

# Arden Reading Clinic

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Hello~

Fall season is waning and it appears winter will arrive soon. With the mini-twister behind us and the clinic restorations finalized, I now look forward to Thanksgiving and time with family. Today, as I reflect on all that I am thankful for, the first thing that comes to mind is how truly thankful I am for the warmth I feel in this little house of learning. The amazing passion and dedication of my tutors for their students has created a space of "calm" for all who enter. It does take a village to bridge a gap of knowledge, and I thank each of you for your trust in and partnership with us. May we all reflect on our many blessings!

With gratitude,

Marcy Sirkin – Owner/Director

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## Tutor – Susan Lancaster

Hi! I am happy to be highlighted this month in our ARC newsletter. I have worked at the clinic for the past 14 years and continue to love my work because of the personal attention I am able to give to each of my students. My other loves are my husband and my 3 dogs. Steve is a principal of a nearby high school, which keeps him very busy, and when we have down time we love to be outdoors in nature. Hiking, biking, and climbing in the mountains with Steve, Willy my huskie, Josie my poodle, and Jack our mutt, keep me busy on the weekends. I graduated from Lime Stone College and have a B.A. in Elementary Education. When I can, I try to steal away to the beach; there is nothing more relaxing for me than time alone walking the shoreline in search of sharks' teeth, shells, sand dollars, and new found treasures!



## Upcoming Events

### November 1

November tuition due

### November 16

Final day of the November billing cycle

### December 1

December tuition due

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## Reminder

Although the clinic will be **closed** the week of **November 24 – 28** for Thanksgiving, your child still receives a full 4 week cycle. We'll see your child again beginning Monday, December 1st.

Also, please remember that the clinic **DOES NOT** close for school holidays/closings such as Election Day, or Teacher Workdays. Your tutor will expect to see your child on those days.

## More Important News

### OpenDoors of Asheville

Arden Reading Clinic was highlighted in the OpenDoors of Asheville on-line newsletter for our help in sponsoring their "Featured Youth," Davon. The article details the relationships between Davon and his two OpenDoors sponsors and states, "With sponsored help from Arden Reading Clinic, Davon's borderline failing grades have evolved into A's and B's . . ." In addition, Dr. Marcy Sirkin sits on the education committee of the organization and is considered a "Critical Partner" for providing pro bono tutoring and matching scholarships totaling over \$45,000 since 2009. We proudly continue to gift our time and tutors to the children of OpenDoors of Asheville.

### Success Story

Beth, a young adult, came to Arden Reading Clinic when she was nineteen. Beth had worked with another reading tutor since she was five, but came to ARC when her tutor moved to Canada. Even though Beth struggled with reading, she desperately wanted to be a nurse. As Beth prepared for the AB Tech entrance exam, she realized how difficult it still was for her to read. She explained her struggles with Dyslexia and ADHD to her tutor like this, "Picture driving five hours on a straight highway. Easy? Now make the car pull constantly to the right!" Beth worked voraciously through the first 3 levels of O-G, and then halfway through level 4, she had a breakthrough and could finally access the world of words! She aced the AB Tech entrance exam and was accepted into the Nursing School. She continued working with her tutor throughout her program and now works as a nurse at a local skilled nursing facility while pursuing her Bachelor's degree.

### November Billing Cycle

M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26
10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2
11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9
11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16



## In the Community

### IDA Annual Reading, Literacy, & Learning Conference

**November 12-15, 2014**, San Diego, CA. Info. at [conference@interdys.org](mailto:conference@interdys.org)

### The 1in5 Initiative

The 1in5 Initiative was created to enlighten individuals about the struggles associated with being dyslexic and solutions for managing the disability. More info. at [explore1in5.org](http://explore1in5.org)

### The SAT is Changing

The first administration of the redesigned SAT will be in the spring of 2016 and will impact students enrolling in college in the fall of 2017. Learn more about the changes at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) We will continue to update you with ongoing information regarding SAT changes.