

19 March- Arlington County Family Ice Skate Night. It is on Friday, March 19th from 8:15 to 9:45pm at the Kettler Iceplex, 627 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22202 (Located on the 8th level of the Ballston Public Parking Garage). \$1 per person includes rental skates. They have exclusive use of the rink for individuals with disabilities and their families. Contact Shaeron King at sking@arlingtonva.us or 703 228-4731 for more information.

20 March- The FCPS 5th Annual Special Education Conference: Parents + Educators = Student Success will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 8am to 1pm at Robert E. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield, VA 22150. A map and directions are at http://commweb.fcps.edu/directory/map_base.cfm?locid=76. The nationally renowned public speaker and author, Jonathan Mooney, who struggled in school with a learning disability, will be our keynote speaker. Cathi Cohen and Kirk Martin will also offer workshops for parents and educators along with FCPS staff. The following link will provide detailed information on the conference at <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/conference>. This year, the conference will include presentations appropriate for parents and any FCPS staff working with students with disabilities. Please click to respond to this invitation at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FJVGH66>. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Waldron at 703-204-3941 or Elaine.Waldron@fcps.edu.

20 March- Sensory Friendly Movie. Please join AMC and the Autism Society for Diary of a Wimpy Kid. It is on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the AMC Tyson's (McLean) - 703-734-6212, AMC Potomac Mills (Woodbridge) - 703-490-3801, and AMC Rio Cinemas (Gaithersburg) 301-948-6673. Cost is \$6 per person. AMC Entertainment (AMC) and the Autism Society have teamed up to bring families affected by autism and other disabilities a special opportunity to enjoy new current in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis with the Sensory Friendly Films program. In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for this unique audience, the movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down, families will be able to bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements will be shown before the movie. Additionally, audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing - in other words, AMC's Silence is Golden policy will not be enforced unless the safety of the audience is in question.

20 March- The Autism Society of Northern Virginia (ASNV), Parents Of Autistic Children - Northern Virginia (POAC-NoVA), and a host of other support organizations for individuals with disabilities in coordination with the Fairfax County Therapeutic Recreation Department will be having the fifth annual Adapted Sports, Recreation and Travel Fair for Individuals with Disabilities on Saturday, 20 March 2010 from 1:30 to 4 pm at the Key Middle School Main Gym (Gym 1), 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield, VA 22150. It is just down the road a couple of blocks from Robert E. Lee High School, where the FCPS 5th Annual Special Education Conference will be held which ends at 1pm. A map and directions are at http://commweb.fcps.edu/directory/map_base.cfm?locid=1011. More than 100 families visited this fair last year. We have invited all the adapted agencies and teams for every type of adapted sport and recreation opportunity in the area. The Therapeutic Recreation Departments from Fairfax & Arlington Counties and Alexandria City will be participating, along with over a dozen other agencies and

teams from twelve adapted sports and recreation categories. This fair is intended to provide information on adapted sports, recreation and travel opportunities for all individuals with disabilities living in Northern Virginia, including adapted summer programs and camps. We hope that you will be able to drop by to get information on the wide assortment of adapted opportunities that are available for individuals with disabilities. See you at the fair!

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