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Lyme Disease

With summer on its way, we thought it appropriate to alert you to the most prevalent threat of disease to our young, our pets and ourselves in NH

329,000 New Cases were contracted each year in the US, an increase of up to 10 times what was previously believed. Lyme disease is one of the fastest growing infectious diseases in the US.

Less than 2% - Lyme disease receives less than 2% of public funding for West Nile and 0.2% of funding for HIV/AIDS, despite the fact that the annual case count for Lyme dwarfs either

What's All The Talk About Executive Function Skills?

Last month I started the conversation about Executive Function Skills. I had no idea at the time how far-reaching and deep this conversation goes. It hits all social and economic groups, all ages and all abilities. It is discussed in the fields of education, health care, business, science, and the environment. This conversation has come front and center for so many mainly because it affects us all either directly or indirectly. Our success in family, work, and social environments hinges on our abilities in the executive function arena.

So it is fitting that our company, one that values a quality of education which is rooted to everything in one's future, was focused on executive skills even before we knew it ourselves! Looking at the root cause of each individual student's barriers has always been our beginning point. Then mapping out a plan to navigate those barriers, using the individual's strengths, to reach a goal. We now understand that everything we do for any level of student is somewhere connected to an executive skills weakness. Developing those skills while working on the subject competencies has led to success after lasting success.

Stay tuned as we will continue to bring you along on our journey to uncover the intricacies of executive functioning and better understand how to help all our students and families on their journeys to educational independence.

Keep us on your radar and let us know how we can help!

If you find our monthly newsletter helpful, pass it along to a friend and like us on Facebook. Please give us a call at 603.953.5025 if you would like to see us tackle a specific challenge in one of our monthly newsletters.

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Miss up to 60% - The current "gold standard" diagnostic for Lyme disease misses up to 60% of cases of early-stage Lyme disease, as it can take weeks for the body to develop measurable antibodies against the infection.

96% Confirmed Cases were reported in just 14 states; ME, MA, NH, VT, NY, NJ, CT, DL, MD, and RI top the list.

300 Strains - There are 5 subspecies of borrelia burgdorferi, over 100 strains in the US and 300 strains worldwide.

Upcoming Events

May

Book your SAT prep classes now for the June test. [Learn more here](#)

May 6th

Place a bid on our SAT prep package at the Dover Chamber of Commerce 15th Annual Sweepstakes and Auction. [Learn more here](#)

May 28th - 29th

Seacoast United Nate Hardy Memorial Day Soccer Tournament. Drop by our booth for a great giveaway. [Learn more here](#)

June 3rd

SEED annual Innovation in Bloom fundraiser. This year's theme is Casino Night with all the bells and whistles. [Buy your tickets here](#)

June 5th

24th Annual Paws Walk 2016 to benefit the NH SPCA. This is our 3rd year participating and it is always a great event with so many DOGS! [Learn more here](#)

June 19th

Goodwin Community Health Father's Day 5K. A great run for a greater cause. For all the details and to [Register here](#)

July 26th

In the News

Education Next (Winter 2016) America's Mediocre Test Scores - At a time when the National conversation is focused on lagging upward mobility, it is no surprise that many educators point to poverty as the explanation for mediocre test scores among US students compared to those of students in other countries...But does the room actually contain the elephant? [\(read more\)](#)

Education News (January 20, 2015) Mathematics Education: Being Outwitted By Stupidity - While there has been a good amount of research and effort into early interventions in reading and decoding instruction, extremely little research of equivalent quality on the learning of math in the United States exists. ...Over the past several decades, math education in the United States has shifted from the traditional model of math instruction to "reform math". [\(read more\)](#)

NPR (April 7, 2016) What Special Ed Teachers And Parents Need To Know About Social Media - Students can definitely benefit from social media. For kids who can't be touched, or look people in the eye, digital networks are a chance to share pictures and interests, and an opportunity to have a social life. But the Internet can be a dangerous place, especially for kids who may struggle with communication. [\(read more\)](#)

NPR (April 17, 2016) Students Retain More When Taking Notes By Hand - As laptops become smaller and more ubiquitous, the idea of taking notes by hand just seems old fashioned to many students today. Typing your notes is faster—which comes in handy when there is a lot of information to take down. But it turns out there are still advantages to doing things the old-fashioned way. [\(read more\)](#)

What Are Your Students Doing This Summer?

New England Tutors has added many unique, small group programs to our summer line-up. Give us a call to learn more: 603.953.5025; or visit our website at www.netutors.com.

- [Executive Skills Bootcamp](#) Two classes; ages 10-13 and ages 14-17
- [Social Detective Camp](#) A social skills camp for students on the Spectrum ages 5-7 and 8-11
- [Teen Social Skills Camp](#) For ages 11-15
- [Work Experience Camp](#) Summer camp for teens on the Spectrum, providing real-life work experience ages 16 and older
- [College Essay Writing](#) Juniors—soon to be Seniors—start and finish a great essay for your college application

Come visit us at the Seacoast Mavericks exhibition game against the NYC Code Baseball team. More great giveaways. [Details here](#)

August 21st

Get Moving Street Festival with our friends at Seacoast Mavericks, Atlantic Gym and others. Gosling Road. Free to the public. [Details here](#)



More Math Conversation...Just because it is so important

Nation's Report Card Shows a Decline in Math, Reading Scores (AP, April 2016)

The nation's high school seniors are slipping in math, and failing to make progress in reading, with just one-third of the 12th graders ready for the academic challenges of college. ([read more](#))

Empathy In Math Class Can Improve Student Behavior (Science, April 2016)

School suspension rates have nearly tripled in the United states since the 1970's, rising from just 3.7% of all students in 1974 to nearly 11% in 2011. That's a big deal because missed class means missed learning and suspensions can predict future unemployment and even incarceration. Now, a new study suggests that even a minor attitude adjustment among teachers can have a dramatic effect on those rates: Math teachers encouraged to be more empathetic saw student suspensions drop in half. ([read more](#))



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