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Crying at the camp bus

When my daughter was 6 years old, I sent her to a terrific day camp on Staten Island. A bus came to pick her up and bring her back every evening. I was an emotional wreck every day for the first few weeks, but she was excited and adored her bus counselor. She was so happy, and it was the closest thing to the country that a city kid could get while still coming home at the end of the day. She LOVED that camp! She loved it so much that each summer experience developed a camp "family," and as the years passed she graduated from camper to junior counselor and then on to full counselor. She ended up being a fantastic mentor



to the very little kids, the newcomers, who she had a special gift of working with and relating to. She still does, and nothing pleases me more than seeing her interacting with small children in that special way she has that endears both her and them to each other.

She also went to local mini-camps when there were school breaks, and thank goodness for those because working parents need to fill in the gaps that these breaks pose. So many wonderful programs are out there and the terrific people who run and staff them do us a service that is priceless.

It's that time of year when we present in earnest the programs that

are offered both in our communities, throughout the city and in the surrounding countryside that many of us will select as the summer home/activity for our kids. There is so much diversity, with all kinds of camps and programs that will enhance every child's possibilities. There are full-time and part-time schedules to accommodate every economic reality, and happily, there is literally something for everyone's kid.

You have to do the homework, inquire, and ultimately select the right program for your family's needs, your pocketbook, and your child. This month we present some of the many possibilities, and there will be more in the months ahead.

I know this has been a long, cold

and snowy winter, but spring will come and so will summer, and before we know it, the kids will be getting on the bus, or we will be dropping them off at camp and another summer of fun will be ongoing. Don't wait too long to start your search and make sure to read the camp articles each month that will help you ask the right questions, and look for the most fitting program for your youngsters.

Have a great month! Thanks for reading!

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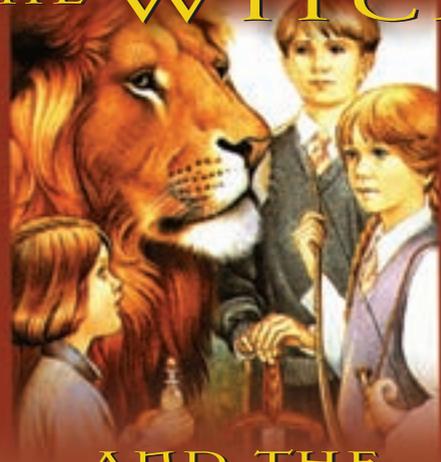
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BRIAN KANTZ

What I believe it means to be a dad

Because I write a column about my experiences as a dad, people mistakenly think that I'm a "parenting expert." Excuse me while I stop laughing. Believe me, I'm no expert. I'm just trying my best not to mess things up. Still, I'm often asked what I think it means to be a dad. Well, if you really want to know...

First of all, I think it's clear that the era of the "passive dad" is long gone. It's no longer vogue to pace around in the waiting room at the hospital handing out cigars; dads are invited to be in the delivery room for the birth of their child. That's a great thing. And it's no longer *de rigueur* for a man to come home from work and plop in his easy chair while his wife makes dinner and tends to the children; dads are encouraged to help. That's a great thing, too.

Heck, society no longer mandates that the man of the household work and the woman stay home; based on changing attitudes, better paying jobs for women, and numerous other factors, dads are accepting being the primary caregiver for their children. According to U.S. Census data, about 160,000 American men now call themselves "stay-at-home dads" and 2.9 million American preschoolers are cared for by their dads while their moms work.

This "modern dad" concept shouldn't be looked at as a troublesome burden. It should be viewed as a grand opportunity. It takes work, for sure, but being an involved father is incredibly fulfilling. Better yet, the active involvement of a dad is a pretty good way to ensure the develop-

ment of great children.

Whether you are a stay-at-home dad or a father with a demanding work schedule, there are some specific ways to provide your child with the unique influence of a father's love.

First, creating wonderful children is largely about modeling appropriate behavior. From a very young age, kids pick up on the words and deeds of their parents. If a parent says or does something, then it must be right. "Daddy knows everything" is a typical mantra for children. Be aware of your actions. You don't have to be perfect and you don't have to be Superman, but you should act the way you expect your children to act. Don't berate the Little League umpire if you don't want your child to do the same at the next game.

Second, fathers are so important to their children because they usually offer something a little different than — and complementary to — mothers. Many dads, for example, enjoy being the family comedian or the one to roll on the floor and dig in the dirt with the kids. Dads should relish these roles and connect with their children through play, or whatever other positive method suits their personality. In other words, do what you do best.

"Being silly is one of the great untalked-about joys of fatherhood, don't you think? Kids love to see otherwise reserved and dignified adults making fools of themselves," explained Mick Cochrane, author of the novel "The Girl Who Threw Butterflies" and a father of two. "When you're about to become a father, everyone tells you about the responsibility, the long hours — nobody talks about the belly laughs."

When it comes down to it, all parents just want their children to be happy and healthy. Conveying happiness, joy and hope is so crucial in developing great children. Let your children know that you love them. Leave no doubt about that. Take it on as your goal to provide regular moments of joy in your child's life.

And this has absolutely nothing

to do with the amount of money you spend on your kids. It has to do with recognizing life's simple pleasures — reading to your kids, celebrating a birthday, playing catch in the backyard. Dads can take an active role in all of those moments.

Dan Yaccarino's children's book, "Every Friday," written from the son's perspective, tells the story of a much-anticipated weekly father-son breakfast date. The story is not just about a man buying his son pancakes, it's about the time they spend together in their leisurely walk through the city and the bonding, trust and love that results from their routine. This boy can count on his dad.

Of course, in addition to being there for the joyous times, fathers also need to prepare children to deal with life's disappointments and challenges. Dads can do this by listening to their children, providing appropriate support, and offering advice from their own experiences. Reflect on your own childhood and your relationship with your father. What things did he do well? What aspect of his parenting style can you emulate? What didn't he do well? What aspect can you avoid repeating?

So, jump right in from the start and become involved as a dad. Don't be afraid to make mistakes — and don't be afraid to adapt your parenting style if you find that your current style is not effective. Again, no father is perfect, but you should know that being there for your children is a precious gift in itself. By taking on kid-related tasks (from changing diapers to helping with homework) and house-related duties (from vacuuming to paying the mortgage), you are showing responsibility for your family. And that is something that benefits everyone.

Brian Kantz would like to reiterate: he is not a parenting expert. Still, if you'd like to pay him a large amount of money to talk to your group about parenting, he can make some stuff up. Visit Brian online at www.briankantz.com or drop him a note at thenewbie dad@yahoo.com.



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Recession 101

The economic
downturn
vs. hopes for
college

BY CANDI SPARKS

It used to be widely accepted that going to college would lead to a good-paying job, so families saved and borrowed money in order to send their children to school. Unfortunately, the economic downturn is affecting our ability to make, save and borrow money for our day-to-day expenses, making college less affordable for many families. Moreover, students are not only vying against other high school grads to get a spot, but now out-of-work adults are returning to school in record numbers. And now, even with a bachelor's degree, there's no guarantee that a college degree will land our kids a job. The recession has hit our children's hopes for higher education.

What can we do about it?

"You cannot think about going to

college today without thinking about how to pay for it," says Carol, a New Yorker who has a checklist for her daughter, Julie, who is now a high school sophomore.

"Start looking at colleges as soon as possible," advises Carol, who started during her daughter's freshman year.

The junior year of high school is generally the time that most students start visiting campuses. However, in the current economic climate, their list of preferred schools may take longer to weed through because the families require more time to look for funding.

The criteria for choosing a school should include which setting fits your child the best; cost, including tuition, books, room, board, and distance; majors offered; school ranking; loans, grants and scholarships

available; environment; reputation; crime rate — on and off campus — and lots more. It is also important that the student's grade point average and learning style is one that can meet the requirements of the college and is one that will be a good fit for her learning style.

In addition to finding out which colleges meet your child's needs, it is critical that all financial info is up-to-date and available when the college applications and financial aid packages have to be filled out and turned in. Keep an eye on deadlines and requirements for financial aid, scholarships, loans and grants. The transition from high school to college is a process — and largely a financial one.

"Don't be afraid to ask a college for a re-evaluation of your financial aid package. Learn the art of the bargain," says Kristen Campbell, executive di-

rector of Kaplan college prep programs [what's her exact title? what's the exact name of the company? executive director of Kaplan's college prep program division?]. According to Campbell, financial aid is one of colleges' biggest recruiting tools.

"Keep in mind that you don't necessarily have to take the first financial aid package that is offered to you," says Campbell. "By the time a school accepts you as a student, it sees you as a worthwhile investment on its part, so it will usually want to help you figure out financing. Schools want to work with families and students to find a way to make themselves affordable."

Campbell says a Kaplan 2010 survey saw an increase in the number of students entering college in a gap year. So, if college is not affordable right now, consider enrolling in the next year or two, while you continue to look for the right package — and your student can take advantage of that time to bank some money — at least to cover the cost of books.

Schools are also seeing a rise in students transferring from top 10 and other four-year colleges to community colleges because of affordability. [From Lisa: Here, the writer is saying that students want to transfer from a good school to a community college, because cc's are more affordable, but this contradicts the quote which follows, which says that students want to save money by going to cc for two years and then transfer TO the good school. Are these contradicting each other? Or are they both true? And if they are both true, then we need write a segue that makes that clear. At the moment, it reads like we made a mistake.]

"The rise in interest in transferring also seems to be because more middle-class students that would not usually go to a community college otherwise, are going because it's simply more affordable — even though they still want to transfer to a great school after two years," explains Chris Goodmacher, co-author of "The Transfer Book," and its blog, www.thetransferbook.com/blog.

"A major market correction will occur in the college selection process. Students and families will move away from selecting colleges with 'coffee table cache' and high stock prices, and instead lean toward lesser-known schools offering high-quality education at a rea-

sonable price," predicts Jacquelyn Nealon, EdD, vice president of New York Institute of Technology [in Brooklyn?]. "Focus will shift from the cost of higher education to the value of high education. Families will emphasize reducing loan debt, earning impactful degrees that result in good jobs right after graduation, and learning about our 'shrinking world' through an emphasis on global education."

It is evident that the recession is causing students to re-think their educational prospects. Surprisingly, for some, there is value in going into hock for a prestigious degree. The current high unemployment — and underemployment — rates are contributing factors.

"Top-tier colleges are seeing a dramatic increase in the number of applications that they receive," says Barry Lenson, a college counselor and blogger at MyUsearch.com and Straighterline.com, where he comments on college education and educational funding. "I think it is because students and their families believe that a degree from a top school will assure a job after graduation. Interesting that this trend is insulating Harvard and the other elite schools from harm during this post-recessionary period." Of course, enrollment in an Ivy League school may not result in graduation from that school or guarantee a lucrative post-graduation job.

Parents and their students should have an ongoing dialogue about college and how to make it happen. To assist families in the process of evaluating their options, college admission counselors in both the public and private sectors are available. There are also several online resources that can help manage the student's educational needs and evaluate what a particular college has to offer. Many companies, such as Connected, <http://www.connectedu.com>, offer information and services to students, and the adults who work with them, to assist in the process.

There are options out there that can make college more affordable. With research, planning and paperwork, students can realize their dreams of earning a degree that is personally fulfilling and will help lead them to a promising career.

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Graduating up to sleep-away camp

BY LAURIE ROBERTS KAROL

Your child has gone to day camp, and now he wants to try sleep-away camp. How do you decide if he is ready? And how do you choose which type of camp will be right for him?

You may turn to the Yellow Pages, the Internet, friends, or to relatives. And they all may have different suggestions — “Go for single sex,” “You really want co-ed,” “All sports, he’ll love it,” “You need a well-rounded camp.”

The most important part of choos-

ing a camp is assessing your child’s interests, strengths and personality in order to find the best program, in the best location, for the appropriate length of time to suit your child’s — and your family’s — needs. It can be overwhelming and daunting to cull from the many options that are available to children during the summer.

If possible, visit the camps. Each camp has its own strengths and philosophies, so by spending time at a camp, you can get a sense of how your child would fare in that environment. Plus, this gives you an oppor-

tunity to meet directors and head counselors. You’ll also get the opportunity to compare and contrast the many aspects of camping.

Spending time at each camp will also help your child. Many younger children hear about sleep-away camp from babysitters, children at school, or older kids. If there is no one in your family who has gone to camp, the thought of sleep-away camp might conjure up all sorts of images in your child’s mind. Even if he is resistant to the idea of sleeping away during the summer, visiting a

camp now may eliminate the fear of the unknown and spark enthusiasm. Many camps may even allow the him to stay overnight, or even attend camp for several days.

Camps and summer programs range from traditional to travel, academic to special needs, sports to fine arts and religious — not to mention co-ed, single sex, half-summer only, full-summer only, flexible weeks — the list is endless.

Here are some options:

Traditional camps

These camps offer a tremendous variety of activities and special events, from color war to inter-camp tournaments to barbecues. Typically, traditions, songs and activities are passed down through the generations of campers. These camps are generally located in rural settings and provide a range of living conditions and facilities.

