

Spring Newsletter 2024

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Take Flight Graduation Speakers 2024



Bryan Armes
Dyslexia Therapist Lubbock ISD



Max and his mother, Lynsey
Canyon ISD



Cate and her mother,
Rachel, Lubbock



Misty Wilkins
Dyslexia Therapist River Road ISD

Graduation ceremonies will be held on May 5, 2024 at the Lubbock and Amarillo Learning Centers. Programs will honor students completing the *Take Flight, Jet, and Bridges* curricula and Teacher Trainees completing the Dyslexia Therapist Training programs. The event celebrates achievements and looks forward to future success.

Upcoming Event:

Scottish Rite Car Show 2024

Join us for this family friendly & free event!

April 20, 2024

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Scottish Rite — 1101 70th St. — Lubbock

Car Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Car Entry Fee \$25

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May 5, 2024

Lubbock and Amarillo Centers Featured Graduation Speakers

Bryan Armes, Lubbock Independent School District

Brian has been teaching for 16 years at Lubbock ISD. During that time he has taught reading intervention, 3rd Grade RLA and 4th Grade RLA. He is currently serving his second year as a Dyslexia Therapist. Brian believes that students often meet the expectations you set for them. For this reason, he has high expectations for each of his students. He believes his students are capable of working hard and achieving big goals. Brian appreciates the opportunity to train at the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas. Not only has it prepared him for his career as a Dyslexia Therapist, but it has also given him insight into how his daughter, who has dyslexia, learns. The training he has received has also changed the way he approaches education and he feels blessed to be part of this program.



Cate and her mother, Rachel Myers, Lubbock Classical Tutorial School

Cate is honored to speak at this year's graduation ceremony. She loves to read, bake, sew, climb trees and truly do anything that includes crafting or the outdoors. She will be moving into 7th grade at Lubbock Classical Tutorial for Fall 2024, which is a program that works alongside homeschooling families to foster a well-rounded, classical education. She loves spending time with her friends at LCT, church, and practically lives at the pool when it is open during summertime. She is deeply grateful for the time and dedication poured into her through Mrs. Parrish and everyone else who works and serves at the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas. As the first student to complete the *Bridges* curriculum, she recognizes how truly fortunate she is to have had this opportunity!

Rachel Myers, Cate's mom, is also very thankful to be joining Cate on stage during the Graduation Ceremony. Rachel and her husband, Levi, have five children: Cate being the oldest. She completed her education in Virginia and worked in higher education for 15 years before transitioning to a different full-time role for a local business owner in Lubbock. She's grateful that her career and desire to teach her children at home has been successful and looks forward to the future!

Rachel will be forever thankful to the staff and students at the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas. Because of the center, she feels that not only her life, but also Cate's life has been changed for the better.

Misty Wilkins, Dyslexia Therapist River Road ISD

Misty feels blessed for the opportunity to work at Rolling Hills Elementary within the River Road Independent School District. Out of her ten years of teaching experience, seven have been dedicated to this school district. She holds certifications in Early Childhood Education for 1st through 6th grades, English as a Second Language, and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Special Education with a specialization in Dyslexia. She is also pursuing her certification to become an Educational Diagnostician. Married to Kyle Wilkins, Misty has two grown children; Aaron, aged 26, serving in the Air Force, and Trevor, aged 19, currently studying at Amarillo College. In her free time, she enjoys sewing, quilting, crocheting, and reading.



Max and his mother, Lynsey Dorsey, Canyon ISD

Max is 13 years old and is an 8th grade student at Canyon Junior High. His favorite subjects are science and social studies. Max loves riding horses on his grandpa's ranch in Idaho. He enjoys wrestling and football and plays the trombone in band. He is active with his church group and has a slight addiction to listening to the [Hank the Cow Dog](#) series. Max's mom, Lynsey Dorsey is married to Marcus and they have four children. Originally from Idaho, they now live in the Texas Panhandle. Lynsey has a degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. Her joys include her children, reading, baking, and caring for chickens and bees. Lynsey feels that Max's involvement at the Learning Center is a blessing. She is grateful she and Max are part of the SRLCWT community!

2024 Student Grads

Lubbock Graduating Students



Brayden



Cate



Jacob

Amarillo Graduating Students



Emma



Seth



Riley



Macy



Maddison



Garrison



Finley



Max

The Scottish Rite Learning Center is proud to present our students who have completed the *Take Flight Intervention for Students with Dyslexia* curriculum. The program is rigorous and challenging. Our students begin in Book One and progress to completion. They are dedicated to homework every night. Our students practice cursive writing, learn how to apply spelling rules, and learn to love reading. It is a great partnership among the students, the therapists, and the parents who have entrusted their bright children into our program.

Congratulations on Your Accomplishments!

News from Lubbock and Amarillo Learning Centers



Lubbock is 'Build'ing some new readers

Welcome, John and Braylon!

John and Braylon are our newest students. The boys are enrolled in the *Build* curriculum. They enjoy learning new things every day. Mrs. Hester and Mrs. Parrish make sure the learning environment is perfect for these new learners.

