
Let's Talk!... Our All Ears Monthly Newsletter!

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HAPPY APRIL!

A Message from Lee Rech, Executive Director, LSL Parent

Spring is here at last!

We're taking registration for summer camp and fall enrollment, applications for Financial Assistance, and preparing to move our LSL AVT and remote audiology services to a larger facility. We're busy as bees this spring! Our growth means we can serve more children and families, like yours, who've chosen a spoken language outcome. Our growth also means change. Please stop by the Hendricks Building the mornings of April 7, 8 or 14 between 9:00 and 10:00 for an informal chat about the latest All Ears changes and developments.

We're excited about the upcoming year and meeting the needs of more families. I'm All Ears every day, so LET'S TALK!

Lee Rech

Silly Sayings to Share with Your Child!

Children first learn the literal or actual meaning of words. Idioms and figurative language are harder for kids to grasp-the words have a different meaning.

"Every child is a different kind of flower. All together, they make this world a beautiful garden!"



Spring into Idioms	
Idioms	Meaning
Spring clean	Thoroughly clean a place in the springtime
No spring chicken	A person who's not exactly young anymore
Spring something on someone	Surprise someone with something
Spring Fever	Feeling restless during spring
Spring into action	Do something quickly

Be as busy as a bee
To be very busy or active
You're as busy as a bee, never stopping to rest.



JOIN IPSY!

IPSY- Informed Parent Support for You

This parent-run group meets the last Friday of each month at All Ears, room 302 from 9:30 am - 11:00 am! Find support from other All Ears parents, hear from specialists and get answers to your questions from our AVT, Brandy DeMesme, LSLS, Cert AVT.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 7,8,14

Stop and Chat with Lee- Questions about anything AE

APRIL 12-14

ELP Spring Fling

APRIL 15

No School - Good Friday

APRIL 18

No School- Easter Holiday



APRIL 20

All Ears Breakfast at Truluck's The Woodlands

APRIL 28

Pi Phi & Friends for All Ears

APRIL 29

IPSY Meeting at 9:00 am

APRIL 30

ELP 30th Birthday Party

HAVE YOU HEARD?

The intervention is changing for children with unilateral hearing loss (or Single-Sided Deafness). The old way of thinking was "they have one good ear, they are fine." However, new research is demonstrating otherwise, and speech and language delays are evident by 2-3 years of age. Children with unilateral hearing loss and are ten times more likely to fail a grade. You can read more about that research at <https://hearinghealthmatters.org/>



CIRCLE TIME



by Rosie Hirschfeld and Julianna Wanek, M.S., LSLS Interventionists

It is so hard to believe that we are already in April! This month for All Ears! is all about springtime and Easter. Think of all the language opportunities that come with that. At school, we will be talking about how things grow, flowers, baby animals, and everything else that springtime has to offer. Our students will also get a chance to join their typical hearing peers in ELP for their Spring Fling at the end of the month. There is also plenty that you can be doing at home to focus on this theme. As we are getting longer days, go for a family walk in the evening and notice all the signs of springtime, such as leaves growing on the trees, butterflies flying around, and flowers blooming in the yard. Point out the sound of birds chirping or cicadas buzzing. Go on a bug hunt and talk about all the different insects you and your child see. No Easter celebration is complete without an Easter egg hunt. Talk with your child about the different colors of the eggs and what they find inside or even better, have them try to guess what yummy treasures they will find. Just like springtime, we are always looking for signs of growth in your child's language abilities. A great LSL strategy to help with this is expansion. When your child says something, think about how you can take what they said and expand that utterance. For instance, if your child points to a flower and says "flower," you could respond by saying, "Oh, I see a pink flower too. What a pretty, pink flower." This models new language for your child while also acknowledging and encouraging what they can say already.



LSL LIFE!

by Brandy DeMesme, MS, LSL Cert AVT

Parents as Leaders!

Parents, did you know that you are the most important member of your child's team? As a parent of a Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) child, you will be or have been working very closely with professionals such as an audiologist, a listening and spoken language specialist, a speech language pathologist, and an ear, nose and throat specialist to achieve optimal listening and spoken language goals for your child. Make sure to be aware of all the members of your child's team. This will ensure an ongoing collaboration between you and the professionals. Think of each member of the team as a puzzle piece, each piece has its own purpose. A missing piece means valuable information, or a missed opportunity. Each member will work together to create the "full picture" which in this case is attaining and reaching the listening and spoken language goals you as the leader created for your child.



Caroline 4/21

Student

Julianna Wanek 4/17

Tracy Piontek 4/24

Staff

TEAM NEWS

What's new with our All Ears Team?



Registration for Summer Camp registration is filling up! Register with Rosie through your Brightwheel account.

Don't forget to get your 2022-23 registration packets completed. Financial Assistance Applications for fall are also available through your Simple Practice portals. DEADLINE FOR BOTH: MAY 13, 2022. Contact Kim at kim.erbele@allearscenter.org with any questions or needs.

Questions about fall enrollment or financial assistance? Stop by the Hendricks Building the mornings of April 7, 8 or 14 between 9:00 and 10:00. All Ears Team will be standing by to answer your questions.

A very special thank you to our donors, board of directors, guests, staff and volunteers who made the success of our Toast & Taste 2022 Gala on March 25 possible. A fun time was had by all but, more importantly, we set record attendance and funds raised. We appreciate everyone's support and commitment to our mission, making it possible for our children to hear and be heard.



FAMILY CAMP UPDATE

Due to inclement weather, Family Camp has been rescheduled to May 6-8. Contact Kim at Kim.Erbele@AllEarsCenter.org to confirm attendance for your family. The team has big plans for a Mother's Day surprise!

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