Specialty camps

Whether it's sports, fine and performing arts, outdoor wilderness, academic, or travel camps, these specialty camps provide campers with a single focus to help them develop skills. Campers benefit from small groups and intensive instruction in their area of focus.

Special-needs camps

Children with special needs gain a sense of independence in a secure environment at these overnight camps. The owners, directors and staff at special needs camps are well equipped to understand and manage problems that may arise. Their low staff-to-camper ratio and nurturing environment provide these children with an experience they won't soon forget.

Teen tours

For adolescents entering sixth grade and older, teen tours provide lifetime experiences that help them build confidence, gain independence and hone their social skills. Tours can last from two to six weeks and range from U.S. trips to trips in Canada, Alaska, Europe, Australia and beyond. Shorter regional trips are available to younger teens, while older teens can explore places and cultures around the world.

Pre-college study

High school students who are

looking to prepare for college or careers have tremendous options today. There are many programs available on college campuses both in the United States and abroad. Students can take courses that interest them — sometimes for college credit — and preview what life is like as a college student.



Language immersion

Whether it's living with a family in a home stay, taking intensive language classes, or traveling in a foreign country, many opportunities exist to learn a new language or improve upon a language of study.

Community service

From Tanzania to New Orleans, service options exist domestically and in many areas around the world. A teen can participate in a construction project, help children in an orphanage, work with senior citizens, assist in an animal shelter, teach, or work on environmental projects.

Internships

Teens can live in a city of their choice and get real hands-on work experience in a field of interest. Internships are available in many fields including fashion, advertising, law, medicine, and real estate. By working in the corporate world, teens can gain independence, self-knowledge, and experiences to help shape their search for college and for life beyond.

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While the task may be daunting, being an educated parent will make the decision-making process much easier. Being able to compare and contrast the many programs will help narrow down the choices. When the suitable camp or program is selected, it will provide growth in your child through the acquisition of new skills, new relationships, and, most importantly, cherished memories.

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Traditional camp or specialty camp?

Which choice is right for your child?

Every summer, more than 250,000 New York children go to day or resident camps and enjoy learning life skills, making new friends and trying new activities. Now more than ever, there are so many different camps to choose from, including traditional summer camps and specialty camps. What is the difference between the two, and how do you know which one is best for your child?

A traditional summer camp gives your child a well-rounded experience. Children participate in a variety of activities, such as baseball, swimming, arts and crafts, water-skiing, canoeing and much more. They'll learn leadership skills, resilience and independence as they become part of a community. Bunk activity days, a carnival, Olympics and color wars are a few traditional summer camp activities.

When a child attends a specialty camp, she'll focus on a specific activity. There are specialty camps for just about every interest, including tennis, drama, gymnastics, basketball, etc. If your child has an interest in a specialized activity, there is bound to be a camp geared toward that interest.

So how do you know which is best for your child?

Consider her age. Young children often don't show a specific interest in just one activity, because they are still figuring out what interests them. A traditional camp gives children the opportunity to try many different



activities and develop many different skills. Often, older children and teenagers have narrowed down their interests to a particular sport or activity. Either a specialty camp or a traditional camp that offers focused programs in an activity that interests her might be the right fit. Traditional camps often hire top athletic coaches to teach as specialists so campers receive top instruction.

Also, keep in mind your child's interests. Does she play basketball, but also perform in school plays? If so, she might enjoy a more varied day and may prefer a traditional camp, so she can participate in many activities. Or, does she focus on one activity or skill? In that case, she may prefer a specialty camp, so she can concentrate on her passion.

At the end of the day, keep in mind what your child would like, and what you would like for your child.

"Parents should consider the whole child when choosing a sum-

mer camp," says Adam Weinstein, executive director of the American Camp Association's New York and New Jersey branches. "They should think about all they would like their child to gain at camp. Consider a camp's leadership, mission, and activities. These all support a positive camp experience."

Whether you're considering a traditional summer camp or a specialty camp, there is a summer camp for every child.

The American Camp Association has been serving the camp community and families for 100 years. To find the right camp for your child, visit www.campwizard.org, or call (800) 777-CAMP for free, one-on-one advice in finding a summer camp. American Camp Association-accreditation is a parent's best evidence of a camp's commitment to health and safety, and ensures that children are provided with a diversity of educational and developmentally-challenging learning opportunities.

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The perfect camp

10 questions to ask when researching a summer camp

You are beginning to search for a summer camp for your child, but with all of the options, how do you choose? The good news: there is a camp for every child with any interest. But as a parent, you want to make sure you are choosing the right camp program for your child. Where do you start?

The American Camp Association, New York and New Jersey, recommends that families talk to the camp director and ask the following 10 questions before choosing a summer camp:



What is your camp's philosophy and program emphasis? Can the director easily explain the program's mission statement and goals? Ask the director about the type of child that is a successful participant in her program. Each camp is unique, and provides unique programming and approaches. Families need to consider carefully whether or not the camp's philosophy matches their own. Asking questions about learning approaches, how behavioral and disciplinary problems are handled, and how adjustment issues are addressed will give families a better understanding of the camp's position. Don't be afraid to ask about policies regarding discipline and communication. The more open

families are with camp directors, the better informed they will be when it comes to making a decision.

What is your camp's program? Consider what activities are must-haves for your child. Then ask the director how many electives the children get and what kind of help they receive in choosing them. How long is each activity?

What type of training and education do you and your staff have? The American Camp Association recommends directors possess a bachelor's degree, have completed

in-service training within the past three years, and have at least 16 weeks of camp administrative experience before assuming the responsibilities of director. At a minimum, camp staff should be trained in safety regulations, emergency procedures and communication, behavior management techniques, child abuse prevention, appropriate staff and camper behavior, and specific procedures for supervision. Families should ask about camper-to-staff ratios, and supervision in cabins and for various activities, like swimming and athletics.

Enrollment options: What is the length of the program offered? Is there flexibility? What is the length of the day?

Is transportation available?

What is the staff composition? Who is caring for your child? Ask about age, experience, pre-season and on-going staff training, child abuse training, background checks, the interview process, and camper-staff ratios.

What are the safety procedures? Ask about the safety measures that are in place for things like medical personnel on property, emergency plans (i.e. evacuation, inclement weather), staff screening procedures, and instructor qualifications.

Is your camp accredited? Find out if the program follows a nationally-known accreditation process. Ask for those standards to be outlined. Find

out if the camp program is inspected each summer by the Department of Health. Understand what it means to be accredited by the American Camp Association. The Association is the only national organization that establishes uniform standards for reviewing camps, so ask if this program has chosen to participate.

Sensitivity to camper needs: Ask how the camp handles special considerations for your child such as food allergies, religious obligations, Attention Deficit Disorder, vegetarian food options, etc.

What are the policies on parent-camper communication while in camp? For resident camp, can you send and receive e-mails from your child? Can you call and talk to the child during his time at camp?

Ask for references from the camp Parents shouldn't be afraid to ask for references. This is generally one of the best ways to check a camp's reputation and service record. Ask other parents about the experiences of their children at the camp. Find out if the children seemed comfortable in talking about their experiences with staff and campers. Ask if they are going back the next summer. Ask if the parent was pleased with the communication received from the camp. Ask these parents for the names of other parents and children who have attended the camp.

Whatever your child's interests may be, and whatever standards you may have, there is a summer camp out there for your family. It just takes a bit of research.

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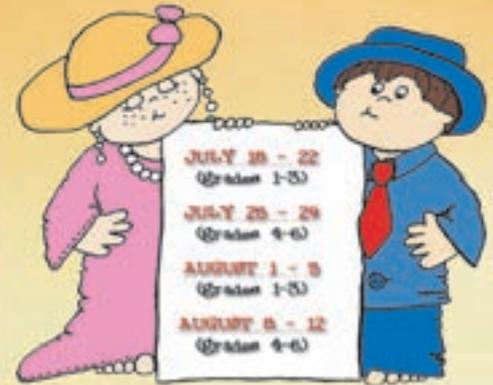
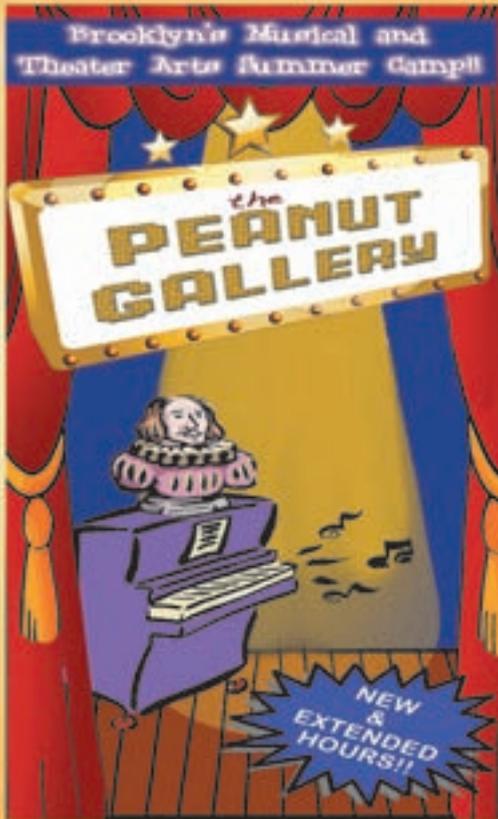
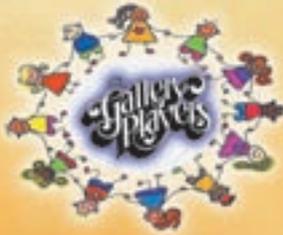
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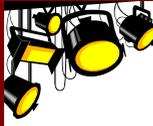
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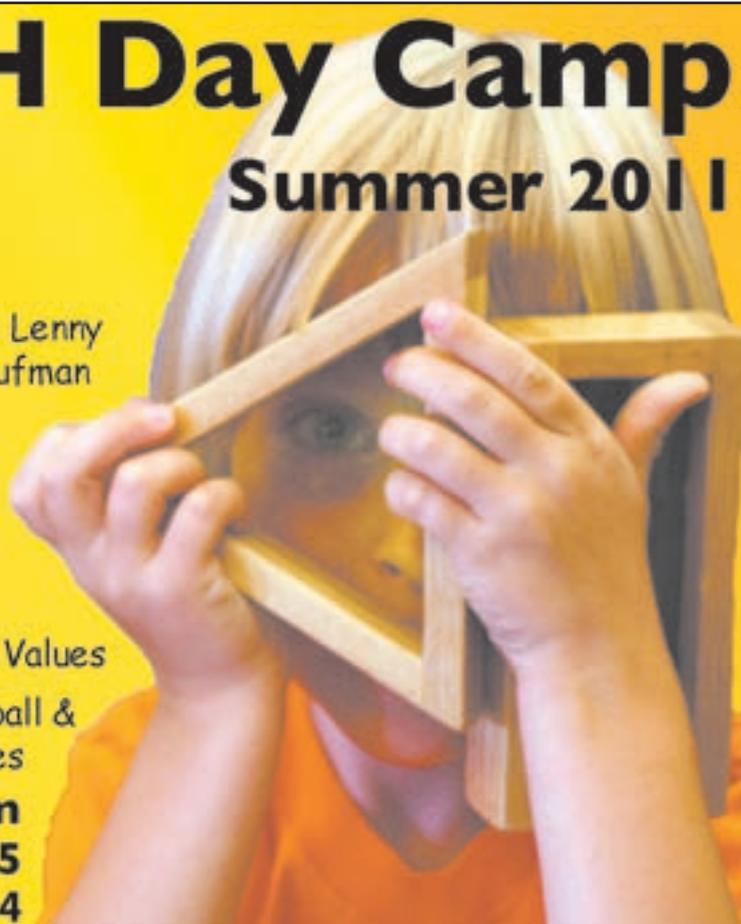
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Staten Island Academy Summer Day Camp offers safe, fun-filled, activity-packed programs for children ages 3-14 and we specialize in making memories that last a lifetime! Day camp dates are June 20 through August 26, 2011. In addition to weekly events and activities, our campers run, jump and play on our 12-acre campus, three tennis courts and two swimming pools. Included in our day camp program are dance and the Camp Show, arts and crafts, Discovery Science, computer lab, game room and hot lunch in our cool cafeteria! We also offer NYC's only Summer Institute for the Gifted program and specialized sports camps for basketball, soccer, tennis and rugby/lacrosse. We have something for everyone – from the most active to the most creative camper! Learn more at an Open House March 13, April 16 or May 21 and visit us online at www.statenislandacademy.org/camp. For more information call, (718) 303-7846.

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Bedford-Stuyvesant YMCA, 1121 Bedford Avenue, 718-789-1497;
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Having a baby on her own

One woman's choice of artificial insemination

BY ALLISON PLITT

At 37-years-old, Leslie, a Queens resident, had a successful career and was ready to be a mother. But she didn't have a partner to join her in conceiving a child, and Leslie was very aware that her biological clock was ticking.

"I was the great aunt — successful in my career, could take my nieces and nephews here and there, buy them whatever, and then they'd go home," Leslie said. "I kind of always saw myself with a child, but I didn't have any serious boyfriends. I decided I wanted to have a child on my own."

