



Newsletter

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Lutherbrook: Featured School

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Founded in 2001 Lutherbrook Academy was established to serve children and adolescents which are emotionally disturbed, behavior disordered and/or learning disabled. It is Lutherbrook's mission that, when a child becomes able to successfully deal with emotional, and behavioral issues which inhibit their capacity to learn they may return to a less restrictive educational setting within the home school district.

Lutherbrook Academy is designed to provide psycho-educational services to children and adolescents ages 5 to 21. The length of time one spends in the program varies according to the individual needs of the child.

Lutherbrook's program operates 6 hours day. The programming is comprised of 4 periods of academics, 1 period of group counseling, 1 period of foreign language, art and 1 period of activity therapy (Adaptive P.E.). According the students IEP they also receive individual therapy as needed. Lutherbrook occasionally offers students to participate in community based field trips which are designed to accent their academic skills and increase their social skills. Students are also given an opportunity participate in community service projects or job training activities.

Lutherbrook's school calendar is not reflective of a traditional edu-

cational calendar. Lutherbrook exhibits an extensive school program, which is in effect all year. The school year includes their summer program which runs a minimum of 36 days.

Lutherbrook recently was granted a substantial amount of money in grants to open a transition program. The program is expected to launch in February of this year. If anyone is interested in obtaining more information you may contact Dr. Deborah Conn at 630-682-1467 ext. 225 or by email at

Deborah_conn@lcsf.org.

Teaching Regular Ed Teachers about Disabilities and Exceptionalities

If any of you are, have or will be looking for videos on exceptionalities and disabilities to show regular education teachers, we are here to help. Below is a list of appropriate videos or books for you to show.

- Multiple Transitions: A Young Child's Point of View on Foster Care and Adoption. By Michael Trout (for emotional disabilities)
- R Lavoie videos (Watch for "labeling" language)

- How Difficult Can This Be
- It's Hard to Be Your Friend
- Fat City
- Beyond Fat City
- When the Chips are Down
- ricklavoie.com/gateindex.html

- Educating Peter
- The Power of Two
- Billy Hawkins
- Exceptional Learners:

Introduction to Special Education by Hallahan, D. and Kauffman, J (accompanied by textbook)

• Don Hoyt videos are downloadable from Google

Books

- Somebody Else's Kids and Ghost Girl books by Tory Hayden
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in Nighttime, book with an inside look at autism



A Positive Alternative

The Chicago Area Alternative Education League (CAEEL) is a not-for profit organization that provides academic and athletic programs for troubled youth attending Illinois' Alternative Schools. CAEEL coordinates over 500 activities for over 50 Chicagoland area alternative schools.

The CAEEL programs are designed to keep students in school, develop successful school-to-work skills and offer positive alternatives to drugs, gangs and other dangerous or criminal activity.

CAEEL student athletes attend school at a 90%+ rate. A major part of ALL CAEEL activities is sportsmanship. At the end of every activity each team selects 2 individuals from the opposing team to receive sportsmanship ribbons in recognition of outstanding leadership and positive attitude. Several activities which CAEEL offers participating schools are Chess, Scholastic Bowls, Annual Art Fair, Basketball, Flag Football, Volleyball, Soccer, Bowling, Softball and more.

On February 18, CAEEL will be

hosting their 4th annual Band-A-Thon fundraiser in Forest Park. The fundraiser will be held at Doc Ryans at 7432 W. Madison Street in Forest Park. For \$30 you will receive unlimited pizza, pop, beer, wine and live music. The fundraiser will begin at 4:00 pm and go until 7:00 pm. To obtain more information you may visit the CAEEL website at caeel1.org.

Chicago Storming Your School



Chicago Storm is the Chicagoland Professional Indoor Soccer Team. Currently the Chicago Storm is operating an educational program called "Storming Schools".

In participating in the program the Chicago Storm will visit your school and deliver a three part assembly. The Chicago Storm will host a 45 minute school assembly on a mutual date agreed on by the Storm and your school. Curriculum will be provided by the Daily Herald NIE (Newspaper in Education) program for each student involved. The curriculum caters to 1st

through 8th grade students. The last part is an invitation to the School Day Game. The Chicago Storm will be playing a School Day Game on February 13th at 10:00 am. Each student involved in the program will receive 1 ticket the game.

Nicole Long, the Director of Community Relations, and two of the players from the Chicago Storm will come to your school to speak and encourage the students to participate with the assembly. The students will also be part of the presentation by participating in challenges and contests.

To obtain more information on the "Storming Schools" Educational Program you may contact Nicole Long at (224) 653-4625.



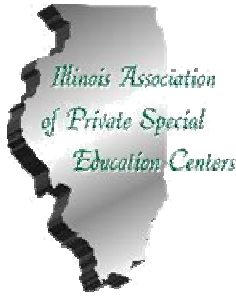
Free Maps!!



Recently Lutherbrook has received a large donation of USA & Wall Maps for the classrooms. Lutherbrook cannot use

all of the maps and are asking if anyone is interested in obtaining some. If anyone is interested they should contact Dr. Deborah

Conn at (630) 628-1467 ext. 225, or email her at deborah_conn@lcsf.org.



Illinois Association of Private Special Education



Inquiries

Lea Anne Frost, the Director of Instruction at Special Education District of Lake County, is searching for samples of program assessments that other co-ops may be using to self-assess their programs. If anyone has a product that they feel assists in defining strengths and weaknesses of their program and are willing to share please forward it to Lea Anne Frost at lfrost@sedol.k12.il.us.



Thank you to Lutherbrook Academy for volunteering to participate in this newsletter. It is very important that people are willing to help participate in the newsletter. The information that we include in the newsletter comes from the members of IAPSEC. Without your input it makes the newsletter very difficult to create. I almost had to include highlights from my vacation over winter break as filler in the newsletter!

Useless Trivia

✓The Miss America Contest was created in Atlantic City in 1921 with the purpose of extending the tourist season beyond Labor Day.

because of embarrassment.

space because passing wind in a spacesuit will damage it. (I actually have no idea if this is true, but it sure is funny!)

✓The White House, in Washington DC, was originally gray, the color of the sandstone it was built out of. After the War of 1812, during which it had been burned by Canadian troops, the outside walls were painted white to hide the smoke stains.

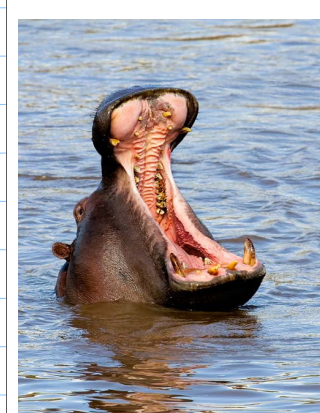
✓Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as medicine.

✓A shrimp's heart is in its head.

✓Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because he doesn't wear pants.

✓Dr. Seuss wrote "Green Eggs and Ham" after his editor dared him to write a book using fewer than 50 different words.

✓Celery has negative calories! It takes more calories to digest a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with.



✓More people are killed by donkeys annually than are killed in plane crashes.

✓About 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens each year. When Scott Paper Co. first started manufacturing toilet paper they did not put their name on the product

✓Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into

✓A hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a 4 foot tall child inside!.

