

*The mission of The Learning Center for the Deaf is to ensure that all deaf and hard of hearing children and adults thrive by having the knowledge, opportunity and power to design the future of their choice.*

# MEETING ACCESSIBILITY



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**We will have a Live Question and Answer after each topic and at the end of the session**

**Chat comments will be monitored by the host**

# Welcome! Tonight's Agenda:

- Presenter:
  - **Glennis Matthews, TLC Superintendent**
- Community ASL Classes for Families
- The ASL Shop
- Parent/Caregiver Volunteer Application
- Campus Safety Updates
- Staffing Needs Updates
- TLCPA Family Engagement Workshop
- Family School Partnership Initiative Regional Meetings
- MetroWest YMCA Summer Camp



# (Re)sharing is Caring!

Community ASL Classes

ASL Shop

Parent/Caregiver Volunteer Application

# Community ASL Classes

# ASL Community Classes

Spring 2024 registration is now OPEN!

- Level 1
  - In Person - Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
  - Zoom - Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Level 2
  - In Person - Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
  - Zoom - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Level 3
  - Zoom - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Level 4
  - Zoom - Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

# ASL Community Classes (for families and staff)

**NEW!** Level 5 has been added!!

- Level 5
  - Zoom - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Next session, Spring 2024 will begin on April 1st! Registration is NOW OPEN!

# ASL Community Classes (continued)

- Each six-week session is **\$195**
- ANY ASL class (Level 1-5, ANY!) offered to our current students' primary caregiver(s) for FREE!

# ASL for Kids Classes (children ages 5-15)

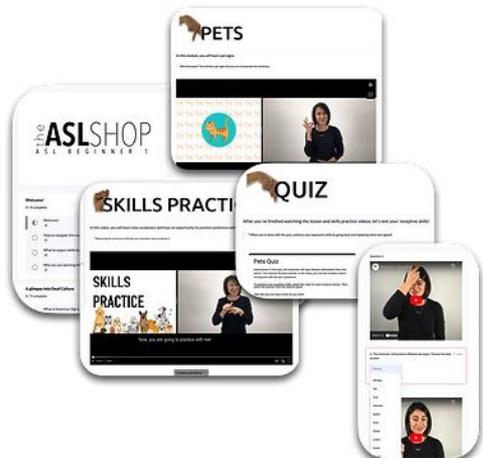
- Intro and Advanced offered!
- One adult must accompany child(ren)
- 6 weeks for \$200 1st child; \$100 additional child
- Advanced ASL for Kids is student-led!
  - Began on February 29th

# ASL Classes Information - Where to find???

# The ASL Shop

# Communication Access Services

## THE ASL SHOP



### ABOUT

## The ASL Shop

We're firm believers in having fun! Our approach is less textbook, more hands-on! We believe in creating a strong foundation in language learning. Learning ASL from **native** signers will allow you to achieve fluency.

- Harvard grant
- Level 1 and 2
- Free for one year

### 1. SELF PACED COURSE

Live group sessions not for you? Not to worry! Self-paced online classes are available! Subscribe to our package and receive access to tons of online video lessons, exams, and fun ways to practice, all at your own pace! Only \$12.99 per month!

### 2. GROUP SESSION

We offer live group sessions several times a week that are conducted via Zoom. You can learn ASL anywhere! As long as you have a device with a camera, you're ready to go!



# Parent/Caregiver Volunteer Application

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# Updates: Campus Safety

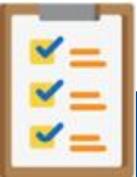
# Campus Safety - Run, Hide, or Fight



- Todd McGhee, Counter-terrorism expert
- Retired from Massachusetts State Police
- Trained under Dept of Homeland Security
- On-site training for TLC leaders
- Staff and student training

# Safety: Four Critical Aspects

1. Prevent
2. Prepare
3. Respond
4. Recover



# Prevent

- Ongoing consultation from Todd McGhee
- Continued collaboration with Framingham Police
- **Physical security enhancements:**
  - Changed interior locks in ECC, Elementary, Secondary, Audiology, Schwab Athletic Center, the Administration Building, and Pipe House.
  - Next up: Walden School & 300 House



# Prevent

- Keyless entry:
  - Continuing to add slide card readers on buildings.
  - Centralized all keyless entry access changes in HR; access assigned by position
- Will replace exterior keys on all buildings starting 3/27/24



# Prepare

- Layered Solutions expansion:
- Configured 15 more remotes to lockdown campus. **Total remotes: 19**
- Installed 15 receivers throughout campus.
- Tested remotes and receivers on 3/15/24
- **Replaced 94 TVs on campus!**



# Prepare

- All new staff receive Run, Hide, Fight training when hired
- Lockdown drill: Framingham Police have asked that we coordinate with them
  - Date TBD - Staff ONLY first, then with students
  - Communication- all stakeholders
  - Family Forum with Todd McGhee and Karen Bishop (COO) before drill with students
- Recertify the first group of trainers this Spring.