The first option Leslie considered was artificial insemination, or intrauterine insemination, a procedure by which sperm is placed into her reproductive tract to impregnate her. To inquire about the process, Leslie went to North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, Long Island.

The doctors there asked her about her reasons for having a child as well as her support network in caring for her baby. As Leslie explained to them her situation, the doctors also checked her medical history to make sure she did not have gynecological problems. After considering her case, they decided to go through with the procedure.

The doctors informed her that

she could choose from two different "cryobanks" — laboratories where sperm and other tissues are stored at sub-zero temperatures — one in Virginia and the other in California.

Leslie looked at the two websites and learned she was able to choose the type of man the sperm came from — including his level of education.

"There was one site called 'doctorate' for men who had doctorates, and since I had always liked being around smart people, I chose the doctorate site," she said. "I chose 'tall' because everybody in my family was short, and I also chose 'waif-

like skinny' because everybody in my family was fat."

Leslie understood that, despite choosing her desired traits, there was always the chance her child would not inherit the father's genes. After choosing three possible sperm donors, Leslie had her doctor go over them with her.

Her first choice, she was told, was a no-go, because her doctor found that conceiving from that particular donor could put her child at risk of contracting a certain illness. Her other choices didn't have that risk, and Leslie pressed on.

During her next ovulation, she



was inseminated with her second choice's sperm two days in a row, but it was unsuccessful. The following month, she opted to be inseminated three times, at which point she became pregnant.

Leslie's pregnancy went smoothly. When she went into labor, her sister brought her to the hospital where Leslie gave birth to a baby girl, whom she named Kelly. She has been raising her in Queens for the past five years.

Kelly has no medical problems and is thriving in school, but Leslie confessed that raising a child as a single parent has been challenging.

"Friends would complain, 'Oh, my husband doesn't do anything, he doesn't help.' But I tell them, 'You can run to the store. I can't. If I've got to run to the store, I've got to pack up Kelly.'"

But Leslie says she has only experienced one awkward moment while being a single parent.

"When Kelly was about 2-and-a-half, one of her teachers asked what Kelly should make for a Father's Day gift in class," Leslie said. "I told her Kelly has uncles and a grandfather, and if she ever had any other questions, she could ask me."

And when Kelly recently asked about her father, Leslie was prepared.

"I've already talked to her about how I didn't have a husband and the nice man gave his seed," Leslie said. "When she asks 'Why don't I have a dad?' I always answer, 'Well, I haven't found — yet — the right person to love, who will love us and we'll love.'"

Instead of focusing on the absence of a father, Leslie has preferred to talk with Kelly about different kinds of families. She said, "I'm more into reading books about different types of families — some people just have a mom, some people just have a dad, how everybody's family looks different."

Because a donor's sperm is more expensive when he indicates he would be willing to meet

his children in the future, Leslie — for economic reasons — chose a donor who did not wish to be contacted by any of his children.

"I wanted Kelly to meet her father, but I just couldn't afford it," Leslie said. "I have a lot of information about him. I have his baby picture, essay questions he answered, things that he wrote, and an audio CD of his voice."

Kelly is registered on a website that lists the children of specific sperm donors, and Leslie knows that her daughter has six siblings, including one whose birthday is close to her own.

The entire insemination process cost Leslie \$8,000. "The sperm that I chose cost \$350, so it cost \$500 each time I got inseminated, because I also had to pay the doctor for the procedure. I also had to pay for the storage of the sperm, which was a one-time, \$800 fee," Leslie explained. "My insurance

wouldn't cover the expenses, because you need to show you had been trying for at least six months to get pregnant [in order to qualify]."

Although Leslie is raising Kelly alone, she admits she feels lucky to have had support from friends and family who live nearby and have helped during sleepless nights and parenting crises. Leslie has also been lucky to have a job that has provided her with a steady income, especially during the recent recession.

Despite some of the difficulties she's encountered in raising her daughter, Leslie is happy with the way things have turned out. "It was the best decision I ever made. I have never regretted it. I have the best daughter, we are a happy family and I am the luckiest mom in the world!"

To find out more about artificial insemination, you can visit the website www.northshoreljiuvf.com.

Allison Plitt, a mother of a pre-school-age daughter living in Queens, is a staff writer for Family Publications. If you have any ideas you'd like to share with her about resources for families in Queens, please contact her at allisonplitt@hotmail.com.

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Looking at eyes

How vision problems can create trouble in school

BY ILANA GELFOND-POLNARIEV, OD, FCOVD

If a child appears to be struggling in school or performing below his ability, a vision problem could be the cause.

Vision problems that interfere with a person's ability to learn —

learning-related vision problems — may lead to poor school performance and other issues that can ultimately affect the child's quality of life. Early eye exams are critical for children in order to prevent a misdiagnosis.

The American Optometric Association recommends a child have a comprehensive vision exam by 6 months of age, followed by one at 3 years of age, at 5, and every year that the child is enrolled in school thereafter. An eye exam that tests distance vision is NOT an adequate evaluation of a child's visual development. A child should have a thorough evaluation by a developmental optometrist, which is an optometrist who specializes in dealing specifically with testing for the visual skills critical to reading and learning, and with diagnosing and treating learning-related vision problems.

A child's comprehensive eye examination should include age-appropriate testing of the following visual skills:

- Acuity-distance: visual acuity (sharpness, clearness) at a distance of 20 feet.

- Acuity-near: visual acuity for short distance (specifically, reading distance).

- Focusing skills: the ability of the eyes to change focus and maintain clear vision at varying distances.

- Eye tracking and fixation skills: the ability of the eyes to look at and accurately follow an object; this includes the ability to move the eyes across a sheet of paper while reading.

- Convergence and eye teaming skills: the ability of the eyes to aim, move and work as a coordinated team.

- Binocular fusion: the ability to use both eyes together at the same time.

- Stereopsis: binocular depth perception (three-dimensional vision).

- Color vision: the ability to differentiate colors.

At the completion of a thorough evaluation, a combination of glasses, vision therapy, and/or other multi-sensory intervention (occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, etc.) may be recommended for the child.

What is vision therapy?

Vision therapy addresses the problems listed above that the child may be having and which are interfering with his learning process.

Optometric vision therapy is an individualized treatment program prescribed for a patient in order to:

- Provide medically necessary treatment for a diagnosed visual dysfunction;

- Prevent the development of visual problems; or

- Enhance visual performance to meet the defined needs of the patient.

Optometric vision therapy is an appropriate treatment for visual conditions including an eye turn, a lazy eye, focusing problems, eye-teaming problems, tracking and scanning problems, and visual perceptual disorders.

The systematic use of lenses, prisms, filters, occlusion and other appropriate materials, modalities, equipment and procedures is integral to optometric vision therapy. The goals of the optometric therapy are to alleviate the signs and symptoms, achieve desired visual outcomes, meet the patient's needs and improve the patient's quality of life, as defined by the American Optometric Association.

Early diagnosis of a child's learning-related vision problem can make all the difference in improving that



Symptoms of possible vision problems

The College of Optometrists in Vision Development designed the following chart for parents and teachers:

SYMPTOMS	POSSIBLE VISION PROBLEM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complains of blurred vision Rubs eyes frequently Squints 	Nearsightedness, farsightedness, or astigmatism (inability to see clearly in the distance or up close)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closes or covers one eye Occasionally sees double Able to read for only a short time Poor reading comprehension 	Eye coordination problems (inability to coordinate the eyes together effectively)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holds things very close Complains of blurred vision Poor reading comprehension Says eyes are tired Able to read for only a short time Has headaches when reading 	Eye focusing problems (inability to easily refocus eyes or maintain clear focus)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moves head excessively when reading Frequently loses place and/or skips lines when reading Uses finger to keep place Poor reading comprehension Short attention span 	Eye tracking problems (inadequate ability to smoothly and accurately move the eyes from one point to another)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mistakes words with similar beginnings Difficulty recognizing letters, words, or simple shapes and forms Can't distinguish the main idea from insignificant details Trouble learning basic math concepts of size, magnitude, and position 	Faulty visual form perception (inability to discriminate differences in size, shape, or form)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trouble visualizing what is read Poor reading comprehension Poor speller Trouble with mathematical concepts Poor recall of visually presented material 	Faulty visual memory (inability to remember and understand what is seen)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sloppy handwriting and drawing Can't stay on lines Poor copying skills Can respond orally but not in writing 	Faulty visual motor integration (inability to process and reproduce visual images by writing or drawing)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trouble learning right and left Reverses letters and words Trouble writing and remembering letters and numbers 	Difficulty with laterality and directionality (poor development of left/right awareness)

child's quality of life.

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Dr. Reyes received her pediatric dental training at The Children's Hospital of Boston and Harvard University School of Dental Medicine. She also holds a master's in Public Health Degree from Harvard School of Public Health in the area of Maternal and Child Health Studies.

Professionally Dr. Reyes has been actively engaged in organized dentistry with a strong focus on children's oral health, having served as chair of the Oral Health Committee of Second District Dental Society (Brooklyn and Staten Island) and State Chair of National Children's Dental Health Month for the New York State Dental Association establishing the Sugarless Wednesday Program, which received National recognition from the American Dental Association (ADA) as a Recipient of the Golden Apple Award in 2007.

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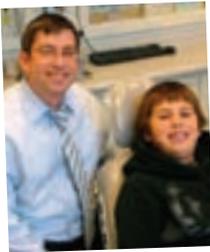
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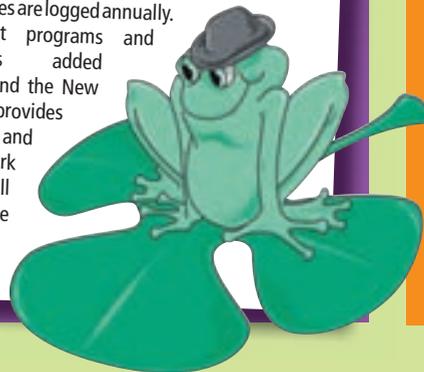
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Many children are fearful of a trip to the doctor's or dentist's office. A frightened, squirming child can make the visit uncomfortable for both the parent and the doctor. If your son is too frightened to follow the physician's orders, it might even affect the quality of care that he receives.

There are a couple of simple things that you can do, both before and during a doctor's visit, to allay a child's anxiety. Prior to the visit, it helps to regularly engage your child in a role-playing game during which one of you pretends to be the doctor, while the other is the patient. This will familiarize the child with the process, which in turn helps him to become more comfortable with seeing an actual doctor.

A few days before the appointment, simply tell your son that you'll be visiting a doctor who can help him stay healthy, and that you'll be there with him during the visit.

When the day of the visit approaches, try not to discuss it too much with your son. If you constantly mention that he'll be going to the doctor, it may increase his anxiety.

On the day of the visit, make a point of bringing your son's favorite stuffed animal, blanket, or book to distract him while he's in the waiting room. A favorite snack, like pretzels or crackers, can also keep him occupied. If he begins to grow anxious, offer some type of reward, even if it's buying a small toy from the drug store on the way home. This can be a good incentive for him to relax.

Above all, no matter how frightened your son becomes, attempt to stay calm. Children can easily read



and pick up on other people's emotions, so if you remain composed, your son is less likely to panic.

If you've tried all of these strategies, but your son is still upset, talk to your doctor about arranging a brief visit at when he can just come into the office and sit in the medical chair without being examined. If

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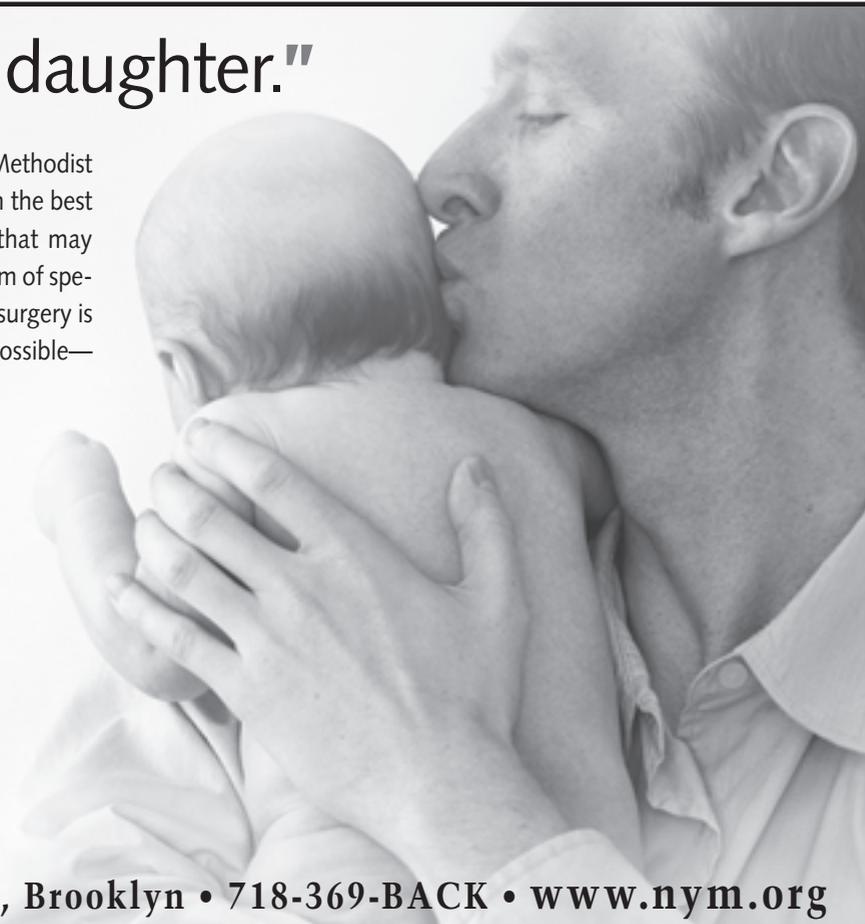
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Home alone

How do you know if your teen can be left on her own?

