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## October 2015 News

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## Spotlight on Curriculum

### *Making the Most of Math*



In looking to better support our students in the fundamentals of Math this year, we integrated the Stern Math program into our curriculum at The Wolf School. Stern Math is a multi-sensory, manipulative-based approach to math where students use blocks as part of their problem solving. Through both exploration of these multi-sensory materials as well as guided lessons and games, students follow their own individual lines of inquiry and understanding as they establish basic number sense.

Educational Supervisor, Lauren Duffy Karlsson talked about the benefits of this type of program. "There is no memorization, and if a student makes a mistake, the Stern blocks allow for self-guided redirection of thought rather than a 'correction,' further supporting an overall understanding of basic math concepts. This sets the

foundation for more complex math skills down the line."

For Wolf students, Stern is a natural fit. Students can work individually or in groups to explore mathematical concepts in a fun way. In addition, there is no singular way to approach understanding using Stern. Students build their own unique mental representations of math concepts from their own unique perspectives, but can come together as a group to communicate using a common math language.

As Lauren explains, "Stern seamlessly supports the Wolf Immersion Model, and by its very nature engages language, sensory and social skills into math lessons."

## Spotlight on Staff

### ***Wolf Welcomes Meg Silva***



The Wolf School is excited to welcome Meg Silva as our new Middle School Science/Math teacher and Seventh Grade Homeroom teacher. Meg has 15 years experience as a Special Education Teacher in the public schools. She has a MA in Special Education from Simmons College and a MA in Expressive Therapies from Lesley University.

Welcome to The Wolf School Meg!

Enjoy our [We Are Wolf](#) spotlight on Meg and learn about something surprising that she tried and loved!

## Spotlight on Golf

### ***Thank You!***

The weather was perfect for our Golf Outing at Valley Country Club. Thanks to all our amazing golfers for making the day a huge success! Special thanks to our event chair, Jason Krikorian, and event members Tamara McKenney and Ken Thompson for pulling it all together! A big shout out to corporate sponsors Mars Plastics and Gallo | Thomas Insurance Company - we

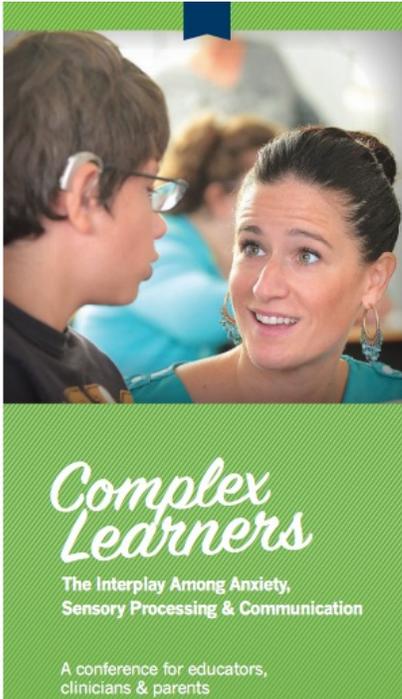


couldn't do it without you!

[View photos from the event here!](#)

## Spotlight on Upcoming Events

### ***Complex Learners: The Interplay Among Anxiety, Sensory Processing, & Communication***



This one-day intermediate level presentation is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of the relationship among anxiety, sensory processing and communication as it relates to complex learners. Participants will learn the definition of a complex learner and be able to identify these three components in the classroom and at home. Case presentations and panel discussion will allow participants to apply these concepts to their specific populations. Specific interventions and strategies will be reviewed.

This conference for educators, clinicians, and parents takes place on November 7, 2015, from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. For fees and registration:

[View our full brochure here](#)

### ***Open House on November 15th***

Join us for our Open House on Sunday, November 15, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM for parents of children with complex learning differences in K-8th Grade.

Meet our expert, caring team of professionals, tour our classrooms and state of the art sensory arena, talk to current parents, and learn about Wolf's innovative Immersion Model that provides



integrated occupational therapy and speech and language support throughout the day. The Wolf School serves families throughout Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Financial aid is available.

[\*View our Open House flyer here\*](#)

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