

THIS MONTH WE CELEBRATE:

OCTOBER 2022

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS

UNTILEVERYONECANREAD

DYSLEXIA DEFINED

DYSLEXIA IS A COMMON CONDITION THAT AFFECTS THE WAY THE BRAIN PROCESSES LANGUAGE. DYSLEXIA MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR STUDENTS TO READ AND SPELL, BUT IS NOT A SIGN OF LOW INTELLIGENCE. THE ALABAMA STATE DEPT OF EDUCATION DEFINES DYSLEXIA AS A "LEARNING CHALLENGE THAT IS NEUROLOGICAL IN ORIGIN AND CHARACTERIZED BY DIFFICULTIES WITH ACCURATE AND/OR FLUENT WORD RECOGNITION AND BY POOR SPELLING AND DECODING ABILITIES."



DYSLEXIA SUPPORT

ALABAMA IS MAKING STRIDES IN ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF DYSLEXIC STUDENTS AND SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS IS FOLLOWING SUIT. WHILE WE CAN'T DIAGNOSE DYSLEXIA WITHIN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, WE CAN SCREEN FOR IT. IF A STUDENT FAILS THE DYSLEXIA SCREENER THEY WILL BEGIN TO RECEIVE INTERVENTION AND BE MONITORED THROUGH THE PROBLEM SOLVING TEAM AT EACH SCHOOL. SCS HAS DYSLEXIA SUPPORT SERVICES READILY AVAILABLE TO TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS. IF YOU NEED ANY SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING AND INTERVENING WITH A DYSLEXIC STUDENT VISIT OUR DYSLEXIA RESOURCES WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://SHELBYED.K12.AL.US/DYSLEXIA.HTML](https://shelbyed.k12.al.us/dyslexia.html) OR CONTACT LAUREN DAVIS: L4DAVIS@SHELBYED.ORG.



TALKING ABOUT DYSLEXIA



AN IMPORTANT PART OF DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH, IS EDUCATING THOSE AROUND US. ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION, AS MANY AS 15-20% OF THE POPULATION, SHOW SYMPTOMS OF DYSLEXIA. DYSLEXIA OCCURS IN PEOPLE OF ALL BACKGROUNDS AND INTELLECTUAL LEVELS. DID YOU KNOW THAT DYSLEXIA RUNS IN FAMILIES? PARENTS WITH DYSLEXIA ARE LIKELY TO HAVE CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA. BECAUSE THIS LEARNING DIFFERENCE AFFECTS SO MANY, IT IS TIME TO TALK ABOUT IT, LEARN ABOUT IT, AND DO OUR PART TO BE A VOICE FOR THE DYSLEXIC PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES.

WHILE DYSLEXIA BRINGS CHALLENGES IN THE AREAS OF READING AND WRITING, PEOPLE WITH DYSLEXIA ARE OFTEN GIFTED IN AREAS SUCH AS ART, COMPUTER SCIENCE, DESIGN, DRAMA, ELECTRONICS, MATH, MECHANICS, MUSIC, PHYSICS, SALES, AND SPORTS. IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE NOTE OF THE GIFTS THAT DYSLEXIC STUDENTS HAVE TO OFFER AND WORK TO ACCOMMODATE IN THE AREAS THAT THEY NEED SUPPORT.

ART CONTEST!

WHAT DOES DYSLEXIA MEAN TO YOU?

WE ARE ASKING STUDENTS IN OUR DISTRICT TO CELEBRATE DYSLEXIA BY CHANNELING THEIR ARTISTIC TALENTS. ART TEACHERS IN EACH SCHOOL WILL BE FACILITATING THESE #UNTILEVERYONECANREAD PROJECTS FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL CATEGORY: K-3, 4-8, AND 9-12. SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE TURNED INTO THE SHELBY COUNTY INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES CENTER BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST. SUBMISSIONS WILL BE SHOWCASED AND VOTED ON BY INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF FOR SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS. FIRST, SECOND, & THIRD PLACE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED FOR EACH CATEGORY ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST AND PRIZES WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE WINNERS. SPECIFIC ART CONTEST INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE ART TEACHER AT EACH SCHOOL.