So your kids have reached their teen years and there is no longer a need for babysitters. You are thinking that you can finally go out on a worry-free date with your spouse. There is no babysitter to drive home and you can actually linger over coffee.

Think again! Are you really relaxing with your teen home alone? Teens are unpredictable and don't always think things through. With teens the issue is not "can" they be home alone, but "should" they be home alone. This depends on your teen's level of maturity and history with following rules and making good choices.

Gray Areas

What is an appropriate length of time to leave a teen home alone — and does this depend on age?

"It depends on their maturity level and their previous track record more so than their age," says Dr. Steve L. Pastyrnak, division chief of Pediatric Psychology at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI. "A teen who has a history of not listening and making impulsive decisions may not do well with being home alone for more than an hour or two, if they can handle that time alone at all. The best way to predict future behavior is by considering past behavior."

For concerned parents who are not sure how their teen will handle alone time, it's good to start slowly.

"Sometimes teens can benefit from several dry runs, in which parents leave them home alone for short periods until trust is developed," suggests Pastyrnak.

The Rules

Be sure you've gone over all rules associated with this responsibility. Don't assume she knows what is expected of her. Be honest with your teen about why your rules are important.

"When home alone, it's important for teens to learn to be safe, to learn to be independent and to

take advantage of the opportunity to build their parent's trust," says Pastyrnak. "It's also important for teens to continue to follow household rules. These might include computer use, telephone access, and having friends over past a certain time."

Should teens be able to have a friend of the opposite sex over?

"This depends on the values of both sets of parents, as well as the previous history of the teens," Pastyrnak advises. "If you feel that the teens can handle this time without supervision, it is still important to discuss your expectations

of them and to clear this with the other parents in order to avoid any potential hard feelings."

Don't forget to check in.

"With today's technology, teens can check in with their parents with a quick text or phone call," Pastyrnak says.

Checking Up

If your teenager has consistently demonstrated mature decision making, trust that she will make the right choices if left alone. Pastyrnak believes parents should assume that their kids are innocent until proven guilty.

"Part of growing up is learning how to be independent and to take care of oneself," he says.

However, teens should also be aware that there will be strict consequences if they break the rules, such as losing driving privileges or restrictions on cellphone use.

For parents seeking extra insurance, especially with younger teens, consider asking a close friend or neighbor to check in if you plan to be away for several hours. However, resorting to setting up hidden cameras might be going overboard. Pastyrnak agrees.

"Although teens may have a tendency to test limits and rebel, they



need opportunities to prove themselves and to learn important life skills," he says. "If they were to find out about a hidden camera, it might damage their trust of their parents."

The road to independence has its benefits.

"The more teens develop a sense of healthy independence, the more likely they will take ownership of their decisions," Pastyrnak says.

Tips and tales

"I checked in frequently and continue to do so. Try to raise a 'trustworthy' kid. That's half the battle."

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"I wouldn't leave a teen alone if he doesn't behave well in school or the choice of friends is questionable."

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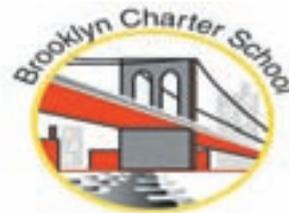
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The 'Tiger' wars

Examining the controversial author's strict parenting techniques

BY RISA C. DOHERTY

Amy Chua is sparking controversy across the country — enraging, intriguing and inciting discussion over her recent bestselling book, "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother," in which she reveals her strict parenting style.

Most parents want their children to reach their potential and become exceptionally successful, and Chua is no different. Most parents, however, may not take the same approach that the Yale law professor does with her children. She explains that, as a "Tiger Mother," based on the traditional Chinese parenting style, she is uncompromising about her expectations for her children and pushes them to excel by adhering to a strict set of rules, and investing a substantial amount of time and effort enforcing them.

Although Chua has since denied that her book is a "how to" manual, but rather a memoir of her journey through parenthood — the book jacket presents itself as a parenting primer, with the heading, "How To Be A Tiger Mother." One cannot help but think Chua has declared herself an expert.

In the book, she explains that she demands that her children get straight A's in school, become accomplished musicians by playing either the piano or the violin, and refrain from playdates, sleepovers, watching television, and playing video games. For her, gold medals are the prize and silver is of no value.

When one of her daughters waffled in math, Chua tutored her, employing numerous practice tests for hours until her daughter became the "math kid." She ridicules Western parents because she claims they "[would] get to have a glass of wine and go to yoga class," while she would stay home, yelling at her kids about homework or practice. Apparently, she misses the fine line between positive parent involvement and over involvement.

Chua was fortunate to the extent

that her daughters were capable of achieving the grades demanded. I would be wary of placing such inflated expectations on all children. Sometimes children fail — even with the child's best efforts. It seems that parents who subscribe to Chua's approach react to failure with horror and shame. In the face of failure, I prefer to help the child learn from the experience and foster the growth of future resilience. Parents are not just "fair weather fans."

I believe it is the school's job to educate my children, although

Chua demands the best. One wonders who benefits from this: the parent or the child?

I would supplement their learning from time to time. But it has never been my goal to homeschool my children, and fortunately or unfortunately, my recollection of math or science, beyond the fourth grade, is limited.

Diametrically opposed to Chua's traditional Chinese approach is "Western parenting," where the parent is sensitized to the self-esteem of the child and promotes a freedom of individual choice. Many parenting experts, like Wendy Mogel, author of "The Blessing of a B Minus: Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Resilient Teenagers," have weighed in on the issue. Mogel is a strong proponent of teaching children self-reliance by allowing them to make mistakes and get grades that are not ideal. She believes that children need to experience failure to cultivate coping skills.

Another parenting author, Ayelet Waldman, criticizes Chua's cookie-cutter approach, and advocates for a more individualized strategy for

parenting.

Chua says she believes that when young children are allowed to choose their activities, they will invariably choose what is fun over what is productive, and that children sampling a myriad of activities without focusing on any one will lead to the them being proficient in nothing.

She overlooks both the fact that exploring may lead to the discovery of a hidden talent, as well as the fact that, at some juncture, learning to make choices is in itself a skill necessary for growth. She also presupposes that an enormous amount of practice will yield results.

She was fortunate that when it came to her children, that was the case. Some children do not have musical aptitude, but instead have latent art, athletic, or dramatic talent. Others may never excel at any extra-curricular activity. Childhood is the perfect time to try new activities. Granted, parents who over schedule their children are doing them a disservice in another manner, but there is a middle ground.

Many readers balked at Chua's rejection of the homemade birthday cards her daughters presented to her, saying that they were not acceptable. She thought the cards evidenced a minimum amount of thought and effort. To her, it is not the "thought that counts."

She is correct, in that many times children are self-absorbed and need to be directed so that they can learn to think of others. But she goes astray when she rates the card that is supposed to be her child's offering to her. To many parents, the best cards are the ones that may not be the prettiest, so long as the child is giving from her heart and taking



pride in her work.

Chua has also been reviled for calling her daughter “garbage” for talking back to her. She defended her comment, justifying it as a result of cultural differences. To be honest, I have told my children that I am allowed to speak to them in a harsher manner than they are allowed to speak to me, as we are not equals. Still, there is a limit to the language that is appropriate, and adults are supposed to set an example as to how to behave.

Child psychologists will tell parents to carefully target the child’s behavior for disapproval, and not the child herself. Even with this goal in mind, it is often difficult to temper one’s reaction to an incendiary situation and tailor one’s words so carefully.

Childhood should not be all about work and achievement — the mantle of adult responsibility forces that upon us soon enough. But even after acquiescing and allowing her daughter to play tennis, Chua was on automatic pilot, micro-managing the lesson: behind her daughter’s back once she saw potential for successful competition. To her credit, she did not confront her with criticism, but to really let go, Chua would need to leave the training to trusted professionals and to her daughter’s desire to achieve.

Chua seems to be consistent in her focus, stressing not just the effort, but the results. She demands the best. She also believes in bringing pride to one’s family. Of course, neither of these things are bad. Still, though, one wonders who benefits from this: the parent or the child? Chua might say both — the parent is proud of the success and the child is encouraged by it. The flaw in this reasoning, beyond the extreme pressure placed upon these children to achieve, is that she believes that there is no merit in an activity in which one does not excel.

My father taught me “E for effort.” I always knew there was a difference between a measly effort and my best

effort. I never got a pat on the back for doing that which was expected of me, and I do not agree with the philosophy that everyone who participates should get a trophy — that makes true achievement less meaningful. A silver medal, a bronze medal, or even an honorable mention hard-earned was worthy of praise. Still, no more was expected from me beyond my best effort, and my parents never thought it was their job to ensure

that I could do no better.

As an attorney, Chua might know that many courts look to the best interests of the child when faced with domestic relations issues. As a parent, I believe the standard should be the same. Although Chua has proved herself to be devoted to her girls, by dedicating innumerable hours — day in and day out — to study with them, guide them and schlep them to lessons and recitals, her methods were overly harsh. Chua recently told me that

she wishes she had allowed her daughters a little more choice, had not been so harsh and had not been so overconfident with all her decisions.

Despite her children’s public supporting, “tiger parenting” can have detrimental effects on the parent/child relationship. Waldman cited higher suicide rates among Asian-American girls, and I have a friend who chose to move across the country to escape her “tiger mom.”

New York Magazine’s Po Bronson claims that American parents will use the tiger methodology, but adapt it in a more moderate manner, to create the uberachievers their children are destined to become.

Bronson believes that American parents have just been waiting for permission to toughen up. Bronson may be correct about the generation of parents who got all their cues from books like “What To Expect When You’re Expecting,” followed by “What To Expect the First Year.”

Since I did not have the benefit of “What to Expect: The Toddler Years” in 1992, I was convinced that I would be looking for advice for years two to 30. I hope other parents come to the conclusion I did: parenting is trial by fire. Although it is comforting to commiserate with others and to seek the guidance of more-seasoned parents, invariably, good common sense is the best guide.

In her book, Chua seemed to ascribe to a very narrow definition of parental success. It is not all about the grades, the Ivy League and the glory. I beam with pride faster when someone tells me that my daughter “is a mensch,” than when they act impressed by the school she might attend or the award she won.

My father used to say he was “the Tsar,” because he acted as a benevolent dictator. Based on her account, Amy Chua could have used a little more benevolence.

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Divorce & education

After a split, who makes decisions for your kids?

My husband and I have recently divorced. Our lawyers have worked out a settlement and child support until our children turn 18 (one is 10 and the other 13). Who makes the school-education decisions? Do these things need to be spelled out? Can you elaborate a bit about how we deal with questions regarding education now that we are no longer a couple?

There are some common issues that come up for children when parents are divorced or separated. Some are as simple as who can sign a permission slip for a school trip, and some are more complex, such as who can file for a due process hearing for a disagreement with the Committee on Special Education's program for your child.

In cases of divorce it is a good idea for parents to sit down together or with a mediator to determine who will make education decisions for the children and how any dispute between the parents will be resolved. You may also do this with your respective attorneys.

Depending upon what you agree to, both parents can retain the right to make education decisions for their child, one parent can make all the decisions, or you may decide to have something in-between. For example, both parents may have to agree about major education decisions — such as school placement or agreement with a program for a special education student — but either parent can sign permission slips, tests, contact the teacher, and meet with school personnel about the child's performance.

You should also spell out in your agreement which parent will have access to your child's education records — will it be both or just one?

The school district will look to the court order or the agreement of the parents to determine who has the right to make education decisions for the child and what to do in case there is a dispute between the parents. Usually, in case parents cannot agree, the school district will determine who the custodial parent is based on the agreement or di-



voice decree and allow that parent to make decisions. In special education matters where both parents retain education rights, the school district must hold a due process hearing if one parent disagrees and requests an impartial hearing.

In many cases of divorce, both parents see the child an equal amount of time. As long as your child resides with each parent approximately 50 percent of the time, you and your ex may select the school district your child attends. Your agreement should spell this out so that it is clear that you have agreed to have equal time with your child and that your child may attend school where either you or your ex reside.

There are some cases in which one or both parents have been ordered by a court to have no contact with their children, which is known as a court-issued order of protection. If your ex has been issued an order

of protection, you must provide it to school personnel. Please make sure that you give this order to the correct personnel. Each school district has different personnel who handle orders of protection, so it is a good idea to call the school principal to ask how this is handled at your child's school. All school personnel who deal with your child should be alerted that there is an order of protection so that your child is safe while at and traveling to and from, school.

