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A Message from the Founder and President

Dear Families and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our 2009-2011 board for their dedication and service to PLCTA. Enclosed is a ballot that must be mailed back to the headquarters. A big thanks to all who will serve our foundation for the next two years. Your hard work is deeply appreciated. The new board will take office on July 15th.

PLCTA will be hosting a Family Friendly's Night in Dunmore (see flyer) come out and support our foundation by having a nice meal while raising funds. Sincere thanks to Teacher Cathy Rachkowski for asking her love ones and friends to donate to our foundation instead of giving her gifts for her retirement. She has been an outstanding educator for our children. It was Cathy who approached me asking to begin a support group for parents. We owe a great deal of gratitude to her. We wish her nothing but the best for a Happy Healthy Retirement.

Our first Walk for Autism Awareness Meeting will be held on Friday, July 15, 2011, at the PLCTA Headquarters. Walk Report will be given and 2012 committees will be assigned.

I would like to thank everyone who made this year such a success. We were able to accomplish so much. Each year we make a bigger impact on the communities we live in. It's an honor to be your leader and to be associated with parents, extended family, and friends who truly put the children first. I'm proud of our foundation!!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Summer of 2011. May you make memories that will last in your hearts forever. Congratulation to all our PLCTA students who graduated in the Class of 2011. May you all "Dream Big" and may all those dreams come true!

Your Founder and President,

Kathleen M. Walsh

Recreation News

NOTICE FOR ALL SOCIAL GROUPS

Please respect the age ranges of our social groups. We are trying to provide social opportunities for all of our children living through autism.

YOUTH SOCIAL (12 & UNDER)

This month, the Youth group will be attending a showing of Cars 2 at the Marquee Cinema in Scranton on Sunday, July 10th. Sign-in begins at 9:30 a.m., and the movie starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.

YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL (12-15 YEARS OLD)

On Sunday, July 24th, the Young Teens will be riding the Electric City Trolley to the Stadium to watch a ball game. PLCTA will cover the cost of each child with autism plus one adult. Additional family members may attend for \$20 each. **RSVPs are required by July 11th** because reservations for this trolley ride quickly fill up. Please RSVP to Patti at 563-1852, she will give you meet-up details.

TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL (16 & OLDER)

For children with autism who are 16 years old or older, PLCTA's Teen Social will be held at Idle Hour Bowling Lanes, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 9th and Saturday, July 23rd. **Please plan to arrive by 12:45** to get your shoes and ball.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

PLCTA's Headquarters at 570-341-3388 and leave a message.

Dates to Remember

July 12 - SibShops© - YMCA, Dunmore, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

July 13 - SibShops© - YMCA, Carbondale, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

July 22 - RSVP deadline for TABS Night at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Yankees Game

August 5 - Night at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Yankees Game (RSVP by July 22)

Friendly's Fundraiser

FRIENDLY'S FUN NIGHT FOR PLCTA
Friendly's in Dunmore
July 26, 2011... 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
10% of proceeds during that time are being donated to PLCTA.

Dinner and Walk Photos Available

Your Pixel Perfect has proofs from the Appreciation & Acknowledgement Dinner available at:

<http://yourpixelperfect.instaproofs.com/enterEvent.php?id=390659>

Autism Walk photos are still available for purchase at:

<http://yourpixelperfect.instaproofs.com/enterEvent.php?id=368853>

Orders accepted online!

Night at the Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Yankees game

Sponsored by TABS and the Lackawanna County Commissioners
August 5, 2011 7:00-fireworks

Teenagers to adults with autism and their families, ages 15 and older---only

\$5 given for food for person with autism, friend, and sibling.

Please RSVP to Kathleen Durkin at 498-2569 before July 22, 2011
Space is limited.



Thanks for Your Support

Big thanks to NEPA Mom Prom for selecting PLCTA to be the first charity to receive proceeds from your first prom! It was a wonderful night!

Thank you to Steve Tunis and Cars for a Cause for their recent Car Show for Autism. The show was a huge success, raising \$2,100.

Self Empowering Tips to combat bullying:

We held presentations to teach self empowering tips. As parents we need to reinforce these skills and to keep open lines of communication about bullying.

A Bug.....and a Wish...

We taught the student to think about a ladybug.

"It bugs me when you _____.

"I wish you would _____.

"It bugs me when you **call me names.**"

"I wish you would **be kind to me.**"

It's important to be specific in telling the person what you want.

"I wish you would play a game with me." "I wish you would ride bikes with me."

