

# Paso del Norte Children's Development Center



## Paso Del Norte Children's Development Center Newsletter

### 36th Annual Christmas Street

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This Thanksgiving we at Paso del Norte Children's Development Center will be thinking of our friends who have been supporting us throughout the years. Each year the Christmas Street, the Auxiliary to the Center, organizes the Annual Christmas Street Tour of the Trees Lunch and Gala Dinner. Guests will be able to enjoy beau-

tifully decorated Christmas Trees, participate in drawings for door prizes and other surprises. The events will be held at El Paso Country Club, December 6, 2011. The Tour of the Trees Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. and the Gala Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Donation for Tour- \$45/person and \$100/person for the Gala. Reservations Must be made with Lynne Boutwell

by Monday November 28th. Please contact Lynne at (915) 544-8484



### Texas Parent to Parent (TXP2P)

Come and Attend a Supporting Parent Volunteer Training! Parents have a unique and valuable resource they can share with each other...Their experience! "Having a child with special health care needs is a life-altering experience...but with the support of another parent we begin to see through the cracks and find joy in places we never could have imagined. Our journey continues, but this time we feel we will survive because we know another parent who has." **You can help families like**

#### yours by becoming a TxP2P Parent Volunteer!

- ◆ Meet Other Parents
- ◆ Share Your Experiences
- ◆ Get the Support You Need
- ◆ And Learn How to Give that support to others

Where: El Paso, Texas  
Date: Saturday, November 12th, 2011  
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Cost: Free  
**We provide Free Child care, breakfast items and lunch for everyone!**

Can You Join Us? Please call or email to RSVP and we will get you the directions to the training location. Bring a friend or let your local support group know!! We are looking forward to meeting you!  
**Rosalba Calleros, Family Support Team,**  
**Texas Parent to Parent,**  
**1-866-896-6001 toll free or**  
**[rosalba.calleros@txp2p.org](mailto:rosalba.calleros@txp2p.org).**



Support Group for Persons with Down Syndrome

We're inviting teen girls with and without disabilities to join our **Inclusive Dance Group**

We are putting together choreographies to present at events in our community. We are also on the planning stages of creating a group for girls younger than ten years old. For the teen girls group please contact Josefina Muñoz at 590-5315 and for the girls under 10 group contact Ana Fuentes at 760-8793



Parent Support Group for Dads

Join us for a support group meeting for father's only on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Paso del Norte Children's Development Center 1101 E. Schuster Ave. El Paso, TX. Come and meet other dads of children with special needs. Fathers play an important role in the lives of their children and need to know that they are not alone. Dads are very important too! To RSVP or for more information please contact Norma Perez at (915) 544-8484 ext. 192



Parent's Night Out  
Friday November 11, 2011

We will be providing free childcare for children with special needs on Friday, November 11, 2011 from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at El Papalote Inclusive Child Development Center (1101 E. Schuster Ave.) Go out and have fun or run errands, while your children play and meet other children in a safe environment.

Cost for siblings: \$10.00 Please call us to RSVP Norma Perez or Gilda Lopez at 544-8484



Autism Community Network of El Paso

EVENTS

Films for Friends  
November 19, 2011  
@ Cielo Vista Mall

9:30 a.m.

\$5.50 Per Person

Featuring: "Happy Feet" and "The Three Musketeers" for the older children

Superhero MOMS Night Out

When: November 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. "Thanksgiving Recovery"

Where: Applebee's on Airway  
Why: Because You Deserve it.

Family Meeting and Training

Presenter:

Michelle Lopez, M.S. CCC-SP  
Tuesday November 29, 2011

Time: 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Location: Vino Nuevo de El Paso Church (East Campus)  
988 Kessler Dr.

El Paso, TX 79907

\$3.00 Childcare donation

Children's activities and snacks are provided and

Spanish Translation

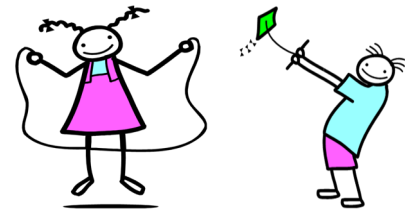
For more information call David Taylor at (915) 422-1358 or Nanci Wisniewski at (915) 217-9157

KETOGENIC DIET FOR SEIZURE CONTROL SUPPORT GROUP

The Keto diet is a high fat, adequate protein, and low carbohydrate diet that modifies the energy source of the body from glucose to fats and produces ketones in the blood which is theorized to penetrate the brain and stabilize seizure activity. The Ketogenic Diet must be implemented under a doctor's supervision. Two thirds of the children on the diet have seizure improvement. Come learn from other parents that have successfully implemented this diet.

Meeting date: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Call us to get more information at (915) 544-8484 and ask for Norma Perez or Gilda Lopez



If you have been looking for a support group for parents who have children diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder & Hyperactivity, we have good news for you...

