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Company News

-Although the warm weather just started, school will be here before we know it! Your fall availability is due August 1st to your Senior. Please give them the days/times you are available to work and the amt. of hours you would like.

-Raises will go into effect on the July 25th paycheck. Remember, you need to have worked with us for a minimum 3 months and received certain marks on your eval to receive a raise.

-If you are interested in being on a list for families to call when in need of a babysitter please contact Char (cgeissman@hotmail.com).

-If any issues occur with your paycheck, contact Farrah at jsonnenb@hotmail.com.

-Don't forget to "Like" us on facebook!



Happy Birthday!

7/23 Alex Beckett

7/29 Tori Matoska

Hours Missed Procedure

If any part of this procedure is not followed, it may result in being written up.

You are responsible to make sure that any shifts that will be, or are, missed are covered or make up times are set up.

You are responsible to let the family and your Senior know as soon as possible.

If it is far in advance, give a reminder and also inform of how the hours will be covered/made up.

If calling in to a shift, call your teammates to see if they can cover. If no one can, call the floaters. If no one can cover, when you call the family to cancel you need to set up a make up time at that point. Then, call your Senior to inform them of the missed shift and the coverage/make up time.

Also call the office (414-751-4222) and leave your name and the client's name as well as the date and hours missed. If

for some reason, you are not able to reach someone nor leave a message please e-mail

sonnenbergconsultants@live.com with the same information.



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Autism Speaks and the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation Join HP's "Hacking Autism" Initiative to Develop New Technology Tools for People with Autism

Advisory Committee of Technology and Autism Experts Appointed To Select Touch Technology Concepts from Community-Generated Ideas for HP Development

New York, N.Y. (June 30, 2011) – Autism Speaks, the world's largest autism science and advocacy organization, and the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism have joined HP's "[Hacking Autism](#)" initiative, which seeks new ideas for touch technology applications beneficial to people with autism. "Hacking Autism" will crowd source ideas for applications from all across the autism community, including families and practitioners, and will engage developers and designers to voluntarily create applications across touch-based platforms. The "Hacking Autism" innovative designs aim to facilitate and accelerate technology-based ideas to open up learning, communication and social possibilities, and to help give those with autism a voice.

"Innovations in technology are moving forward the race to find solutions to improve daily life for individuals with autism," stated Autism Speaks Chief Science Officer Geraldine Dawson, Ph.D. "Input from the community will accelerate designers and innovators' creative thinking to best apply technology to autism in a way that has the potential to make a significantly positive impact for individuals with autism where they need it most."

"Technology has the power to improve lives, and our hope is to work with the developer community to find ways that technology such as touch-enabled computers, tablets, and software can advance communications and learning experiences for individuals with autism and their families," said Phil McKinney, vice president and chief technology officer of the Personal Systems Group, HP. "We are excited that the Autism Speaks and the Flutie

Foundation organizations are joining HP in supporting [HackingAutism.org](#)."

Together, the groups announced the appointment of the Hacking Autism Advisory Committee, which will select for development ground-breaking, touch-enabled applications submitted by the autism community for the autism community.

"So many individuals with autism who struggle with verbal communication are able to open up new doors to social interaction when they are able to use tools such as touch applications," explained Canora, who is also dad to a son with autism. "Parents are always looking for new strategies to engage their children with the people and world around them and technology has so much potential to do that."

"We are so pleased to partner with HP and the Flutie Foundation," added Dr. Wallace. "Autism Speaks has been committed to innovations in technology to creatively adapt and promote the use of technologies to meet needs of those with autism. 'Hacking Autism' will significantly accelerate translational technology, from bench top to commercial development."

'Hacking Autism' will allow the autism community to directly communicate their ideas with HP on what its needs are for technology. It's not often that a mom or dad, or a teacher who works with a child with autism, gets to tell a software designer what type of tools they need to enhance their loved one's life. We feel that this type of collaboration has the ability to really improve the learning and communication experience for people on the autism spectrum."

"Hacking Autism" will culminate in October 2011 at the HP *Hackathon* and the new technologies developed will be included in its library of applications.

A couple of fun Ipad apps

Monkey Preschool

Sentence Builders