

Down in the Southland

Friends Don't Count Chromosomes!

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Ink from the Inc.

Information on the latest organizational happenings

Things are still in high gear behind the scenes of Down in the Southland! The Board is working on finding ways to advertise our group as well as advocate for Down syndrome awareness. So far we are working with a company on tie dyed shirts as well as other awesome items with our group logo on it. Check out the items at <http://www.downinthesouthland.org/apps/webstore/> Items will be available just in time for Christmas!

As much as we try our best to provide fun and educational opportunities for the group, there are times when plans may come to a stop. After a survey was filled out and collected, we saw a great interest in sledding. Unfortunately, Plum Creek/Goodenow Grove is closed August 2011 – July 2012. Sorry!

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COOKING CLASSES

Move over Emeril and Rachel Ray! There are new chefs in town. Down in the Southland hosted its first set of cooking classes this month and what a hit! The children learned several important cooking rules: cleanliness, measuring, cutting, stirring, and following directions. Tasty treats were created and eaten. Classes will resume in January. Thank you to the Vander Woude and Barnes families for hosting.





December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Mrs. Claus @ Beverly Arts Cnt.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Mrs. Claus @ Beverly Arts Cnt.	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	28	30 02'-04' Monthly Play date	31 

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 '98-'01 Ages & Stages play date	4	5	6	7
8 Cooking Class 	9 Literacy training	10 Literacy training	11	12	13 Hike @ Lake Katherine	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Cooking Class 	23	24	25	26	27 '02-'04' Ages & Stages play date	28
29	30	31				

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

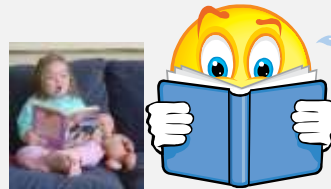
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ON DECEMBER 7 FROM 6:30 – 8:00

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & AGENCIES ASSISTING /
SERVING DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS

PRESENTERS: ATTORNEYS ROBERT H. FARLEY, JR.
AND MARY DENISE CAHILL

AN ARRAY OF TOPIC WILL BE DISCUSSED ON HOW TO
PREPARE FOR YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE!



Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree!

Last month, members of Down in the Southland decorated a Christmas tree in downtown Tinley Park. Trees will be on display through the holiday season. So if you're looking for something fun to do, take the kids for a stroll around the Tinley Park train station to look at the trees. Ours is the one with the yellow and blue ribbons :>)



LITERACY/TUTORING PROGRAM

OUR MONTHLY UPDATE ON THE TUTORING PROGRAM

Down in the Southland is offering its first literacy training sessions in January with hopes to start tutoring later in the month. However, we are still in need of more if we want to service all interested families. If you know of someone, please have them email Lisa or Peggy with their contact information to info@downinthesouthland.org with LITERACY in the subject field.

TOUCHMATH TRAINING

We will be hosting a free Touch Math training. TouchMath is a multisensory program that uses its signature TouchPoints to engage students of all abilities and learning styles. Check out their program at www.touchmath.com. Watch your email for more details about the upcoming training.

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For more information about Down in the Southland email info@downinthesouthland.org with DOWN IN THE SOUTHLAND as the subject

Happy Birthday!!

December Birthdays

Ryan Rybka 12/8

Anna Werner 12/8

Natalie DeNova 12/25

January Birthdays

Reese Gryga 1/2

Nathan Strong 1/22

James Blount 1/30

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

IN THIS SECTION OF OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, WE WILL PROVIDE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR GROUP, OUR DIRECTION, OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT ANYONE WANTS TO ASK (RELATING TO DOWN SYNDROME OF COURSE!). PLEASE EMAIL QUESTIONS TO INFO@DOWNINTHESOUTHLAND.ORG IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR QUESTION TO BE ASKED ANONYMOUSLY, PLEASE INDICATE THAT IN YOUR EMAIL.

LOOK WHAT I DID!!

Each month, this space will be a place to share our children's recent accomplishments. Send your child's recent successes to info@downinthesouthland.org

Jaden Gryga can ride a mechanical bull!



