Celebrating across the state to build awareness that Alabama schools now say dyslexia!

#SayDyslexiaAL16

October 2016

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<td><strong>Ideas for the entire month:</strong> 1) Schools/Communities put October is Dyslexia Awareness Month on outdoor signage. 2) &quot;Facts about?” and “Do you know...” daily through listserv and teacher newsletters (document attached). 3) Libraries (School/Community) create an informational bulletin board on dyslexia along with a display of books highlighting or are about dyslexia. 4) Local proclamations announcing October as Dyslexia Awareness Month in their schools and communities (document attached).</td>
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|        |        | **FREE VIDEOS:** PTO/Community hosting free videos.  
[Embracing Dyslexia](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBIvJ3XvPb0)  
[Being You](http://roadtripnation.com/roadtrip/being-you/#show)  
Also send video links out in listserv/teacher emails to parents. |
| 9      | 10     | 11      | 12        | 13       | 14     | 15       |
|        |        | **Support Dyslexia Awareness - Wear Red or Silver** |
| 16     | 17     | 18      | 19        | 20       | 21     | 22       |
|        |        | **Famous Dyslexics Projects** - Research a famous dyslexic then create activities/assignments such as a poster, video presentation, poem, art or report to share.  
ALIDA Art Contest, deadline Oct. 31, 2016 |
| 23     | 24     | 25      | 26        | 27       | 28     | 29       |
|        |        | **Famous Dyslexics Projects continued OR Halloween Parties at school suggest dressing up as your favorite famous dyslexic!** |
| 30     | 31     | **Notes:** |
|        |        |  **Decoding Dyslexia Alabama Event**  
On all social media please use the hastag #SayDyslexiaAL16 |

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Dyslexia is REAL!

Daily/Weekly Myths and Facts About Dyslexia

WEEK 1—MYTHS

Did you know…?  

Monday – Myth: Dyslexia is rare. Fact: Dyslexia is not rare. In fact, dyslexia affects up to 20% of our population. That is 1 in 5 people.

Tuesday – Myth: Dyslexia is a visual problem. Fact: Dyslexia is not a visual problem. We do not see words backwards.

Wednesday – Myth: Dyslexics will not learn to read like their peers. Fact: Dyslexia is not an intellectual deficit. Dyslexia is an “unexpected” difficulty with language based processing. Dyslexics can and do learn to read proficiently.

Thursday – Myth: Dyslexia cannot be identified until 3rd grade. Fact: Dyslexic characteristics can be identified as early as 5 years old.

Friday – Myth: Dyslexia affects boys more than girls. Fact: Dyslexia was originally thought to affect boys more than girls. Studies are now trending to show that dyslexia affects boys and girls equally. However, boys are more commonly identified earlier due to the coexisting behavior issues that often arise.

WEEK 2—FACTS

Did you know…?  

Monday – Dyslexia is not outgrown.

Tuesday – Parents and educators must have high expectations for kids with dyslexia.

Wednesday – A child with dyslexia needs an explicit, multisensory and systematic intervention.

Thursday – Students with dyslexia need sensible accommodations.

Friday – One teacher can make all the difference in the life of a child with dyslexia.
WEEK 3—STRENGTHS

Although their unique brain architecture and “unusual wiring” make reading, writing, and spelling difficult, most people with dyslexia have gifts in areas controlled by the right hemisphere of the brain.

Did you know…?

Monday – Dyslexics are highly creative with vivid imaginations and artistic skills.

Tuesday – Dyslexics are “out of the box” thinkers. They think and process in three-dimensional pictures.

Wednesday – Dyslexics have excellent oral vocabulary and people skills.

Thursday – Dyslexics make wonderful musicians and often play music by sound although reading music can sometimes be too laborious.

Friday – Dyslexics can have a keen athletic ability.

WEEK 4—FAMOUS DYSLEXICS

Did you know…?

Monday – Walt Disney, Mozart, Einstein, and Thomas Edison were dyslexic.

Tuesday – Stephen Spielberg is dyslexic.

Wednesday – Leonardo da Vinci, Picasso, Shakespeare, and John Lennon were dyslexic.

Thursday – Mohammad Ali, Babe Ruth, and Tim Tebow are all dyslexic.

Friday – 40% of entrepreneurs are dyslexic including; Henry Ford, the Wright Brothers, Richard Branson, Steve Jobs, and Charles Schwab.
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WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a specific learning disability, that is neurobiological in origin and is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities; and

WHEREAS, these difficulties typically are caused by a deficit in the phonological component of language that is unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and to the provision of effective classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia occurs on a continuum of severity, affecting between 10 and 20 percent of the population according to the National Institutes of Health; and

WHEREAS, Alabamians will benefit from increased awareness of the nature of Dyslexia, the early warning signs of Dyslexia, and the value of multisensory structured language interventions for students with Dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, greater recognition and understanding are necessary to ensure that individuals with Dyslexia living in Alabama and all other Americans with Dyslexia are accurately identified and provided with appropriate services so that they might lead maximally productive lives:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, __________________, __________________, do hereby proclaim October 2016, as

Dyslexia Awareness Month in the State of Alabama

and encourage all Alabamians to learn more about dyslexia and to offer support to parents, educators and individuals affected by Dyslexia.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of the Governor’s Office at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the ___ day of ______ of 2016.