Amarillo Scottish Rite Learning Center 2024 Graduating Teacher

We take great pride in introducing our graduating Teacher Trainees. Their commitment and expertise will have a positive influence on numerous students.
Congratulations!



Gloria Mason, Dumas ISD.
Heather Hall, Lefors, ISD.
Misty Wilkins, River Road ISD.

"The future depends on what you do today."
Mahatma Gandhi

Lubbock Scottish Rite Learning Center 2024 Graduating Teacher



Back Row: Emily Weaver, Shallowater ISD. Stephany McDougal, Lubbock ISD. Bryan Armes, Lubbock ISD. Teresa Bullock, Seminole ISD. Darla Dennis, Brownfield ISD. Tori Ramey, Big Spring ISD. Shelby Hendrick, Cooper ISD.

Front Row: Dana Davis, Lubbock ISD. Kelly Addison, Cooper ISD. Kelley Bearden, Lubbock ISD. Sheila Ward, Big Spring ISD. Holly Chowning, Idalou ISD. Deana Swartz, Seminole ISD. Amanda Lee, Shallowater, ISD.

News from The Lubbock Learning Center: Teacher in the Spotlight



Mrs. Heather Jenkins was recently recognized by the Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392 for her remarkable achievements by receiving the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award of Excellence. The Lamar Medal is awarded to educators and students who have demonstrated outstanding personal achievements in academics, citizenship, community service, or sports. Despite facing a challenging time last year, Mrs. Jenkins exhibited exceptional perseverance, strength, and dedication as she continued to teach her students with selfless commitment, making her a deserving recipient of this prestigious award.

James Clark, a mason and father, nominated Mrs. Jenkins for this prestigious award after participating in Parents and Masons' Day at the Scottish Rite Learning Center. He was impressed with the way Mrs. Jenkins runs her classroom and has observed his daughter not only improve in reading but also gain newfound confidence outside of class.

— Teachers plant seeds that grow forever —

Thank you, Mrs. Jenkins for your excellence and dedication.

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FOR CHILDREN

Turbo Start: A Comprehensive Dyslexia Intervention Curriculum for Newly Identified Students with Dyslexia *(Turbo Start was previously known as Rite Start)*

Turbo Start is a 9-week evidence-based dyslexia intervention that provides a jump start for students of all ages with dyslexia, who require comprehensive intervention while awaiting placement in an intervention group. It offers one-on-one or small group instruction (of no more than 6 students) and covers the five components of Effective Reading Instruction, such as phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension. The curriculum is taught using a direct, systematic, cumulative, multisensory method of introduction and practice to meet specific needs of newly identified students with dyslexia. **Training information coming soon!**

Features:

- Taught by a Certified Academic Language Therapist
- Provides foundational training in five specific components of reading intervention
- Each component is taught developmentally
- Flexibility in the intervention timeline to prepare students to enter dyslexia in a group setting
- Four days a week (60 minutes per day) or five days a week (45 minutes per day)



Key Findings:

- Turbo Start is designed to enable students who are newly identified and ready to begin dyslexia intervention to drop in at any time until a group is formed
- It draws content from the evidence-based Take Flight curriculum
- Turbo Start introduces content from the first two books of Take Flight lesson cycle sequence.

News from The Learning Center: Students in the Spotlight



Molly and her classmates participated in the Science Fair at her school in Lubbock. She learned a lot about Sunflowers and how plants grow.



Seth was able to learn to surf and had a great adventure in Hawaii over his summer break. Learning new skills can be fun. Way to hang ten, Seth!



Although Zion is a busy guy with after school Dyslexia Therapy, he still finds time to excel at piano lessons and playing flag football.



John began Jiu Jitsu this year with his little sister, and is coached by his big sister, Liz. He enjoys it and puts in great effort. He started piano lessons 2 years ago, requesting them a year before that! He likes playing "Yankee Doodle."



The 27th Annual C.J. Davidson Memorial Lecture Series: Advances in Literacy 2024



Above: Thank you to the Masons for supporting the Scottish Rite Learning Centers and making the 27th annual C.J. Davidson Memorial Lecture Series possible. Pictured with our speaker, Elsa Cardenas-Hagan (in front). In the back are: Gene Eads, Eddie Harris, Bob Chesser, Doug Maxey, Matthew Reynolds, David Mead, and Joseph Ghandour.



Above: The registration ran smoothly with the help of some friends from the Learning Center. Therapists volunteer to help during the morning sign in. From left to right: Pam Adllng, Cherie' Blewett, Dana Davis, Misti Warren, Mandy Campbell, Teresa Bullock, Trish Mathis, and Stephany McDougal.

Below: Attendees get a chance to learn together and share stories with each other. Keely Harral, Donna Rush, and Kelly Addison enjoy the fellowship while learning.

Bottom: Our speaker, Elsa Cardenas-Hagan catches up with fellow ESL/Dyslexia Therapists: Martha Chavez, and Leigh Ann Flores.



Above: Mr. Doug Maxey and Sue Rodgers exchange wise words during a break at the Lecture Series.



