October 2016 Events/Information

COOKING WITH LANDON

IS ALWAYS A HIT

By: Landon’s Mom

At a recent baby shower, I met a parent who has twins; one of which has autism. She asked me if Landon knew he has autism. My response was that I was unsure if he knew he had autism and I wasn’t sure if he even knew what it was. That evening I asked Landon what autism was and his response was, “Always Unique Totally Interesting Sometimes Mysterious.” He learned this phrase many years ago after my husband, Les made a video about him.

We are all unique in our own way but individuals with a disability are extremely unique. Where they look in one area they make up for in another. They always tend to fascinate me in the way they look at the world and live around them. They are completely honest, innocent and never cease to amuse me.

Many of these individuals have talents that you are aware of and you can tap into and some you find out about quite unexpectedly. For instance, many years ago, I taught Landon how to follow the directions on the back of a box of Macaroni and Cheese and a bag of Ramen Noodles. Now, he can make either one of those meals without my assistance...

To read the rest of Landon’s Story AND see his Two Cheese Mac and Cheese recipe, click here!

TIPS TOOLBOX

20 Questions to Ask During a Parent-Teacher Conference

Know what to expect from a parent-teacher conference and the best questions to ask the teacher.

It’s back-to-school time! That means it’s time for new backpacks, new classmates, new teachers, and parent-teacher conferences. Get the most out of this meeting if you approach it as an opportunity to build a partnership with your child’s teacher – one that lasts all school year long.

Here, Debbie Shabb, executive director of the Association of Private Schools, Anne Dorn, education contributor for the parenting blog We Know Staff, and Justin Riedor, director of The Principals Center, provide expert advice on effective questions to ask at your next parent-teacher conference.

To see these 20 Questions, please click here.

Transition Fair in Asheville, NC

Visit our website at www.parent2parent.appstate.edu
Race for a cure for Type One Diabetes & JDRF. 5K race along the Greenway Trail starting at Clawson Burnley Park in Boone, NC on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Participants are invited to run or walk. All participants who register in advance will receive a t-shirt. T-shirts will be available on a limited basis for those who register after September 15th.

For more information or to register, please click here.

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. The 6th Annual Remembrance Service will include a Balloon Release and a Walk to Remember. This is a special time to honor and acknowledge babies lost to miscarriage, stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy, prematurity complications, newborn death, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), illness, accidents and other tragic causes.

This year the Balloon Release and Walk to Remember will be held at Riverside Park at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 2nd, 2016 with the Service of Remembrance to be held at the First Baptist Church in Spruce Pine directly following the walk. Parents, families, friends and professionals are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available during the service.

If you are interested in participating or want more information, you may contact Sylvia Buchanan at Blue Ridge Partnership for Children at 828-682-0717. You may also check out their Facebook page Blue Ridge Angel Babies.
Register to run the Zombie Fun Run, a race dedicated towards raising money for the Appalachian Advocates and the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association. This on campus race will begin and end on Duck Pond Field on Friday, October 7th, 2016. Runner registration will begin at 5:45 PM and the race will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. The proceeds from this event will be split between the Appalachian Speech and Hearing Clinic http://oddnic.appstate.edu/ and the Scholars with Diverse Abilities Association http://sdap.appstate.edu/. Dressing up is not required, but highly recommended!  

TO REGISTER, CLICK HERE!!!

Register for our Spooky Duke 10k, 5k, & Costume March! Register by Wednesday, October 12 to be guaranteed a FREE race shirt! For more information or to register, please go to parent2parent.appstate.edu or click here.

For more resources, please go to www.p2presources.com