As for child support and issues involving college payments, you should consult with your family law attorney. In New York State, children receive child support until the age of 21, not 18.

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How do I get my son interested in sports?

Dear Twins,

I was thrilled when I had a son, after having three daughters. But my son, who is now 11, is not into sports at all. In fact, my daughters are all in soccer and basketball leagues. I'm so disappointed — as I always imagined we would be going to games together, talking shop about teams and that sort of father-and-son-thing. Any advice on how to encourage him to join a sport?

— *Signed, Disappointed Dad*

Jacqueline says: It's pretty clear what you want, and what your son wants, are two very different things. And the message you're sending to your son about your disapproval for his lack of enthusiasm for sports is, most likely, destroying his self-esteem. How about talking to your son about what is important to him, about his dislikes and likes, and forming a father-and-son bond around those mutual interests? Give your sports-achieving daughters the love and support they may be seeking from their father instead.

Kerry says: I hope you can find other reasons why you are satisfied with having a son and not focus on the fact that he's not into sports, because inevitably, he will sense this, and it may damage his self-esteem. Instead, find other things you both have in common. Allow him to explore what interests him and find ways to encourage him to do that. Then, be willing to get involved in what interests him. Once you let go of any preconceived notion of what a son should be into, such as sports, you'll be far less disappointed. Embrace other things you might have in common and you will maintain a healthy father-son relationship. Share the commonality of



sports with your daughters.

Dear Twins,

One of the kids in our school carpool is constantly late; consequently making all the kids late for school. What is the best approach to this problem; speaking to the kid or his mom? — *Signed, Late*

Kerry says: I would speak to his mother. Let her know that if he continues to be late, he will have to be out of the carpool, as it is not fair that the other kids have to be late for school. If he continues to be late, then follow through.

Jacqueline says: You seem timid about this situation. You have the right to get your kid to school on time. Talk to both the boy and his mother and straighten this nonsense out once and for all.

Dear Twins,

My husband and I have three sons, ages 16, 15, and 12. We feel very strongly that our youngest may turn out to be gay. Even his older brothers think so, although no one has said this to him. Our concern is not that he might be gay, but that other boys might abuse him or beat him up for

it. (He's very small in stature.) How can we protect him?

— *Signed, Hiding*

Kerry says: Have you asked your son whether the kids at school tease him? While it's good that you are looking out for his welfare, you may be fretting in vain if nothing has happened yet. Instead, continue to love him for who he is. Allow him to explore and embrace himself. The best thing you can do for your son is to develop his self-esteem and encourage self-love. Kids typically don't pick on confident kids.

Jacqueline says: I would start letting your son know that you love and accept him. Learn by asking your son questions such as: do you like school? Are you being bullied? Let him know it is safe for him to open up to you. Be alert to your son's moods. Know his friends. Inquire with his teachers. Kids can be brutal, so communication is key.

Dear Twins,

I "caught" my 11-year-old daughter with her 11-year-old male friend in her bedroom laughing and giggling — and both of them almost naked! The kids tried to tell me it was because it was so hot, but I think they were doing a little "exploring." I made the boy go home, and I called his parents, but they didn't think anything of it! Since when do 11-year-olds fool around? And since when don't their parents care?

— *Signed, Disturbed*

Kerry says: I don't think there's anything to be alarmed about. They probably were curious and were doing a little harmless exploring. You clearly let them know you were not at all happy about it. I would let it go. Chances are they feel ashamed and won't do it again.

Jacqueline says: I disagree with Kerry, they are too young to be fooling around. If this continues, what's next, sex at 12? A baby at 13? My question is for you, Mom: why are you allowing an 11-year-old boy in your daughter's room?

Jacqueline and Kerry Donelli, twin sisters, are multiple award winning filmmakers. They are currently getting their Masters in Mental Health and have a radio show on WBCR-AM also called, "Twice the Advice" — where one twin gives advice and, often, the other completely disagrees! Please e-mail them at TwiceTheAdvice2@gmail.com.



GROWING UP
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CAROLYN JABS

Get smart about the risks of Smartphones

Kids want smartphones, but, like other technologies, there are risks that go along with the rewards. Here's some you should know about:

- **Radiation:** All cellphones emit radio waves, and for years, some people have worried their use may be associated with brain tumors. A National Institutes of Health fact sheet — which summarizes recent research — concludes that the largest study done to date found that “overall, cellphone users have no increased risk for two of the most common types of brain tumor.” (The complete fact sheet is available at <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Risk/cellphones>.)

On a more cautionary note, at National Toxicology Program semi-

nar last fall, experts warned that there aren't yet studies about how cellphone use might impact young brains over time. To be on the safe side, try to limit the amount of time kids spend with phones pressed against their heads. If your child's social life depends upon a lot of cellphone talking, consider getting a headset. Using the device for texting, gaming or other purposes, is less likely to expose children to risk.

- **Hearing loss:** Many smartphones have headphones and music players, and here the evidence is clear: listening to loud music through headphones can cause hearing loss. A study done by researchers at Harvard University found that one in five teens already can't hear whispering.

Getting teens to take this problem seriously isn't easy: if they can hear you when you tell them to turn the volume down, they may actually crank it up.

Once you've gotten your child's attention, put an indelible mark on the cellphone to show when the volume is turned halfway up. If your child sets the device higher, enforce time limits. Offer noise-canceling headphones, because if there's less interference from background sound, your child won't need as much volume.

If you or your child uses Apple devices, check its website for free downloads that will automatically limit volume.

- **Distracted Driving:** The many capabilities of smartphones make it more likely that teens will use them while driving. Even if you can convince your child that it's dumb to text and drive, you may find it harder to make the case against finding a musical selection or GPS directions. Inexperienced drivers need to give their full attention to driving, so all these activities put them at risk. Talking about the risks of distracted driving should be your first step.

If your teen isn't getting the message, you can get applications like Zoomsafer (www.zoomsafer) which blocks signals to a phone in a moving vehicle.

Parents should also help kids think through what they will do if another driver is texting while they are in the car., like offering to text on the driver's behalf. Giving the phone to a passenger is a perfectly reasonable strategy when your child is driving.

- **GPS location:** Cellphones sold in North America have GPS tracking capability so 911 operators can locate users in an emergency. This technology can also be used by parents — and predators. All of the major carriers allow parents to add a service that will provide location alerts and, for that matter, allow you to track your child's movements on a map.

Parents need to think carefully about whether these services support or undermine their efforts to build trust and encourage responsible decision-making.

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Of course, having a smartphone also puts the Internet in your child's pocket, so before you hand one over, you'll want to be confident that he understands how to be safe and responsible in a variety of online environments.

If your child's online skills are still emerging, you may want to invest in nothing more than a simple cellphone that makes emergency calls. Or, consider a monitoring program like CellSafety (www.websafety.com) or Phone Advocate (www.phoneadvocate.com). Both will alert parents if kids stray into forbidden territory, such as sexting or cellphone cheating.

Most of all, remember that, despite their names, smartphones aren't smart. Like other tools, their value always depends upon whether they are used in smart ways by smart people.

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Bonding with teens

How to connect even when they're pulling away

BY MICHELE RANARD, M.ED.

Have you noticed it's tough getting penciled into a teen's social calendar, because it's often triple-booked? If there is an adolescent living under your roof, then you know it takes a little effort to not drift apart.

Meg, a good friend of mine, is learning to snowboard just to find common ground with her rad kids — which not only affects her vacation choices, but keeps her body in shape! Another friend inspired me when she recently said, "I'm not that interested in golf, but my teen is, so I'm taking lessons, so we'll be able to share it even when I'm old."

Come Together

It's as important as ever to make efforts to connect. Sometimes I feel all I do is service my teens and watch

them disappear with the contents of my wallet! In their defenses, they feel I frequently use my time with them primarily to lecture. So here are 10 tips for parents to create more positive connections with teens:

1 Invite them to bake: Trying a new recipe can be a riot even if your lack of culinary skills is legendary. Think of the drama and the memories! My kids help to bake yeast breads or bagels, and because of the rising time, it means they linger longer than if we were simply throwing in a pizza. It is difficult to feel moody when the whole house smells like heaven.

2 Reminiscence: Whether they roll their eyes or not, teens love to hear about precious, naughty, or funny things they did as children. Keep telling the old stories and laugh at yourself when they bring up the moments that were maybe not your finest.

3 Follow a sports team together: Try to have everyone home for the big game or match on TV and, if possible, see your team in person.

4 Shop online: It will be impossible for you not to learn a ton about your child as you both surf his favorite stores' websites and hunt for sales. Ask about bands and/or causes he would like to support (teens are huge supporters of nonprofits that sell merchandise to fund a cause).

5 In a word, bacon: Truly. My sons come running at the smell of bacon. I'm not clogging their arteries every day, and I don't just serve it for breakfast. Teens show up for pork fat. They just do. So share some.

6 Submit to YouTube: Your teens are dying to introduce you to hilarious videos that only kids their age can discover. Laughing together is sweet relief from all the inescapable daily nagging.

7 Welcome their buds: This is one of the best ways to see more of your kids. Frequently, the presence of their friends can loosen them up and better facilitate certain discussions than if you were alone, so take advantage.

8 Hit the road: Sometimes to re-connect, you've got to put miles between your family and the daily grind. Even if it is a day trip, make the commute special and set ground rules they'll love, i.e. no lectures, arguing, or discussing sore subjects like grades and school work.

9 Create moments: Don't wait for a birthday — light candles and play weird music on a Wednesday when it's just spaghetti on the menu. Bake something decadent on a random night, plating it creatively like a restaurant. Surprise them with bowling on a weeknight. Take them for a one-on-one lunch at their favorite restaurant.

10 Write a love note: Ever feel tenderness springing up, but they're not home to absorb it? Write it down. Express gratitude for them and leave the note on their pillow. Even if they don't mention it, it matters.

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Some 'Special' advice

Tips for getting the most from public schools

BY JOANNA DELBUONO

“You, Your Child, and Special Education,” by Barbara Coyne Cutler, is an informative guide for parents of special needs children. The book, in simple and easy-to-read language, helps these parents negotiate the often murky and confusing waters of the public education system. Cutler offers encouragement as parents wade through

the tangles and webs of bureaucratic red tape to get the best possible services for their child.

Let's face it: every parent wants

what's best for their kid, and Cutler provides the means in an empathetic, candid way so that parents can take advantage of the necessary programs for their special needs child.

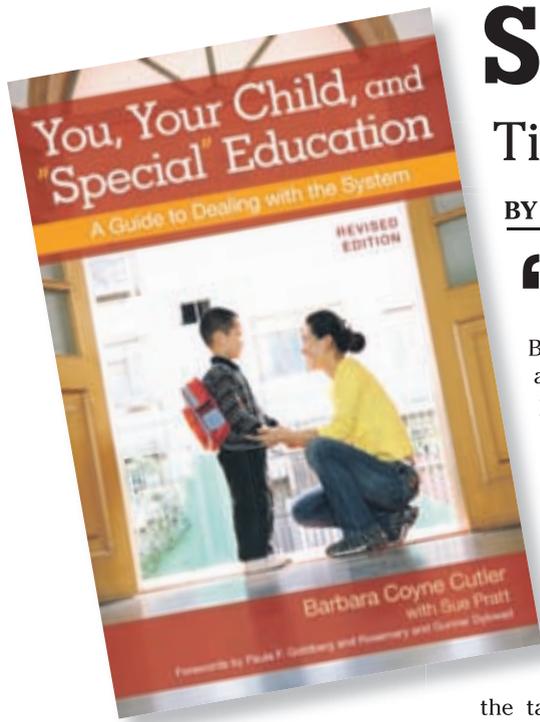
In this latest revision, parents learn not only the legal entitlements and available options, but how they can best provide the most appropriate education, from Pre-K through graduation and beyond.

Cutler offers straightforward advice and step-by-step instructions on how to arrange, prepare for and conduct classroom observations; on how the school system works and how to navigate the power structure of the school system, including school politics and the best way to effectively negotiate with school personnel; how to discuss your questions, concerns, and observations

with a teacher; how to get the best possible Individualized Education Program from the first notice to the final resolution and most importantly, how to say “no” and fight for their child's rights if the individualized program is not acceptable. And finally, she offers advice on how to monitor and implement the child's program.

Cutler also provides listings of hundreds of disability-related organizations and agencies, associations and groups, and the appendix full of Web sites is an invaluable resource guide that can be easily accessed through your computer.

“You, Your Child, and Special Education: A Guide to Dealing with the System,” Revised Edition by Barbara Coyne Cutler with Sue Pratt; Brookes Publishing, 312 pages, \$24.95.



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OUR RELATIONSHIPS

JOAN EMERSON, PhD

Maximizer or minimizer?

Every couple has one of each

As part of my training in Imago Relational Marriage Counseling, I had to bring (drag) my husband to a weekend couples' workshop led by Imago therapists. Along with other couples, we were led through exercises that helped us recall our first attraction and how early life experiences might have drawn us together; we reaffirmed what we valued in the other along with the patterns that cause us difficulty; and we learned how going

tend to be more passive and leave it to others to initiate social contact. In the relationship, the maximizer is the pursuer, the partner who initiates emotional connection and the one who always wants to talk about things, while the minimizer is the withdrawer, the partner who needs space, the listener.