Did you Know?.....The C. J. Davidson Memorial Lecture Series began in 1997? This series has featured numerous distinguished speakers from across the globe, covering a wide range of topics including Dyslexia, ADHD, Anxiety, Dysgraphia, Executive Function, Morphology, Orthographic Processing, and more. The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas is committed to continuing this successful endeavor in fostering the ongoing education of therapists, teachers, and parents. The purpose is to enhance the learning experiences of our children.

Below: Thank you to Abel Rocha from All American Eatery for providing a wonderful fajita luncheon. Seated from left to right : Sue Rodgers, Heather Jenkins, Elsa Cardenas-Hagan, Olive Hester, and Cindy Sallee.



Generous Contributions Make a World of Difference. Thank you.

The daily operations of the Scottish Rite Learning Center are generously supported by the Masons and their supporters. Our students receive valuable instruction from the Scottish Rite for Children curriculum. Scholarships and resources for our dyslexia therapist trainees are kindly provided by our steadfast contributors. We express our sincere appreciation to these generous individuals for their dedication to helping our deserving students and teachers.

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It is about making a difference.*
- Kathy Calvin

Our Mission

The mission of the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas is to **establish, maintain, and promote** the premier dyslexia education program in West Texas, the Panhandle, and Eastern New Mexico for the purpose of **training and assisting** individuals with dyslexia.

The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas offers free services to any student aged 6 through 18 who meets the entrance requirements. There are no charges for any services provided to children and their parents. The Center's funding is solely dependent on contributions from generous individuals such as yourself.

If you would like to join our noble cause and help make learning to read possible for children with Dyslexia, scan the QR code to learn more about how you can contribute to our mission.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.
The Center is a 501 (c)(3) Charitable Organization.



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If you have questions, feel free to call the Lubbock Scottish Rite at 806.747.3268.

We appreciate your support.

SRLCWT 2024 Calendar

March 22	Lubbock Introductory Seminar #4
March 29	Good Friday – Lubbock and Amarillo Centers closed
April 1	Easter Monday – Lubbock Center closed
April 5	Amarillo Advanced Seminar #8
April 12	Amarillo Introductory Seminar #4
April 20	Scottish Rite Car Show– Lubbock
May 2	Lubbock Center – Last Day of Classes
May 5	Lubbock and Amarillo Center- Graduation
May 27	Memorial Day – Lubbock and Amarillo Centers closed
May 28 – June 14	Lubbock Center – Introductory Dyslexia Therapist Training
June 3-15	Amarillo Center – Introductory Dyslexia Therapist Training
June 17-21	Amarillo Center – Advanced Dyslexia Therapist Training
June 19	Lubbock Center – Staff workday
June 17—28	Lubbock Center – Advanced Dyslexia Therapist Training
August 26	Lubbock Staff Returns from Summer Break
September 3	Lubbock and Amarillo Student Classes Begin
September 6	<i>Jet</i> Training-Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses
September 13	<i>Turbo Start</i> Training-Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses (morning session) <i>Build</i> Training for CALTs only (afternoon session)
September 20	<i>Build</i> Training for teachers -Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses
September 27	Lubbock Introductory Seminar #1 Amarillo Advanced Seminar #5

Visit our website www.srlcwt.org for the full calendar and all Therapist Training information



The 28th Annual C. J. Davidson Lecture Series: Advances in Literacy 2025



Nancy Mather, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita,
University of
Arizona

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Nancy Mather, Ph.D.

Guest Lecturer

Nancy Mather is a Professor Emerita at the University of Arizona in Tucson. She has served as a learning disabilities teacher, a diagnostician, a university professor, and an educational consultant. She has published numerous articles and books and conducts workshops on assessment and instruction both nationally and internationally. Her most recent book on dyslexia is *Essentials of Dyslexia: Assessment and Intervention*, 2nd ed. (Mather & Wendling, 2024). She is a co-author of several widely used tests, including the *Woodcock-Johnson IV* and the *Test of Orthographic Competence* (2nd ed.).

In addition, Dr. Mather and her co-authors have recently completed the *Tests of Dyslexia* (Mather, McCallum, Bell, & Wendling, 2024), a comprehensive assessment that is designed to help identify dyslexia in individuals of all ages. Dr. Mather recently received the 2023 Samuel Torrey Orton Award from the International Dyslexia Association for her contributions concerning the identification and remediation dyslexia.

Topics will Include:

- Ten Things Everyone Should Know about Dyslexia.
- What should be included in a Comprehensive Assessment of Dyslexia

Date: February 21, 2025 Time: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm 6 ALTA Credits

The Scottish Rite Building, 1101 70th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79412

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ATTN: Olive Hester

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Scottish Rite Car Show



SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

Registration Beginning at 8:00 am

9:00 am - 2:00 pm The Scottish Rite Building - 1101 70th St. Lubbock, Texas
 Proceeds benefit students with dyslexia at The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas. The registration form can be downloaded from the Center's website at srlcwt.org. Entry Fee is \$25.00. Limit 100 cars.

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