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Director's Note:

On a recent trip to visit the Boston Rescue Mission to see what programs Discovery Program might have to offer their population, I met a man named Dennis. Dennis is in his fifties. He was in seventeen different foster homes before the age of eighteen and ultimately dropped out of school and became involved in crimes and lived life involved in deviant behavior. As Dennis was sharing his story, he indicated that his life would have been very different if someone had recognized his learning difficulties. He likened reading and writing to a gift, almost like a very special present, that nobody was able to give to him. It was bittersweet to hear Dennis' desire for this "present" of reading and writing and know that Discovery Program has helped many children receive this gift, yet there are many others out there desiring help with no real hope. I commend you parents, for helping to give your child this "present" and we are striving for new and creative ways to help reach all children who are struggling to learn. It is a privilege to partner with you!

Chesapeake Office:

The Chesapeake office's new sign has drawn attention to our program here in the Greenbrier section of Chesapeake! We're servicing five new students since the new year began. Both Martha Davey and Lynn Schaubert are servicing students at the new office. We're encouraged by all the interest in Discovery Program's newest location.

Peninsula and North Suffolk Offices:

School administrators have responded with enthusiasm to the suggested pilot program of the Group Educational Therapy (GET) for the 2007-2008 school year in their individual schools. Parents will be approached and encouraged to consider this opportunity for the upcoming year. Discovery Program, Inc. is excited about training experienced NILD educational therapists this summer to work with groups of four while at the same time continuing to provide the one-on-one therapy services. We look forward to making this available to more students!

Park Place School:

Last Friday we had the exciting opportunity to visit the Virginia Air and Space Center for a personal visit with astronaut Bernard A. Harris, Jr., M.D., the first African-American to travel in space. He challenged our students to "dare to dream". It was a fun and educational time for students and teachers!

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DP, Inc. is thrilled to invite you to browse our new website at www.discoveryprogram-inc.com! Come and see our online resources, including this and future Propensities. We have big plans for using this medium to make ourselves and our information more accessible to students, their families and related professionals. We would love your feedback regarding the site. Let us know how it is helpful to you as well as other ways we can better serve you through this online format. Your input is quite valuable to us!

Save the Date!

- WHAT?** An evening of **ARENA RACING** fun for Discovery Program families & staff
WHEN? Saturday evening, **March 17th** @ 6:15
WHERE? Hampton Coliseum
WHY? Bonding, fun and lots of laughter!
COST? 12 and under → \$3.00
OVER 12 years old → \$9.00

TICKETS!

Purchase as many tickets as you would like for you and your family **ahead of time** by **emailing Allison Mullinax** directly at:

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or **call** Allison Mullinax at (423) 488-2739

Purchase your tickets as early as possible so we can get them into your hands before the big day!

Student Highlights:

Joey Goff, Mrs. Spence's third grade therapy student, competed in the Pinewood Derby Race with his Cub Scout Pack #66. Joey's "Batmobile" car won **first place** overall! **Congratulations, Joey!**

Collin MacKenzie, third year therapy student at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, was the recipient of a \$1500 grant awarded by Verizon Wireless to The HOPELINE Program which supports victims of domestic abuse. This grant was given in his name as a result of his collecting 435 used cell phones which were then refurbished for use by those less fortunate. **Thank you, Collin, for your hard work and contribution to the Suffolk community!**

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