

Piedmont Regional Education Program

PREP/PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

Providing information and support to families
of children and youth with disabilities

Save the Date!

Live and Learn Conference and Resource Fair

Saturday, November 10, 2012

8:30—1:30 pm, Ivy Creek School, Charlottesville

Free, with limited childcare and lunch. Schedule and registration information will be on the website soon! www.prepivycreek.com

AT (Assistive Technology) Consideration in the IEP Process

Tuesday, October 2, 2012, 6:30—8:00 pm

Albemarle Resource Center, 1200 Forest Street, Charlottesville

What is Assistive Technology? How is the Team Assessment Process used to determine a student's need for AT? For more information and to register: Sarah Blech, (434) 975-9400 x 68032 or sblech@k12albemarle.org



PREP/Parent Resource Center and Louisa County Public Schools Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) invite you to attend:

Understanding the Special Education Process and SEAC Meet and Greet!

Learn more about Educational Advocacy, Special Education Cycle, IDEA, Communicating With Your Child's School, and more. There will be time for questions and answers.

Thursday, October 11, 2012

6:30—8:00 pm, free!

Louisa School Board Office, Meeting Room, 1st floor

953 Davis Highway, Mineral

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Adolescent Siblings Survey

Participant Criteria: Families with 2 children

Both children must be between the ages of 12 and 18

We are interested in how having a brother or sister impacts adolescents. We invite parents and siblings to fill out an online survey. Families with and without children with disabilities are welcome to participate.

One adolescent and one parent will be asked to:

- Click the link below.
- Respond to questions about himself or herself and his/her family.

Compensation: For your participation, you will be entered in a drawing for one of 40 \$50 Target gift cards. You will have approximately a 1 in 10 chance of winning a gift card.

Study Requirements: Completion of one survey – 20 minutes for parents, 15 minutes for adolescents.

<https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=RbeQdw>

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BRAIN OLYMPICS

Date: Sept 25, 2012, 5:30-8:00pm

Hosted by: LearningRx Charlottesville and Cville Hobbies Games and Toys

Location: 243 Ridge McIntire Road in Charlottesville

FREE Family brain game night will give your kids the chance to flex their mental muscles with a night of Olympic competitions for their brains! The night will include: Exciting brain stimulating competition for kids of all ages, including: The Brain Bee (a backwards spelling bee), The DECK-athlon (a speed card game), Tangramathon (recreating tangram formations), Visual Golf Tournament (blindfolded golf with a pen), a group tower building activity, and many more!

Education about the brain and a take-home packet for all participants, door prizes, participation awards

Brain boosting refreshments. Open to all ages and abilities. All games, snacks, and prizes are free. RSVP to

charlottesville.va@learningrx.net

Building a Framework for Prioritizing Housing Activities

October 9, 2012, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 pm

Every five years the regional HOME Consortium and the City of Charlottesville CDBG Program evaluate local housing needs, establish priorities, and adopt a strategic plan to meet identified needs in the community. This plan, known as the Consolidated Plan, serves to guide the use of federal funds allocated annually to create affordable housing for low-income households. It will be developed over the next nine months. Input from citizens and stakeholder groups will be essential in setting goals, priorities and actions. This meeting will introduce attendees to the Consolidated Plan, demonstrate new tools available for mapping and analyzing data, and equip citizens to be a part of the planning process. Who Should Attend: Any member of the public interested in affordable housing in our region, representatives from groups with involvement in housing issues. FREE. Registration is required. Contact bcampbell@tjpd.org

Down's Syndrome Alliance hosts Trick or Treating on the Lawn!

DSA will be providing buddies for children with Down's Syndrome at UVa's annual Trick-or-Treating on the Lawn on Oct. 31st. If you are able to attend please email us ASAP and let us know how many buddies you will need. That way DSA will be able to provide all the buddies needed! For more information : fa7ua@virginia.edu

October is Disabilities Awareness Month!

New Dominion Bookshop

404 East Main Street, Charlottesville

Friday, September 28 at 5:30 PM

Jonathan Rintels will discuss his book *Lifemobile*. *Lifemobile* tells the story of Benjy Bennett, an honor student with Asperger's Syndrome, who upon graduation from high school hopelessly despairs that "there's no place in this world" for someone as different as him.

