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October is National Bullying Awareness Month

27.5% of reported school bullying cases are not bullying (*citation*)

30% of all students are either bullies or victims of bullying (*citation*)

86% of LGBT youth report being harassed at school (*citation*)

8% 2014 estimate of all students reporting cyber bullying (*citation*)

20-30% students who have been bullied that actually tell an adult they have been bullied (*citation*)

1,630 NH students in 2013 reporting that they were bullied on property within the last 12 months grades

Social Skills In Our Teens Are Declining

With the addition of Cindy Ziobrowski to our team this past year, my world has expanded immensely into the needs and challenges of the Autism community on many levels. One of which is the underdevelopment of the social skills piece for these individuals.

As I have learned more about the unique gifts and deficits of children on the spectrum, I have grown to appreciate that these gifts and deficits are not unlike mainstream children and teens today. Social skills being the most obvious of them all. We do a decent job in most schools at recognizing and addressing some social pieces (bullying, drugs, health education) but lack in the underlying piece that makes all these successful...and that is social interaction skills.

Please do not think I am advocating that the schools take this piece on as well. We have shuffled too many parenting responsibilities onto the schools through the years. Yet I ask, how do we help these young individuals acquire good social skills in the absence of learning them from their families? A rude awakening awaits them as they enter the real world. We see them stumbling along every day around us.

I don't have the answer but starting a conversation is always a great place to begin. If you have something to contribute, visit our blog or send me a note at allison@netutors.com. Like us on [Facebook](#) as well and let's get the conversation going.

Please give us a call at 603.953.5025 or send an email to allison@netutors.com if you would like to see us tackle a specific challenge in one of our monthly eblasts.

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In the News

New York Times (July 27, 2014) Why do Americans Stink at Math? - The trouble always starts when teachers are told to put innovative ideas into practice without much guidance on how to do it. In the hands of unprepared teachers, the reforms turn to nonsense, perplexing students more than helping them. One 1965 Peanuts cartoon depicts the young blond-haired Sally struggling to understand her new-math assignment: "Sets . . . one to

9-12 (citation)

14.4% NH students in 2013 reporting they had seriously considered attempting suicide in the last 12 months grades 9-12 (citation)

click on each statistic above to be taken to the site.

Upcoming Events

October 4, 2014

16th Annual Exeter Fall Festival 10am-4pm on Swazey Parkway in Exeter NH. Come visit the New England Tutor Booth. [Learn more here.](#)

November 7, 2014

Seacoast Family Promise 10th Annual Auction at the Jarvis Center in Portsmouth, NH. Bid on a learning package and support a great cause. [Learn more here](#)

November 8, 2014

Saint Mary Academy Auction and Diner Dance at the Regatta in Eliot, ME. A great opportunity to bid on a learning package and support the school. [Learn more here.](#)

November 15, 2014

101st NH PTA Convention at the Red Jacket Inn North Conway NH. "Celebrating All Children - Their Success, Our Future" Visit our booth for some great giveaways from 8am-1pm. [Learn more here.](#)

December 5, 2014

Dover Festival of Trees featuring over 30 trees,

one matching . . . equivalent sets . . . sets of one . . . sets of two . . . renaming two. . . ." After persisting for three valiant frames, she throws back her head and bursts into tears: "All I want to know is, how much is two and two?" Today the frustrating descent from good intentions to tears is playing out once again, as states across the country carry out the latest wave of math reforms: the Common Core. ([read more](#))

US News and World Report (September 23, 2014) *How a Gap Year Can Make Students Successful* - Long a rite of passage for affluent Brits, a gap year spent traveling, volunteering, or working between high school and college is now really catching on among U.S. students. A survey by the **American Gap Association**, a nonprofit that accredits companies that coordinate these stints, found that enrollment in respondents' programs climbed 27 percent from 2012 to 2013. Many students handle their own planning and logistics. But there's a whole industry bidding for gap-year business, from the **Pioneer Project**, through which students learn skills like beekeeping and blacksmithing on a North Carolina farm, to **Art History Abroad**, which offers six-week courses in Italy. ([read more](#))

EHOW.com (August 29, 2014) *The Positive effects of Youth Mentoring* - mentored youth were 46 percent less likely to initiate use of illegal substances. The youths were also 27 percent less likely to initiate consumption of alcohol. The effects were even more pronounced for mentored youths of minority races. ([read more](#))

New Class Offering: Social Competency in Health Education

Like all teens, those with ASD or social skills deficits are curious about physical and emotional changes that come with puberty. Parents and schools are equipped to discuss the "mechanical" part of health education, but teens on the spectrum need direct instruction on the social aspects involved. To learn more about this unique small group offering in the Seacoast area [click here.](#)



SAT Bootcamps for the November test

Our Bootcamp is the best value on the Seacoast and our most popular offering. Each class offers 6 hours of SAT strategy and need-to-know skills to raise your scores. Classes fill up fast as we are keeping enrollment to 10 students. For pricing and pre-registration [click here.](#)

elaborately decorated by local businesses and organizations, to be auctioned and raffled off. Stop by and see the NET Learning Tree! [Learn more here.](#)

For a complete list of our events [click here.](#)

Back to School Success

Having a great year means different things to different people. For you it may be making sure your student makes new friends and adapts well to a new school. For someone else it may mean acquiring strong study skills now that they have entered 9th grade. To another it may be finding the right formula for a successful IEP meeting or weekly homework routine. At New England Tutors we understand that every student is unique in their needs and every family supporting that student is unique in their resources and ability to support the goals. This is why we exist! Book your FREE consultation before November 1st to find out how we can help, and get 2 hours on us. Visit us at netutors.com to learn more about who we are and what we can do to make your *Back to School* a success.



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