn School, Speaker Series, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/Herndon.cfm?subpage=1316540>

Mar. 22, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Young Families Saturday Night Live

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Mar. 27, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Chelsea School Open House.

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April 12, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Adult Saturday Night Live

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April 12, 7:00 PM. Reading and Writing

\$5 donation. A panel will discuss strategies to improve output and understanding. Miller Library, 9421 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City. Sponsored by Individual Differences in Learning Association, <http://gifteddifferentlearners.org>.

April 26, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Young Families Saturday Night Live

\$7. Come join in the fun with games, music, arts, optional bible teaching and pizza. For ages 15 and under with special needs and their families. Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanzi, 301-841-7412, hu@havenuniverse.org<<mailto:hu@havenuniverse.org>>, http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=113429.

May 10, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Adult Saturday Night Live

\$7. Come join in the fun with games, music, arts, optional bible teaching and pizza. For ages 16 and over with special needs and their families. Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanzi, 301-841-7412, hu@havenuniverse.org<mailto:hu@havenuniverse.org>, http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=113429.

May 15, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Reading Strategies to Support Your Child at Home.

Katie Scott presents. The Auburn School, 9545 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Offered by the Auburn School, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/SilverSpring.cfm?subpage=1256709>.

May 17, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Young Families Saturday Night Live

, \$7. Come join in the fun with games, music, arts, optional bible teaching and pizza. For ages 15 and under with special needs and their families. Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Rd., Rockville. Sponsored by Haven Universe, Lynn Poznanzi, 301-841-7412, hu@havenuniverse.org<mailto:hu@havenuniverse.org>, http://www.havenuniverse.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=113429.

May 21, 7:30 - 8:30 PM. Mindwell Psychology Group Presents.

Topic to be determined. Auburn School, Herndon Campus, 13524 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 101, Herndon. The Auburn School, Speaker Series, <http://www.theauburnschool.org/Herndon.cfm?subpage=1316540>

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