The Children's Disabilities Information Coalition (CDIC) will be starting an ADD/ADHD Parent Support Group in July. Parents are invited to attend their first meeting on

**Friday, November 11, 2011**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**at Paso del Norte Children's**

**Development Center**

**1101 E. Schuster Ave.**

Free childcare for child with special needs. For more information or to RSVP call 217-2747

## MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Leadership Academy for Families

Are you interested in doing the best you can for your child with special needs or disabilities? Would you like to know your rights and the rights of your child when you attend a special education meeting? Would you like to learn which social service agencies or programs might be able to help your child with special needs? We will answer these questions and more...

When: Monday and Wednesday for 7 weeks  
October 24-December 7, 2011  
Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### Leadership Academy for Families Understanding ADD/ADHD

When: Fridays  
October 21-December 9, 2011  
Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Location: Paso del Norte Children's Development Center  
1101 E. Schuster Ave.  
El Paso, TX 79902

For more information call Isabel de Rubiera at (915) 544-8484 ext. 195

### **ESC REGION 19**

#### **"Together for Autism" 8th Annual Conference**

December 8-9, 2011  
Location: ESC-Region 19 Head Start  
11670 Chito Samaniego  
Event#11690  
Contact: Katherine Wellborn-Chacon at (915) 780-5350 or  
kchacon@esc.net

### **EN VOZ ALTA**

Invites ALL families of children who are deaf and hard of hearing to a special pizza dinner and meeting:

Thursday, December 8, 2011  
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Location: El Convento at Loretto Academy  
1400 Hardaway  
El Paso, TX 79903

Featuring:  
Gilda Lopez and Angie Lopez  
Advocacy

There will be crafts for the children and door prizes!  
R.S.V.P.

Christina Aragon 521-7229 X 2989



### **Support Group Meetings**

#### **Mentes Brillantes (Spanish Support Group)**

Next meeting November 18, 2011 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.. Call 544-8484 for more information.

**Autism Society of El Paso-Meetings the second Tuesday of every month . Meeting November 8, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** Call Sonia at 772-9100.

#### **Support Group for persons with Down**

**Syndrom**—for meeting times and dates contact Josefina Muñoz at 590-5315 or Ana Fuentes at 760-8793

**Miracle Kids Support Group**-Meetings every Friday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Center Against Family Violence at 580 Giles. Contact Alejandra Melendez at 858-0298 for info.

#### **Support Group for Biomedical Interventions-**

Spanish support group for parents of children with ADHD, PDD, Asperger, Fragil X, Autism, or any other person interested in learning about Biomedical interventions (diets and vitamin supplements).

**Meeting-November 8, 2011** from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For info. nfdett567 contact Angelica Bonilla at 881-4950 or Yvonne Neria (915) 252-3884

#### **Down Syndrome Association of El Paso –**

Support group to provide educational information and support for families and friends of individuals with Down Syndrome. For information contact Diana Reyes at (915)490-3337 or Jose Reyes at (915) 490-1566

**SPD Support**- an International Host of Network of parents and professionals who provide support, information and resources in their own communities to anyone living with Sensory Processing Disorder, or anyone wanting to learn more about SPD. We meet every third Wednesday of the Month at 6:30 p.m. at ECI (Early Childhood Intervention) 1477 Lomaland E-7. For more info. call 256-7783 or e-mail renatetx@att.net Website: [www.spdsupport.org](http://www.spdsupport.org)

#### **Autism Community Network of El Paso**

Meetings last Tuesday of each month. Contact David Taylor at (915) 422-1358

[www.autismcommunitynetworkofelpaso.org](http://www.autismcommunitynetworkofelpaso.org)

**Rolling with Friends**-Advocacy group of young adults with disabilities who have the desire to make a difference in their community despite the challenges they face. Many have gone to college and others are working towards their degrees. For more info. contact Norma Perez 915-544-8484

**St. Pius X Special Needs Group**— support group for individuals with special needs with the mission to improve the quality of life for individuals with special needs. For information on programs and meetings visit: [www.stpiusxspecialneedsgroup.com](http://www.stpiusxspecialneedsgroup.com)

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## **BLUE STAR PROJECT**

The Autism Community Network of El Paso will be turning the Franklin Mountain Star blue during the month of April 2012. April is the Autism awareness month and the mission of the ACN is to raise awareness of Autism in El Paso as well as Juarez Mexico. The 456 light bulbs that light the star will shine blue over El Paso, TX

and as far as 30 miles into Juarez, Mexico. During April 2012 hundreds of thousands of families will see the Blue Star and realize that Autism is a disorder that needs to be addressed. World Autism Day is celebrated on the 1st and 2nd of April and our events will be listed among other international events to raise awareness

[www.worldautismawarenessday.org](http://www.worldautismawarenessday.org) for more information on you can help support this event please contact David Taylor at (915) 731-8866 or via e-mail at [acnofelp@gmail.com](mailto:acnofelp@gmail.com) or Nanci Wisniewski at (915) 217-9157

