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Director's Note:

Happy New Year! As we continue to focus this year on stewardship and valuing our students and families we are excited about an upcoming professional development day for the Discovery Program staff. On February 13th, Dr. Mel Levine has been invited by the National Institute for Learning Development (NILD), our parent company, to present an all day workshop on "How Children and Adolescents Become Wired for Success. How We Can Understand and Manage All Kinds of Minds." In addition to Discovery Program therapists, teachers, administrators and parents are invited and welcome to attend. Dr. Levine's workshop will transform the way you think about learning! We anticipate returning from this workshop refreshed, renewed and reinvigorated. I know our students will notice a difference in us. We would love to see many of you at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel on February 13th. – Kristin Barbour, Director

Peninsula and North Suffolk Offices:

We value the opportunity to partner with public and private school educators. As we meet with school administrators and understand their needs we are responding with an offering of specific topics relating to classroom educators for their ongoing professional development.

– Wanda Parks, Peninsula Site Coordinator

Chesapeake Office:

The Chesapeake office was highlighted in the January and February edition of "The Shopper" which has stirred some new interest in our program. We're excited by the graduation from the program of two of our students. Helping to equip lifelong learners is a valuable endeavor.

– Pattie Perry, Chesapeake Site Coordinator

It's Not Too Late!!

Join us for a one-day seminar that delivers results you'll see immediately. How Children and Adolescents Become Wired for Success. How We Can Understand and Manage All Kinds of Minds. Dr. Mel Levine at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel on February 13th. Call 423-8646 for registration information.

Student Highlights:

Sarah Jett, 6th grader at Norfolk Christian School, won 3rd place for her Science Fair project on bacteria growth in bathrooms. Good Luck in the upcoming regional competition.

CONGRATULATIONS!

CeCe Shoemaker, was awarded Honorable Mention for her Science Fair project on plants. This 6th grader at Norfolk Christian School now has the opportunity to enter her project in the regional competition. **GREAT JOB!**

Ian and Tanner Jackson, both students at NSA, earned the Golden Helmet Award for their respective Nansemond Suffolk Saints Pop Warner football teams. This award is given to a team member who demonstrates pride in doing the right thing, respect for self, team, parents and teachers, love of teammates and the game of football, a caring attitude toward teammates, and putting others in front of themselves. **Ian** was also selected as team captain. Each team won its division title. **WAY TO GO!**

Clara Glagola and her family are wonderful stewards of the earth, rescuing and rehabilitating raccoons, squirrels, and other animals in need who are given to them by the Virginia Living Museum or private contractors who came upon injured or orphaned wildlife. **WOW!**



Allison Mullinax - Principal

Though our mission at Park Place School is to provide at-risk elementary school students the basic reading, spelling and math skills necessary for academic success, teachers and staff members quickly realize that our efforts here run much deeper than our mission statement might suggest. Park Place students may struggle academically in one or more areas, but they have each been gifted with unique talents and skills. As we offer cutting edge academic intervention, we seek to not only place importance on obtaining these academic skills, but we seek to also value each child's unique contribution to our school. As stewards of this school and every child in it, teachers and staff members at Park Place count it our privilege to educate and nurture each student, knowing that they have been entrusted to us for this short, but precious time. With this perspective, our hope is that this school can be a place of equipping students, where we truly are changing lives to change the world!

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