After this was explained, and we nodded in recognition, all the maximizers were asked to walk over to one side of the room, the minimizers to the other. We each knew our role immediately, and without a moment's hesitation, without even meeting our partners' eyes for confirmation, we picked ourselves up and walked to our designated side. I, along with two men and four women, stood as maximizers, facing our spouses, the minimizers.

This exact issue had been an annoyingly recurring pattern in my own marriage, and as the maximizer, I just couldn't understand why my husband needed to be alone at times to mull over his life, why he was more passive in managing our relationship, and why he didn't seem to need or want the same intense connection with me that I did with him.

Now, here I was with five other people who knew exactly what I was talking about and had the exact same complaint. As a group, we were asked to try to describe the pain we felt to always be the one who wanted more. We got pretty vociferous about it, and it felt great.

The freeing thing, though, was to hear the other side. My husband and five others, all with mixed personalities and genders, expressed the pain they felt to be pushed, nagged and found wanting by us. They, too, wanted the same intimacy and closeness, just at a different pace than the maximizers, who could be bully-

ing and angry. Hearing it from all of them, admirable and likeable people in their own right, somehow legitimized the minimizer role as just different, not less evolved, as I had wanted to see it.

Then, with the help of the therapists, we tried to understand how we had each come to our roles based on some wounds, or worst-case scenario worries from growing up in our family of origin. We all had some greater understanding of at least one upsetting pattern.

Nowadays in our marriage, my husband and I can see it coming, because it still does, but most of the time — not all of the time — we can agree to some compromises and head off the worst of it.

Communication is what suffers most if couples don't learn how to accommodate these differences, and it is up to both sides to learn the compromise. Maximizers have to slow down and soften up if we want to get our need for more closeness met. And, regarding communication, we must have a standing rule that the talk in which we share our feelings stands by itself, and what we do about our differences is a conversation for another time, when we both feel ready. We have to make sure our partners talk when they feel prepared, not before, and that they can trust that it is safe for them. To create safety, we have to listen without reacting, show appreciation for their attempts, and, as they speak, make it clear that we're aiming for understanding of how they're seeing things since, by definition, their feelings are just as valid as ours. We must show that we can be satisfied with short talks and that we're not just endlessly needy. In general, we have to create an atmosphere that is inviting, safe, and rewarding. With these ground rules rather sacrosanct, minimizers must take the risk of engaging in these talks and being vulnerable. If we feel more connected with each other afterwards, we've done it right.

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through the suffering that a relationship invariably entails could help us arrive at what is called mature love. We were taught that the initial phase of romantic love always fades, a power struggle always ensues, and, just when things are feeling bleak, the opportunity to really get to know each other and strengthen the marriage presents itself.

One of the most liberating exercises of that weekend had to do with me finally accepting a pattern that apparently is present in every couple: in Imago terms, one partner is the 'maximizer' and the other is the 'minimizer.' Maximizers, in general, are the more socially outgoing, the more extroverted; minimizers



GOOD SENSE EATING

CHRISTINE M. PALUMBO, RD

Constipation happens

Keep it from being chronic with these easy diet tips

The Brooklyn woman's voice over the phone was urgent, "My 4-year-old grandson tends to get constipated. What can I do to help?"

Constipation afflicts up to 30 percent of children. It tends to run in families, leading some researchers to look at genetics, or simply a poor diet in common. In addition, picky eaters who thumb their noses at fiber-rich fruits, vegetables and whole grains may become constipated.

It's not uncommon for those who eat few high-fiber foods to also be excessive milk drinkers. Little ones who fill up and obtain a majority of their calories from milk may eat very little actual food, leading to the problem.

Constipation may also result from an undiagnosed condition.

"Celiac disease, sometimes labeled gluten intolerance, has about 300 associated symptoms, one being constipation," says Chicago pediatric feeding specialist Lara Field, MS, RD, who blogs at feedkids.com.

She says it's vital for proper testing purposes to determine if this diagnosis can be made prior to initiating a gluten-free diet.

When constipation is common

There are three periods in a child's life when you should look out



for this, according to Field, who is a mother with a toddler and an infant.

- Transition to milk-containing formula and foods. Babies with a milk protein allergy/intolerance can become constipated at any time during infancy (birth-12 months). Removal of the milk protein will resolve these symptoms.

- Transition to table foods. At 12-15 months, when toddlers transition from primarily drinking for nutrition to eating, they may not be getting

enough fiber due to picky eating.

- Transition to potty training. From ages 2-4, many kids withhold their stool due to fear of potty training. Parents must stay vigilant. If this habit continues, it could cause future problems, such as stool impaction.

Dietary advice for all

Whether or not constipation is a problem, children should consume at least three to five servings of fruits and vegetables every day — and as many whole grain foods as possible.

Serve whole fruit rather than juice. Fruit can be fresh, frozen or canned. Those especially high in fiber are raspberries, blueberries, blackberries and strawberries. Buy frozen — they are easy to keep on hand for smoothies, stirred into yogurt, or as toppings for hot cereal, pancakes or waffles. Pears are also fiber rich.

Abandon refined starches, such as Goldfish, pretzels and crackers that are made primarily from white or wheat flour, Field recommends. Look for whole grain choices instead. She says children can be taught to enjoy whole grains. Choose brown rice (there are several brands you can cook in 90 seconds), whole grain pasta and whole grain cereals.

Beans are great finger foods for tots and are wonderful choices to toss into pasta and soup.

Serve veggies and dip, such as hummus, as a snack or part of a meal.

If your child does become "stuck," here are a few suggestions:

- Serve two ounces of fruit nectars — such as pear or apricot — or prune juice two to three times per day.

- Offer your child a probiotic-rich yogurt, such as Activia.

- Limit cheese, as it can be constipating for some.

As to the worried grandmother? I reassured her that her grandson's problem was not uncommon and suggested she seek out a registered dietitian to review his diet.

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Soup-er Easy Black Bean and Corn Soup

FLAVOR-BOOSTING TIP: Serve it with hot pepper sauce, and stir in chopped fresh cilantro and thinly-sliced scallions at the table.

Prep and cook time: 10 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cans (15 oz. each) black beans (reduced salt, if possible)
- 1 cup chunky salsa or any variety
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin, or more to taste
- 1 can (14 oz.) corn kernels, with their liquid
- 1 cup nonfat Greek yogurt or sour cream for serving (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS: In a medium stockpot over medium heat, combine the beans, salsa, water and cumin and bring it to a boil. While it is heating, use a hand-held immersion blender to puree about half the mixture, so it is still chunky. Add the corn and its liquid, and continue to heat it for about five minutes, stirring occasionally. (For a smoother soup, add the corn before pureeing the soup.)

Serve the soup with a dollop of Greek yogurt or sour cream, if desired. Alternatively, you can refrigerate the soup for up to three days, or freeze it for up to three months.

Note: The canned beans and salsa make this dish higher in sodium than most "Scramble" meals. Occasionally

eating meals that are high in sodium isn't a problem for most people, but if you are concerned, you can either use low-sodium canned products instead, or, to counteract the sodium, drink lots of water with lemon and/or eat bananas, as potassium balances out sodium in our systems.

Makes six servings.

NUTRITION FACTS: per serving (% based upon daily values): Calories 280, Total Fat 2.5g, 4%, Saturated Fat 0g, 0%, Cholesterol 5mg, 2%, Sodium 1170mg, 49%, Total Carbohydrate 50g, 17%, Dietary Fiber 12g, 48%, Sugar 8g, Protein 13g

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PARENTS HELPING PARENTS

SHARON C. PETERS, MA

My son is always throwing tantrums

Dear Sharon,

My 8-year-old son is becoming tiresome. He went from being a really nice little boy who was mostly manageable and agreeable to someone who pitches fits far too often. Any advice for a weary mom who wants to poof him away some of the time? His tantrums are driving me crazy, and I have lost all patience for dealing with it.



Dear Parents,

When a “manageable and agreeable” little one begins to “pitch fits” far too often, I usually recommend that parents start by reviewing possible causes of stress in their child’s life at school or at home.

Young ones I know have brought their bad moods home from school when their teacher is not interacting easily with everyone in their classes, when there has been an increase in academic expectations because of a new grade or academic challenge, or when they are reeling from difficult interactions with peers.

Parents I know have also noticed that “fits” grow when their own pressures increase, such as a move, renovation, illness, disagreement with relative or friend, or strain from their professional lives. Tensions between siblings can also contribute to pent up frustration.

Of course, children, especially when they are young, often “pitch

fits” about little things that have nothing to do with the actual cause of their irritation. If parents can minimize underlying pressures — I know, easier said than done — then this is often the best way to help a child calm down.

Sometimes an increase in explosive behavior is not a result of underlying issues, but an attempt to get time and attention from parents. When a child is pushing his parents’ buttons to get their attention, it is of course common that such difficult repetitive behavior makes parents want to “poof their child away,” and ends up with them becoming impatient and weary.

Under such trying circumstances adults often explode back at their child in spite of better judgment. Unfortunately, when this happens, parents are offering their full attention and oddly satisfying their child’s desire to be the “center of their parent’s universe.” This kind of parent-child interaction rarely brings about a change in behavior.

If parents are stuck in repetitive fights with a “difficult” little one, I often suggest that parents begin by making sure they are spending

plenty of fun, caring, quality time connecting with their child. I particularly recommend playing physical games outside of the house, as this is one of the best ways for adults and children to relieve built up stress and to model positive ways to give and receive parental attention.

When a child does explode, I also suggest that parents try hard to stay calm when helping him. Parents can continue to set their limits or express their opinions, but doing so in a few calm empathetic words is often more effective than explaining things in a long, angry lecture.

This, of course, is difficult to do when a little one is doing everything in his power to get a reaction. As it is understandably difficult for a parent to stay calm but clear under these circumstances, I sometimes recommend that parents pick an afternoon or day to practice staying calm in response to their child’s fits. A short successful time can help parents and children begin to step out of unproductive behaviors that can undermine parent-child relationships.

Good luck thinking through this common problem!

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If you have a question about a challenge in your life (no issue is too big or too small) e-mail it to Dear Sharon at SWeiss@cnglocal.com.

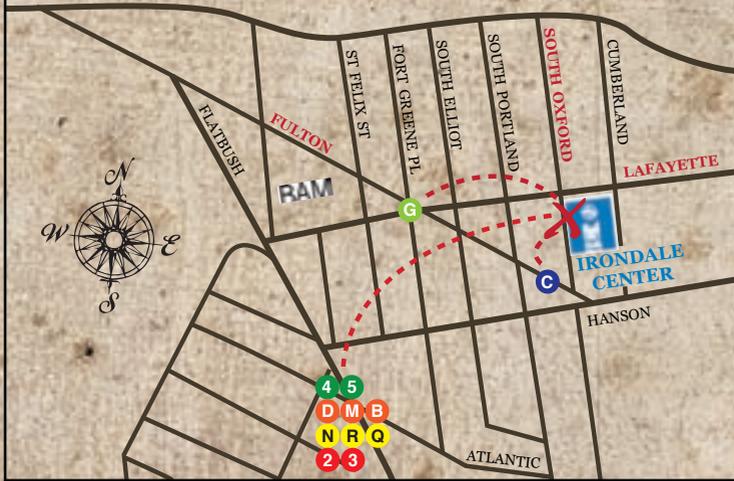
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SCIENCE MATTERS

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From the top down

Get kids excited about science with brain teasers

We're all scientists at the start. From day one, children have an innate curiosity and countless questions about how and why things are the way they are. While nurturing that curiosity doesn't guarantee that your child is destined for a career in the sciences, it will go a long way to at least assuring she'll be science literate throughout her life.

To help children learn to think critically, it's good to remember that one of the best ways to get children to use their brains is to get them thinking about how their brains work.

More and more, neuroscience is incorporated into teaching programs at colleges across the country. Still, even though new "brain-based" teaching strategies are gaining momentum, it remains a challenge to integrate the principles of neuroscience into an elementary or middle school curriculum. Current science standards tend not to focus specifically on the brain, and teachers often need to find information on their own.

But, by using simple hands-on methods, teachers — and parents — can help children become familiar not only with basic brain functioning, but also with how neuroscientists learn more about the brain.

One strategy is to make connections to other subjects, like writing, music or math. In many states, the elementary school curriculum includes the five senses. By getting children to explore how our senses work, we foster curiosity about the relationship between our minds and our senses. This not only helps children succeed in the classroom, it also gives them a better sense of understanding their world.

One very easy way to help children become "junior neuroscientists" is through optical illusions. Classic illusions, such as the "old woman or the young woman," illustrate how our brains process visual information based on submodalities like shape, size, color, and movement. When the brain is at work, billions of neurons are involved, and if the brain had to



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process all the sensory data, the information would be overwhelming. Instead, the brain uses shortcuts. In the "old woman or the young woman" illusion, the shortcut involves making the stimuli into a face, because that is what the stimuli most closely resemble, although the image is ambiguous. Based on our individual past experiences, it is easier for the brain to see either a young woman or an old woman.

