

# Dyslexia Center News

Anyone wishing to apply to the Center may access our application through our website at: [www.nicholls.edu/dyslexia](http://www.nicholls.edu/dyslexia). On our website, you can learn more about the college program, evaluations, and upcoming events. Our website has gone through some recent changes along with an updated application form.

The end of the fall semester is quickly approaching, and this week the coordinators have been busy helping students with their spring 2010 semester schedule. The last day of class will be Tuesday, December 1st, and the following day will be a study day where faculty will be on campus. Finals begin on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and end on Wednesday, December 9, 2009.

## Unmasking Their Potential

The keynote speaker for our conference this year will be Linda Farrell who is a founding partner at Readsters. Linda is also coauthor of several publications, including *Phonics Blitz*, *Phonics Boost*, the *Diagnostics Decoding Surveys*, *Teaching Reading Essentials Program Guide and Coach's Guide* (coauthored with Dr. Louisa Moats), and *DIBELS: the Practical Manual*. Linda also works with schools to help them design and implement effective reading instruction in all grades focusing primarily on assessing and teaching pre-reading skills, decoding, and vocabulary. Linda's mission is for all children to learn to read in the early grades so the need for teaching adults to read is eliminated.

★ **Mark your calendar: January 30, 2010**

Registration forms will be attached to the December newsletter.

## Homework Troubles?

Tutoring programs are located in Morgan City, Thibodaux and Houma. Contact Tammy at (985)852-7379 for more information or to be placed on the waiting list.



©Tutoring services are available throughout the school year including the summer months.

For any educational training needs, please call our Director, Karen Chauvin @ (985)448-4897. The Center can tailor a program to fit your school/staff needs.

## IDA Conference News

Three coordinators will be going to the International Dyslexia Association Conference in Lake Buena Vista, FL on November 10-14, 2009. The coordinators anticipate learning about new and innovative strategies and information related to dyslexia. The coordinators hope to use some of the information they learned at the Center's conference in January.

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## Operation White Socks Update

Through the efforts of several organizations and the Dyslexia Center, 1,840 pairs of socks have been collected. The Center would like to thank the NSU Accounting Club, Beta Alpha Si and the Louisiana Wildlife Agent's Association for their efforts to help us reach our goal of 1,000 pairs of socks. These socks are already on the way to soldiers stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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