Jonathan Rintels has been a professional writer for more than three decades. He has authored numerous movies for television, and an episode of *Law and Order*. *Lifemobile* is his first novel. He is also the founder and Executive Director of the Center for Creative Voices in Media, a nonprofit advocacy group "dedicated to preserving in America's media the original, independent, and diverse creative voices that enrich our nation's culture and safeguard its democracy." He lives with his two children, J.B. and Elizabeth, in Charlottesville, Virginia. This event is part of the *Twelve Days of Fall Foreword Virginia Festival of the Book* Celebrating Literary and Literacy Events in Charlottesville and Albemarle County. For additional information contact: Mitzi Ware, 434-293-3481 or mitziware@hotmail.com

Yoga for Children With Special Needs

If you have a child with special needs, join us for the next session of Children's Yoga at KCRC. This program adapts traditional yoga teachings to meet the special needs of children with disabilities. October 3 - November 7, 5-6pm in the KCRC Gym. For more information: Ruth Goldeen at rag2a@virginia.edu

Pampering Day 2012

Once again, Spring Hill Baptist Church, located in Northern Albemarle County, is opening its doors for mothers of special needs children. On Saturday, October 27, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Women's Ministry is sponsoring an opportunity for women to be loved on with free haircuts, facials, massages, and manicures. A "Heavenly Boutique" of gently used clothing, shoes, and purses, as well as magazines and books, will also be offered. Various local agencies will be on hand with tables of free and helpful information. Free child care, as well as transportation, is available on advance request. Lunch for everyone will be served midday. For more information or to register for this event, contact Mary Buckner at 973-7473.

Little Girls Can Be Mean: Four Steps to Bully-Proof Girls in the Early Grades

Join us for a two part discussion of the book "Little Girls Can Be Mean." The book tackles the subjects of social cruelty/relational aggression and bullying in young girls ages Pre-k to sixth grade. The study group is designed to provide practical strategies that will help young girls negotiate conflict and develop healthy relationship skills. Two sessions (one for school staff and professionals and one for parents) begin October 3, 2012. For more information and to register: www.safeschoolscville.org/training.html

- **Epilepsy Support Group, ADHD Support Group, Strength in Numbers Support Group , and more group information call the Parent Resource Center!**
- **Get involved with your local Special Education Advisory Committee—for a schedule of meetings call your special education director or the Parent Resource Center!**

Subscribe to the PRC email newsletter!

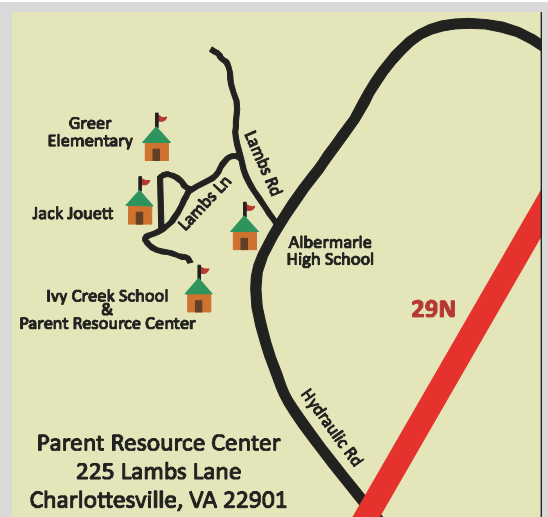
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What is Assistive Technology? Many people with varied disabilities use technology to enhance learning, work, and independence. Technology for individuals with disabilities is also known as assistive technology, and it helps people with disabilities reach their full potential.

How is the Team Assessment Process used to determine a **student's** need for AT? What services are available from PREP (Piedmont Regional Education Program)? This training is appropriate for parents, teachers, and community agencies.

Presented by Peter Mehring and Susan Reed, Assistive Technology Facilitators, PREP and Helene Freiman, Related Services Coordinator, PREP.

TIME

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RSVP