

CHECK IT OUT!  
Our New Website!

The Conductive Learning Center has launched an updated website which has many new features, testimonials and information. If you know someone with cerebral palsy, spina bifida or a neuro-motor disorder that may benefit from conductive education, direct them to our new student application on the website at:

[www.conductivelearningcenter.org](http://www.conductivelearningcenter.org)

We hope that you find the new site easy to navigate and helpful in learning about conductive education or donating to CLC. Follow CLC on Facebook too! ★

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OUR MISSION

To provide opportunities for preschool and school age children with motor challenges to achieve optimal physical, cognitive and social independence through the application and promotion of conductive education principles.



# Conductive Achievements

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## SUMMER CAMP 2010 A Great Success!

Summer camp was a record breaking year in more ways than one. Along with having a record breaking 32 students attend summer camp, each group was busy breaking records of their own. Each class worked very hard to gain skills in all areas of mobility, including lying, sitting, standing and walking. They were motivated each day by their group topics. The Early Childhood class gained an extraordinary amount of skills as they searched for buried treasure in their topic "A Pirate's Life for Me". The Lower Primary class found new ways to recycle and reuse through their topic, "Go Green", and the Adolescent

group traveled the world and learned about new cultures in "The Amazing Race". Students and staff of the CLC continued to enjoy a weekly trip to the MAC each week, where along with water activities, students learned and practiced valuable self-care skills as well as increasing their endurance and stamina. The culmination of summer school was a performance given from each class. This year the performance was held at Aquinas College's Kretchmer Music Hall. We can't wait to see you next year for another amazing summer! ★



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## CLC STAFF TRAVELS TO Annual ACENA Conference in Toronto

A group of five CLC staff members ventured to Toronto, Canada to attend the sixth annual conference hosted by the Association for Conductive Education in North America (ACENA). The two-day professional development event featured numerous speakers including keynote addresses from the International Peto Institute Rector Dr. Franz Schaffhauser and retired Research and Medical director of the International Peto Institute, Dr. Erzsebet Balogh, MD who practiced as a pediatrician and neurologist. Numerous other sessions were offered including topics related to research, the history of CE in North America, as well as marketing for CE programs. The conference was well attended by participants from throughout North America, and the staff enjoyed the opportunity to expand their knowledge in the company fellow CE administrators and colleagues. ✦



### AQUINAS, NOTRE DAME, & WEST POINT LACROSSE COLLABORATE TO HOST Charity Lacrosse Camp

For three days in June, Aquinas College was the host to over 100 boys and girls lacrosse players taking part in the Aquinas College Charity Lacrosse Camp. The instructional camp gave area youth lacrosse players a chance to receive instruction from coaches, have fun, and help a great cause. Campers were instructed by collegiate lacrosse players and coaches about the fundamentals of lacrosse as well as the importance of the CLC and service to their community. Students from the CLC came and spoke to the campers about their lives and the work of the CLC. "It helped show how fortunate they (the campers) are and also how attending the camp is helping others," said Aquinas Women's head coach Frank Rogers. ✦

The Conductive Learning Center is a Michigan Not-For-Profit Corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Conductive Learning Center admits students of any race, color and national or ethnic origin.

AN EVENING OF  
*Celebration*

The annual Evening of Celebration will take place on Tuesday, October 19 at the Watermark Country Club in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The evening will feature silent and live auctions, and dinner. Tickets are available for \$125.00. For more information on tickets or sponsorships, please contact Terry Stelter at (616) 575-0575. Please plan to join us to celebrate the achievements of CLC's fabulous kids! ✦

**"People become really quite remarkable when they start thinking that they can do things. When they believe in themselves they have the first secret of success."**

-- Norman Vincent Peale

## Notes From the Directors

We had to say goodbye to all our summer camp attendees in early August but by the end of the month we were already



welcoming back children for the kick off of the nine school year sessions. With our enrollment growing, we have been able to add a new Conductor Teacher, Kimberly Belles, graduate of Aquinas College, to the CLC staff.

CLC is experiencing an encouraging increase in numbers of babies less than 3 months to 3 years of age entering our Parent & Child program. This program is very stimulating, fun and intensive. The focus is on teaching the family to work with their children in a playful manner. Adults learn ways to encourage their child's intellectual, physical, and emotional development.

Children from throughout the United States, ages 3 through

26 years of age, are served through intensive full day programs, and half day follow up programs, for primarily local students. In each age group a themed cognitive curriculum serves as motivation for all aspects of a child's development, including gross and fine motor, social, and communication skills. Each classroom has a carefully planned program based on variables such as age level and physical abilities.

The mission at CLC is to give more children birth to age 26 the opportunity to experience this dynamic learning system



that maximizes the independence and mobility of children with neuro motor disorders primarily cerebral palsy, brain injuries, and spina bifida. To learn more or apply for enrollment visit our web site at: [www.conductive-learningcenter.org](http://www.conductive-learningcenter.org) or call (616) 575-0575. ✦

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## INTRODUCING BOARD MEMBER

### Dr. Andrew Behler

Andrew Behler is a board certified Ear, Nose, & Throat Surgeon. Andrew's practice principally involves pediatric and adult otolaryngology, while specializing in sinus sur-



gery, thyroid medicine, and head and neck cancer surgery and reconstruction. He is on full staff at Spectrum Health, Metro Health, and St. Mary's hospitals. Andrew is also very active in continuing medical education and is an associate professor of Otolaryngology for Michigan State School of Medicine. Originally

from East Grand Rapids, Andrew received his undergraduate degree from The University of Michigan, master's degree in Public Health from the University of South Carolina, and his medical degree from Kansas City School of Medicine and Biosciences.

Andrew first became involved with the Conductive Learning Center after attending a fundraising event, and subsequently touring the center. He was so moved and impressed by his introduction to the Center, that he made a commitment to devote time and effort to the organization. After receiving the encouragement of his father and CLC board member, Charles Behler, Andrew accepted an invitation to join the Board.

Andrew is married to Jennifer Cory Behler, a practicing Internist and partner at Health Park Medical Associates in Grand Rapids. He has three children, and resides in East Grand Rapids. Andrew is looking forward to expanding his commitment to the Conductive Learning Center. ✦