In most of my presentations, young students complained about being bullied from another sibling.

Bullying does not just take place in schools, but in homes also. Have a "zero tolerance" policy for your home.

Internet bullying cyber bullying. In a survey with three second grades classes, 22 students were on facebook. As parents we must protect our children from the dangers of the internet. "What we once thought was mean is now criminal." DA's office. If your child posts something on someone's page or makes a threat in jest, they can be charged. Second grade is way too young to be on facebook. Stand your ground. It's impossible for your child to make good decisions when they are still developing.

Join us as we continue to Buzz Out Bullying in our schools, homes and communities.

Websites:

<http://www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org/>

<http://www.kidsturncentral.com/links/bullylinks.htm>

PLCTA Board of Directors Ballot

This is the ballot for PLCTA's 2011-2013 Board of Directors. We are asking all of our members to please fill it out and mail it back to: The PLCTA Foundation, 1243 Wyoming Avenue, 3rd Floor, Scranton, PA 18509. Thank you!

President

_____ Kathleen Walsh

Secretary

_____ Tammy Galavitz

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_____ Christina Santiago

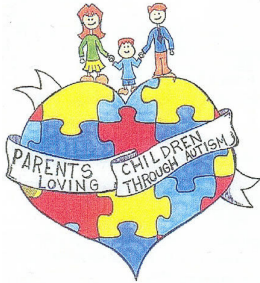
Recreation Director

_____ Mary Albano

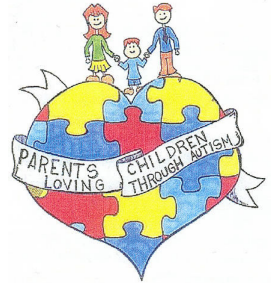
Children's Activity Director

_____ MaryEllen Frommert





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			PLEASE SEE NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS		1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes
10 YOUTH SOCIAL, Cars 2, 9:30 am, Marquee Cinema, Scranton	11 RSVP DEADLINE FOR YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL	12 SibShops© at Dunmore YMCA, 5:00- 7:00 pm	13 SibShops© at Carbondale YMCA, 5:00- 7:00 pm	14	15 WALK FOR AUTISM AWARENESS MEETING, 7:00, HQ	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 PLCTA BOARD MEETING, 7:00 RSVP Deadline for TABS trip to baseball game	23 TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes
24 YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL, 12:00, Trolley ride & baseball, Details with RSVP.	25	26 FRIENDLY'S FAMILY FUN NIGHT FUND RAISER, 5-8:00 pm, Dunmore	27	28	29	30
31		SAVE THE DATE August 14 – PLCTA Fun Day at Knoebels (RSVP Deadline was June 30th)				

To be included in PLCTA's newsletter, please submit your events by the 20th of the month prior to your event.

Download a color copy of this newsletter in pdf format after joining www.plcta.org!

Need help registering? Contact Mike at webmaster@plcta.org

Calendar items in **bold** print are PLCTA Foundation sponsored events. The PLCTA Foundation provides notification of third-party events in our calendar as a courtesy and assumes no responsibility for those events.



PLCTA'S ANNUAL FUN DAY

PLACE: Knobel's Amusement Park, 391 Knobels Blvd, Elysburg Pa 17824

DATE: Sunday, August 14, 2011

TIME: Park opens at 11am-closes at 10pm

LOCATION: Pavillion "V"

LUNCH: 12:30 pm at Pavillion "V"- Free for members of PLCTA and their immediate family. \$8.75 per person for friends and extended family members (children under 4 are free.) Lunch is BBQ Chicken, Cole Slaw, Hot Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Drinks and Ice Cream.

TICKETS: Each child of a PLCTA member will receive \$20.00 worth of tickets good for rides, games, pool & refreshments. Please check in with Mary Albano at Pavillion "V" to receive your tickets.

DIRECTIONS: I-81 South to I-80 West. Take any of the 3 Bloomsburg exits, (232, 236, or 241) Follow PA42 South to Catawissa. Cross bridge and watch for 487 South to bear right up incline. Follow PA487 South for 6 miles. Turn left at the light into Knobels.

POINT OF CONTACT: MARY ALBANO 570-606-6930 LEAVE MESSAGE

NAME: _____ #ADULTS _____ #CHILDREN _____

OF NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING: _____

RSVP BY JUNE 30, 2011. SINCE TICKETS ARE PRE-PURCHASED,
THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS FOR LATE CALLERS.