Given the complexity of this system, it is no surprise that scientists are still learning about sensory processing. Examples — like illusions — provide an opportunity to make the simple point that visual processing is never complete, and the brain works hard to make sense of the information it receives from our senses.

In much the same way that the brain processes sight and sound, it must also process scents. Odors activate specific receptors. Based on the pattern of activation, the brain identifies the substances and provides information about where we might have encountered similar smells in the past.

Many famous neuroscientists have focused their work on how the brain interprets artistic material, like music or literature. For instance, neurologist Oliver Sacks explores

the power of music through the lens of neuroscience. Books and articles that blend science with literature illustrate the connection between the brain and other areas of study. Parents and teachers may find Sacks's "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat" as a great introduction to help get children interested in how our brains work. The chapters are short and captivating, and the lessons of the book have applications in a variety of subjects.

Helping children understand brain science is just one way parents and educators can help improve scientific literacy. Children who get interested in science learn how to think critically, and by observing the world around them, children get better at learning from experience.

The best way to help students learn is to make learning fun, especially when dealing with abstract subjects like neuroscience. Tying in other subject areas can easily turn neurons into an art project by using pipe cleaners and other materials to model different structures, or into a game in which kids use their arms as axons and dendrites to pass a ball that serves as a neurotransmitter.

There are countless everyday opportunities to inspire your child to be a junior neuroscientist. Hopefully, the more children learn how our brains work, the more they pay attention to safety, good health and nutrition. We routinely remind kids to wear bicycle helmets, stay away from drugs, and eat properly, but they are not always taught how helmets, drugs, and nutrition can affect brain function. By helping kids make these connections, we give them a greater understanding of how a healthy mind and a healthy body are interconnected.

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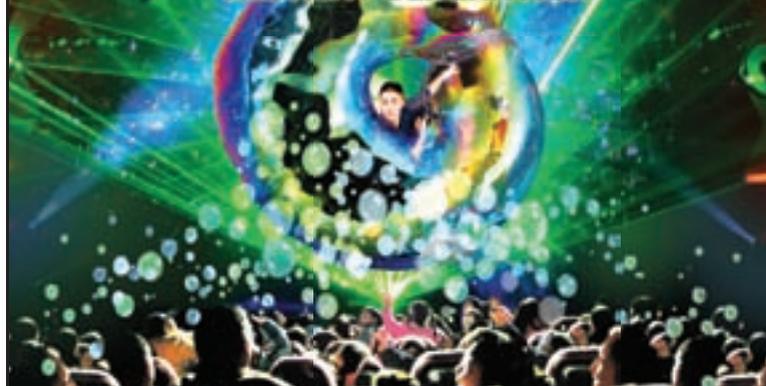
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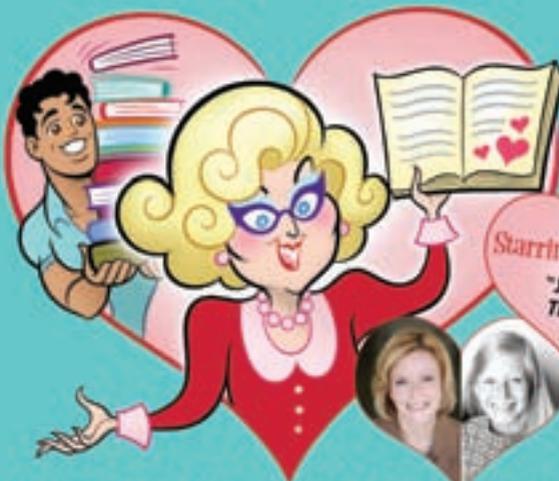
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Play Nine-Man Morris playing board or make your own fun.

Arts and crafts: Pacific Library, 25 Fourth Ave at Pacific Street; (718) 638-1531; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265; Fridays, 4 pm, Free.

Children make a fun project.

“Treasure Island”: Irondale Center, 85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue; (718) 488-9233; www.irondale.org; Weekdays, 7:30 pm, Saturdays, 3 and 8 pm, Now – Sat, March 26; \$20-\$45.

Robert Louis Stephenson’s classic pirate tale gets adapted for the stage.

Story time: Greenlight Bookstore, 686 Fulton St. between South Elliott Place and South Portland Avenue; (718) 246-0200; greenlightbookstore.com; Saturdays, 11 am, Free.

Children 3 to 8 listen to stories and enjoy age appropriate activities.

Blooming Babies: Brooklyn Children’s Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue; (718) 735-4400; www.brooklynkids.org; Saturdays and Sundays, 11:30 am, Free with museum admission.

Children 18 months to two and one-half years participate in interactive activities with their caregivers.

“Alice in Wonderland”: Puppetworks, 338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street; (718) 965-3391; www.puppetworks.org; Saturdays and Sundays, 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm, Now – Sun, April 17; \$8 (kids, \$7).

Lewis Carroll’s classic — with marionettes.

Tutoring: Rugby Library, 1000 Rugby Rd. at Avenue H; (718) 566-0054; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; Saturdays, 2:30 pm, Free.

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Shiver me timbers!

Set sail on a pirate adventure!

“Treasure Island,” a new show based on the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson, is playing at the Irondale Center now through March 26.

Director BH Barry presents this classic coming-of-age story, filled with treachery, treasure and humor. The Tony Award winner has been working on his adaptation for over a decade and finally

perfected the schooners, tropical islands and one-legged seamen.

Join Jim Hawkins, Long John Silver and the rest of the pirate crew for a show that can be appreciated by all me hearties!

“Treasure Island” at the Irondale Center [85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 488-9233], now-March 26. Opens March 5. Tickets \$20-\$45. Recommended for kids ages 8 and up. For info, visit www.irondale.org.

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in grades one through six.

Baby story time: Greenlight Bookstore, 686 Fulton St. between South Elliott Place and South Portland Avenue; (718) 246-0200; greenlightbookstore.com; Sundays, 11 am, Free.

Toddlers, listen to stories and songs.

Story play with First RIF: Gerritsen Beach Library, 2808 Gerritsen Ave. between Bartlett Place and Gotham Avenue; (718) 368-1435; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; Mondays, 11 am, Free.

Children to five years old play with toys, hear stories and earn free books by reading.

Wacky Tuesday: Brooklyn Children’s Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue; (718) 735-4400; www.brooklynkids.org; Tuesdays, 11:30 am and 2:30 pm, Now – Tues, April 12; Free with museum admission.

Children five and under explore art, science and culture.

Story play with First RIF: Pacific Library, 25 Fourth Ave. at Pacific Street; (718) 638-1531; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; Tuesdays, 2 pm, Free.

Children to five years old play with toys, hear stories and earn free books by reading.

Taxpayer assistance: High School for Enterprise, Business and Technology, 850 Grand St. at Bushwick Avenue; (718) 387-2701 X 4503; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5–7 pm, Now – Mon, April 18; Free.

Individuals earning less than \$48,362 per year may obtain help in obtaining Earned Income Tax Credit filing from IRS trained volunteers.

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Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue; (718) 735-4400; www.brooklynkids.org; Wednesdays, 11:30 am and 2:30 pm, Now – Wed, April 13; Free with museum admission.

Children five and under investigate the world of natural science with hands-on activities.

Toddler time with First RIF:

Brooklyn Heights Library, 280 Cadman Plaza W. at Tillary Street; (718) 623-7000; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; Wednesdays, 1:30 pm, Free.

Children 18 to 36 months engage in interactive play and hear stories.

Babies and books: Flatlands Library, 2065 Flatbush Ave. at Avenue P; (718) 253-4409; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; Wednesdays, 3:30 pm, Free.

For children birth to 18 months.

Wii gaming: Clarendon Library, 2035 Nostrand Ave. at Farragut Road; (718) 421-1159; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 pm, Wed, March 2 – Thurs, March 24; Free.

For teens and tweens. No classes March 9,10,16.

Rolie Polie Guacamole: Gumbo, 493 Atlantic Ave. between Nevins Street and Third Avenue; (718) 855-7808; Thursdays, 11–11:45 am, Now – Thurs, March 10; \$160 (\$22 for drop ins, space permitting).

Rock, sing and dance with kids band.

Tales for tots: Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue; (718) 735-4400; www.brooklynkids.org; Thursdays, 11:30 am and 2:30 pm, Now – Thurs, April 14; Free with museum admission.

Children five and under hear stories from far away places.

Story and crafts: Pacific Library, 25 Fourth Ave. at Pacific Street; (718) 638-1531; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; Thursdays, 3:30 pm, Free.

Children create art projects based on stories.

Tween time: Sunset Park Library, 5108 Fourth Ave. between 50th and 51st streets; (718) 567-2806; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; Thursdays, 3:30 pm, Free.

Read, play games and listen to music.

After-School homework help:

Cortelyou Library, 1305 Cortelyou Rd. at Argyle Road; (718) 693-7763; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; Thursdays, 3:30 pm, Free.

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Tween time: Mapleton Library, 1702 60th St. at 17th Avenue; (718) 256-2117; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; Thursdays, 4 pm, Free.

Read, play games and listen to music.



Very 'Silly' sounds

This band is just plain "Silly."

The Silly Dilly Band performs high energy, interactive music that's fun for the whole family.

The Brooklyn band brings its original and familiar tunes to the Brooklyn Public Library's main branch on March 5, along with

some colorful costumes and props that make it a truly theatrical experience.

The Silly Dilly Band at the Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza, (718) 230-2100], March 5 at 1 pm. Free. For info, visit www.thesillydillyband.com.

Story craft: Pacific Library, 25 Fourth Ave. at Pacific Street; (718) 638-1531; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265; Thursdays, 4 pm, Free.

Listen to a story and then create a project.

Chess: Borough Park Library, 1265 43rd St. between 12th and 13th avenues; (718) 437-4085; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265; Fridays, 3:30 pm, Fri, March 4 – Fri, April 29; Free.

For all ages.

Chess: Bay Ridge Library, 7223 Ridge Blvd. between 72nd and 73rd streets; (718) 748-5709; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265; Mondays, 3:30 pm, Mon, March 7 – Mon, April 18; Free.

For all ages.

TUES, MARCH 1

"The African Drum": The National Black Theater, 2031-33 Fifth Ave. between 125th and 126th streets; (212) 724-0677; www.shadowboxtheatre.org; 10 and 11:30 am; \$15 (\$20 at the door). African American folk tales.

Toddler Time with RIF: Sunset Park

Library, 5108 Fourth Ave. at 51st Street; (718) 567-2806; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; 10:30 am; Free.

For children 18 to 36 months.

Creative writing: Gumbo, 493 Atlantic Ave. between Nevins Street and Third Avenue; (718) 855-7808; 11–11:45 am; \$120.

Children seven to ten get helpful writing hints from Debbie Officer.

Boating lessons: Old Mill Yacht Club, 163-15 Crossbay Blvd. (718) 623-3114; helen-cohen@hok.com; 7:30 pm; \$80.

Flotilla 11-3 of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary presents a seven week course with an exam to follow. Pre-registration required.

WED, MARCH 2

"The African Drum": 10 and 11:30 am. The National Black Theater. See Tuesday, March 1.

Open mic: Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch, Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza; (718) 230-2100; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265; 5 pm; Free.

For teens and tweens.

THURS, MARCH 3

"The African Drum": 10 and 11:30 am. The National Black Theater. See Tuesday, March 1.

FRI, MARCH 4

"The African Drum": 10 and 11:30 am. The National Black Theater. See Tuesday, March 1.

Seussical celebration: Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue; (718) 735-4400; www.brooklynkids.org; 11:30 am–12:30 pm; \$7.50 (Free for members and children under one).

Spend the morning listening to favorite tales and create a party hat to take home. For children 18 months to two and one-half years.

SAT, MARCH 5

American history academy:

Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierreport St. at Clinton Street; (718) 222-4111; education@brooklynhistory.org; www.brooklynhistory.org; 9 and 10:30 am; Free.

Six week course for children in grades 11 and 12. History review led by instructors Eugene Resnick and Jeff Schneider. Registration required.

American history academy:

Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierreport St. at Clinton Street; (718) 222-4111; education@brooklynhistory.org; www.brooklynhistory.org; 9 and 10:30 am; Free.

Six week course for children in grades six through 12. Exploring Brooklyn Through Art led by Monique Ford. Registration required.

"Mi bebe es un heroe": Repertorio Espanol, 138 E. 27th St. (212) 225-9920; www.repertorio.org; Noon; \$12.

Bilingual puppet show that teaches the importance of love and family values. For children two and up.

The Silly Dilly Band: Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch, Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza; (718) 230-2100; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265; 1 pm; Free.

Interactive music for the whole family.

Nature crafts: Salt Marsh Nature Center, 3302 Avenue U; (718) 421-2021; 1 pm; Free with museum admission.

Children 12 and under create a project using natural materials.

"The African Drum": 2 pm. The National Black Theater. See Tuesday, March 1.

SUN, MARCH 6

CPR class: Gumbo, 493 Atlantic Ave. between Nevins Street and Third Ave-

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nue; (718) 855-7808; 10 am–noon; \$75 (\$50 for partner).

Infant and child safety. Registration required.