# Updates: Staffing needs

# Organization Staff Needs

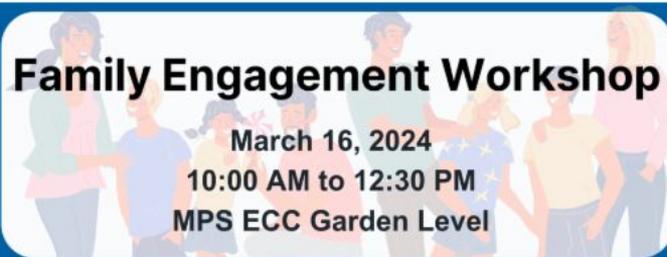
Position	Vacancies
WS Director	1
HR Director	1
TLC Res. Director	1
Secondary Asst. Principal	1
DCCW	1
Overnight CCW	3
Res. CCW	3
MPS Classroom Asst.	8
WCS Therapist	2
Interpreter	2
Nurse	1
Teacher	4
TOD for PSP	2
<b>Total Vacancies</b>	<b>31</b>



Ready to  
**Make a Difference?**  
Ready to  
**BE and FEEL Inspired?**  
**We're Hiring!**




# New Additions: TLCPA Family Engagement Workshop



# Family Engagement Workshop

March 16, 2024

10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

MPS ECC Garden Level

Bring grandparents, cousins; all family members are welcome, please include anyone important to your child!



**Language Play  
in ASL**

*Mike Higgins*



**Deaf Inclusion  
at Home**

*Todd Czubek*

Interpreters and childcare  
will be provided.

*To request childcare,  
email Laura Richards:  
laurahrichards@gmail.com*



# Upcoming Events: Family School Partnership Initiative

# Family School Partnership!!

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF  
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
**EDUCATION**



**School & Main Institute**  
Where community interests intersect

## 2022-2023 Massachusetts Family School Partnership Initiative

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in partnership with Pat Spradley, former Chief of Parent and Community Engagement for Springfield Public Schools, and School & Main Institute, is offering an opportunity to receive training, coaching, and strategic planning support to strengthen district systems for family school partnership.



# Family School Partnership Initiative Goals

- Look at our current partnership efforts through a reflective process
- Identify strengths, gaps and areas of opportunity
- Build awareness to support deeper family partnership work
- YOU!!

# Family School Partnership Initiative



- Part I video: Introduction
- Part II video: Focus Area/Priorities
- Found on the Family Resources page



# FSPI Regional Meetings

(Shared our Family Newsletters)

- Tuesday, December 5 2023 in Lawrence, MA
- Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at TLC
- Tuesday, February 6, 2024 in Worcester
- **Tuesday, April 2, 2024** in Norfolk!
  - 5:30 - 7:00
  - *Norfolk Public Library*  
2 Liberty Lane, Norfolk, MA



# Upcoming Events: MetroWest YMCA Summer Camp

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# METROWEST YMCA SUMMER CAMP 2024



## REGISTER TODAY!

Camp Weeks: July 29 – August 2 and August 5 – August 9; Monday-Friday, 9:00am–4:00pm

Activities include: Swimming, archery, boating, sports, team building, rock wall climbing, and outdoor adventure fun!

- There will be limited spots available for deaf and hard-of-hearing campers from the MetroWest region outside of TLC
- **Transportation:** Busing for an additional fee. Please note we do not provide communication facilitators during this time.
- **AM/PM Care:** For an addition fee. Please note we do not provide communication facilitators during this time.
- Lunch may be purchased in Hopkinton for a weekly cost of \$30
- Please reach out to [Ycampoffice@metrowestymca.org](mailto:Ycampoffice@metrowestymca.org) if you intend to register for summer camp. Deadline to register: June 14



## WHY THE Y?

The Y is committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment where every child can develop relationships, conflict resolution skills, community belongingness. Campers will enjoy:

- Outdoor free swim & swim lessons
- Climbing & ropes courses
- Archery & sports
- Canoeing & kayaking
- Creative arts, science & more!

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Within available resources, the Y provides financial assistance to those who cannot afford the full fee for membership and programs. Apply at the Y.

**Hopkinton Outdoor Center**  
45 East Street  
Hopkinton, MA 01748  
508-435-9345



# Upcoming Events: Casino Night



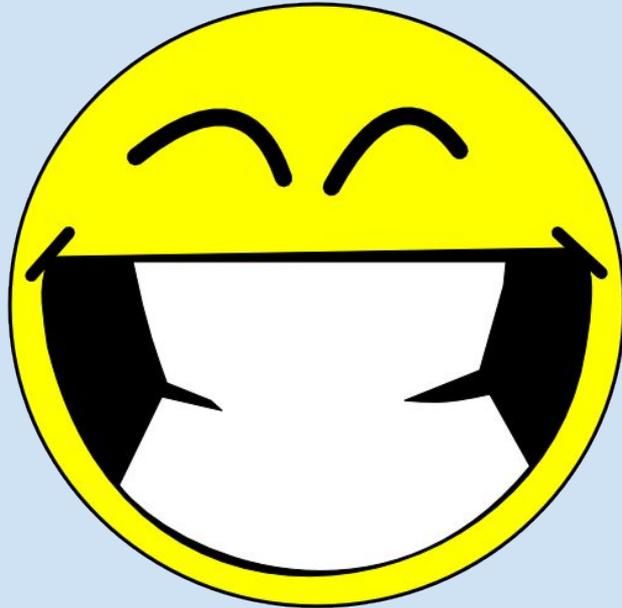
**Buy your ticket  
today to support  
TLC!**

**Please check our  
Sponsorship  
opportunities!**

**Annual Warren  
Schwab Award  
Nomination Form**

# Q&A

# Bonus!!!





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Thank you!