Marine mammal watch: Coney Island Beach, West 10th Street and the Boardwalk; (718) 421-2021; www.ny-cgovparks.org; 11 am; Free.

Watch the seals and whales from the beach.

Tea party: Fort Greene Park Visitor Center, Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park; (718) 723-3218; 1 pm; Free with museum admission.

Girls 12 and under learn about women in history with a cup of tea or milk and cookies.

Earthworks: Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue; (718) 735-4400; www.brooklynkids.org; 1:30–2:30 pm; Free with museum admission.

Children four and up explore the urban forest, the ecosystem and the trees all around.

The Beauty of the Ballet: Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College, 2900 Campus Rd. at Hillel Place; (718) 951-4500; www.brooklyncenteronline.org; 2 pm; Free.

School of American Ballet students perform excerpts from *The Sleeping Beauty* and *The Nutcracker*.

TUES, MARCH 8

Toddler Time with RIF: Mill Basin Library, 2385 Ralph Ave. (718) 241-3973; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; 10:30 am; Free.

For children 18 to 36 months.

Babies and Books: Sunset Park Library, 5108 Fourth Ave. at 51st Street; (718) 567-2806; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; 10:30 am; Free.

For children birth to 18 months.

Photography workshop: Red Hook Library, 7 Wolcott St. between Richards and Dwight streets; (718) 935-0203; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; 10:30 am; Free.

Two part session for teens and tweens.

Creative writing: 11–11:45 am. Gumbo. See Tuesday, March 1.

Computer games: Homecrest Library, 2525 Coney Island Ave. between Gravesend Neck Road and Avenue V; (718) 382-5924; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; 3:30 pm; Free.

For teens.

Boating lessons: 7:30 pm. Old Mill Yacht Club. See Tuesday, March 1.

WED, MARCH 9

"The Big Brooklyn Playdate":



'Whoop,' there it is!

What do you get when you mix dragons, sea monsters and cardboard?

It couldn't be anything other than the latest original show from the Paper Bag Players.

"Whoop-De-Doo," coming to Kingsborough Community College on March 27, is about a dragon named Volcano, a boy named Boom and a sea monster, and has the cast soaring in a hot

air balloon, paddling a canoe, and catching a train from the imaginative set.

It's sure to inspire your kids to start their own paper bag adventures.

"Whoop-De-Doo" at Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue, (718) 368-5000], March 27 at 2 pm. Tickets \$12. For info, visit www.kingsborough.edu.

FRI, MARCH 11

Special Education Forum: Regina Pacis Center, 1258 65th St. between 11th and 12th avenues; (718) 238-6044; 10 am–1 pm; Free.

Dr. Richard Selznick, author of *The Shut Down Learner: Helping Your Academically Discouraged Child* is the guest speaker along with a panel of special ed experts. For parents and educators in School Districts 20, 21 and 22.

Computer games: 3:30 pm. Homecrest Library. See Tuesday, March 8.

SAT, MARCH 12

American history academy: 9 and 10:30 am. Brooklyn Historical Society. See Saturday, March 5.

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"Saris and Sitars": Old First Reformed Church, 729 Carroll St. at Seventh Avenue; (718) 638-8300; 11 am and 1 pm; \$15 (\$10 Sunday performances).

Classical Indian music and play presented by Chocolate Chip Chamber Music.

Cooking demonstration: Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue; (718) 735-4400; www.brooklynkids.org; 12:30–1 pm; Free with museum admission.

Children of all ages learn about spices and Persian cuisine from Azita Mehran.

"Sorpresas": Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch, Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza; (718) 230-2100; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265; 1 pm; Free.

Annabella Gonzalez Dance Theater performs modern dance with a Latin twist.

SUN, MARCH 13

Ellen Bari: BookCourt, 163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets; (718) 875-3677; www.bookcourt.org; 11 am; Free.

Author of the children's book *"Jumping Jenny."*

Baby fair: Toren, 150 Myrtle Ave. between Prince Street and Flatbush Avenue Extension; www.achildgrows.com/expo; 11 am–4 pm; \$35 (\$60 for two).

This first ever baby expo, presented by A Child Grows in Brooklyn, showcases top resources for parents, workshops, demonstrations and seminars. Registration required.

"Saris and Sitars": 3 and 4:30 pm. Old First Reformed Church. See Saturday, March 12.

TUES, MARCH 15

Toddler Time with RIF: 10:30 am. Sunset Park Library. See Tuesday, March 1.

Toddler Time with RIF: 10:30 am. Mill Basin Library. See Tuesday, March 8.

Creative writing: 11–11:45 am. Gumbo. See Tuesday, March 1.

THURS, MARCH 17

Crafts and stories: Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue; (718) 735-4400; www.brooklynkids.org; 5 pm; Free with museum admission.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by making a shamrock project and visit with reptiles from the living exhibit.

FRI, MARCH 18

"A New Day": Brooklyn Museum Theater, 200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue; (347) 365-6057; moving-mountainsinc@gmail.com; www.moving-mountainsinc.com

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Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch, Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza; (718) 230-2100; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265; 10:30 am; Free.

Bring your toddlers three and up and learn how to make a peek-a-boo tunnel out of cardboard or edible play dough.

Free money for college: Clarendon Library, 2035 Nostrand Ave. at Farragut Road; (718) 421-1159; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org; 1:30 pm; Free.

On-line search for grants and other financial assistance.

Fitness workshop: Mill Basin Library, 2385 Ralph Ave. at Veterans Avenue; (718) 241-3973; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265; 4 pm; Free.

Zubatomatic for Kids offers a combination of fun and fitness with international rhythms and dance.

THURS, MARCH 10

Photography workshop: 10:30 am. Red Hook Library. See Tuesday, March 8.

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ingmountainsnyc.org; 11 am and 5 pm; \$15 (\$10 students).

Directed by Jamie Hector, the play teaches students how to deal with bullies, cyber bullies and abusive relationships, followed by a Q&A discussion. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Arts and crafts: Gerritsen Beach Library, 2808 Gerritsen Ave. between Bartlett Place and Gotham Avenue; (718) 368-1435; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265; 2:30 pm; Free.

Children make a fun project.

SAT, MARCH 19

American history academy: 9 and 10:30 am. Brooklyn Historical Society. See Saturday, March 5.

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I Spy Spring: Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue; (718) 735-4400; www.brooklynkids.org; 11:30 am–12:30 pm; Free with museum admission.

Hunt in the gardens for clues that Spring is coming. For children five and under.

"City of Hamburgers": Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch, Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza; (718) 230-2100; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265; 1 pm; Free.

Puppet play about Jeffrey's grandmother and her youth in Germany, presented by Alphabet Arts.

Arts and crafts: Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue; (718) 735-4400; www.brooklynkids.org; 2:30–3:30 pm; Free with museum admission.

Tots five and under make a lucky collage with green materials to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

SUN, MARCH 20

Purim festival: Kings Bay YMCA, 3495 Nostrand Ave. between Avenues U and V; (718) 648-7703 X 216; info@kingsbay.org; 11 am–2 pm; Free.

Rides, sand art, carnival games and costume contest.

Nature hunt: Prospect Park Audubon Center, Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue; (718) 722-3218; www.prospectpark.org/audubon; 11 am; Free with museum admission.

Children of all ages search for the illusive salamander.

I Spy Spring: 11:30 am–12:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum. See Saturday, March 19.



Very important date

"I'm late, I'm late for a very important date," said the White Rabbit to Alice. But you don't have to be. You can be right on time to see Puppetworks's production of Lewis Carroll's beloved adventure "Alice in Wonderland," which is staged every Saturday, now through April 17. Performances, (at 12:30 and 2:30 pm), are directed by Ni-

colas Coppola and feature original songs and scenery based on Sir John Tenniel's illustrations.

Tickets are \$7 for children, \$8 for adults and \$6 each for groups of 20 or more. Reservations are suggested but not necessary.

Puppetworks Inc. [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-3391]. For information, visit the website at www.puppetworks.org.

Arts and crafts: 2:30–3:30 pm. Brooklyn Children's Museum. See Saturday, March 19.

'S Wonderful: Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College, 2900 Campus Rd. at Hillel Place; (718) 951-4500; www.brooklyncenter-online.org; 3 pm; \$32 (\$35 at door).

A musical tribute to George and Ira Gershwin.

Laurie Halse Anderson: Leonard Nimoy Thalia, 2537 Broadway at West 96th Street; (212) 316-4962; www.symphonyspace.org; 4 pm; \$15 (\$12 members).

The author talks about her books "Speak" and her newest release, "Forge" the sequel to "Chains".

TUES, MARCH 22

Toddler Time with RIF: 10:30 am. Mill Basin Library. See Tuesday, March 8.

Babies and Books: 10:30 am. Sunset Park Library. See Tuesday, March 8.

Creative writing: 11–11:45 am. Gumbo. See Tuesday, March 1.

FRI, MARCH 25

"Land Before Time-The Great Longneck Migration": Pacific Library, 25 Fourth Ave. at Pacific Street; (718) 638-1531; <http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org>; 4–5 pm; Free.

The second installment of the dinosaur animated flick.

SAT, MARCH 26

American history academy: 9 and 10:30 am. Brooklyn Historical Society. See Saturday, March 5.

American history academy: 9 and 10:30 am. Brooklyn Historical Society. See Saturday, March 5.

Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Naptime Players: Peter Jay Sharpe Theatre, 2537 Broadway at West 96th Street; (212) 864-5400;

www.symphonyspace.org; 11 am and 2 pm; \$13–\$27.

This Grammy award winning nominee presents his high energy pop sound that will get everyone, including mom and pop, on their feet dancing and singing along.

Ellen Bari: Greenlight Bookstore, 686 Fulton St. between South Elliott Place and South Portland Avenue; (718) 246-0200; greenlightbookstore.com; 11 am; Free.

Author of the children's book "Jumping Jenny."

Fitness workshop: Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch, Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza; (718) 230-2100; www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265; 1 pm; Free.

Zumbatomic for Kids offers a combination of fun and fitness with international rhythms and dance.

Dr. Yvonne Thornton: Brooklyn Children's Museum, 145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue; (718) 735-4400; www.brooklynkids.org; 2 pm; Free with museum admission.

Author of "The Ditchdigger's Daughters" and "Something to Prove."

SUN, MARCH 27

"Whoop-De-Doo": Kingsborough Community College, 2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue; (718) 368-5000; www.kingsborough.edu; 2 pm; \$12.

With a dragon named Volcano, a boy named Boom and a Sea Monster, how can you go wrong? For children in pre-k through third grade.

TUES, MARCH 29

Toddler Time with RIF: 10:30 am. Sunset Park Library. See Tuesday, March 1.

Toddler Time with RIF: 10:30 am. Mill Basin Library. See Tuesday, March 8.

Creative writing: 11–11:45 am. Gumbo. See Tuesday, March 1.

SAT, APRIL 2

American history academy: 9 and 10:30 am. Brooklyn Historical Society. See Saturday, March 5.

American history academy: 9 and 10:30 am. Brooklyn Historical Society. See Saturday, March 5.

"Rocknoceros": Thalia Theatre, 2537 Broadway at West 96th Street; (212) 864-5400; www.symphonyspace.org; 11 am; \$10.

Featuring the talents of Coach Cotton, Williebob and Boogie Woogie Bennie. It's a rocking good time for everyone.

"Mi bebe es un heroe": Noon. Repertorio Espanol. See Saturday, March 5.

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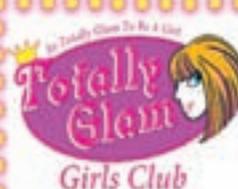
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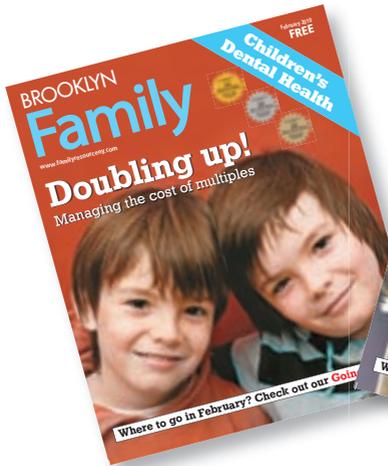
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Brooklyn Artists Tees are \$18.50 each and available at Sprout Kidz [849A Union St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 398-2280] and online at www.softclothing.net.

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"Groove" to this funky new children's CD.

"Groove Kid Nation: The Wheels on the Bus" features classic children's songs redone as soul foot-stompers. There's "Itsy Bitsy Spider," "The Alphabet Song," and, of course, "The Wheels on the Bus," as well as original material.

The CD is the brainchild of musician Rodney Lee, who wanted to

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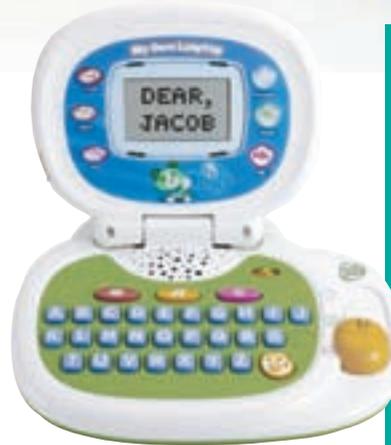
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