



## IN THE OFFICE

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW OFFICE STAFF!



*Lauren Martin*

### Please welcome our newest Let's Talk staff member!

Lauren is currently a part-time clinician at Let's Talk and works on Fridays. She received her undergraduate degree in Communication Disorders from Bridgewater State University. She also received her Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology at Worcester State College. Lauren has obtained her certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and is licensed to practice speech-language pathology within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She has experience working with children with a variety of speech-language disorders/impairments including articulation/phonological disorders, expressive/receptive language disorders, voice disorders, Autism Spectrum disorders, fluency disorders, and Childhood Apraxia of Speech. Lauren has experience working in inpatient acute care and outpatient medical settings.

If you see her in the halls, say hello and introduce yourself!



*Brenda Hache*

Brenda manages the bookkeeping, as well as verification of insurance benefits. She can be contacted with questions regarding patient benefits and referrals. Brenda can also be contacted with questions regarding invoices and open balances. She can be reached via our main phone at (508) 230-8181. Brenda is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm.



*Hannah Mooney*

Hannah is a part-time receptionist at Let's Talk. She collects patient payments, answers phones, and assists the clinicians with office/administrative tasks. Hannah is typically in the office on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. She is currently enrolled in the Early Education & Care program at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School in Easton, MA.



## Trick-or-Treating Tips

Halloween is around the corner! Dressing up as your favorite characters, running around from house to house collecting free candy with use of the magic words “trick-or-treat,” and spending the evening checking out cool Halloween decorations and spending time with friends... what could be better? For most children this is a carefree, fun holiday; however, for children with disabilities, and their families, Halloween can be overwhelming and potentially problematic. It can be difficult to accommodate all children’s needs, but here are a few simple tips to help make the holiday inclusive to children of all abilities:

- ❖ Avoid placing candy on top of any stairs/steps.
- ❖ Consider non-edible treat options.
- ❖ Do not require every child to say “trick-or-treat,” “please,” or “thank you” as not all kids can say that! (This also goes for your own child if they have difficulties with speech production!)
- ❖ Remain calm and patient.
- ❖ Smile and be welcoming!

All information was gathered from the following source:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/10/28/halloween-kids-with-disabilities\\_n\\_12679104.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/10/28/halloween-kids-with-disabilities_n_12679104.html)

Please visit this website for more information!



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Hello! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I have Childhood Apraxia of Speech.

I cannot say "Trick or Treat" or "Happy Halloween," but I'm trying.



Thank you for understanding and Happy Halloween!

For more information on Childhood Apraxia of Speech go to [www.apraxia-kids.org](http://www.apraxia-kids.org)

{Trick-or-treating cards for children with apraxia of speech.

Pick one up in the waiting room!

Also available: Autism and speech/language disorder}

**Make them into necklaces or carry them around with you!**



## Costume Voting

AND THE WINNER IS.....

**TROLLS!!!!**



THE VOTES ARE IN AND THE CLINICIANS/STAFF WILL BE TROLLS THIS YEAR FOR HALLOWEEN! THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR PARTICIPATING.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO HAVE YOUR CHILDREN DRESS UP AT THE OFFICE DURING THE WEEK OF HALLOWEEN AS WELL!



Thank you for reading our first Let's Talk Newsletter! We appreciate your feedback about additional events, resources, advice, and information you may have. In addition, we welcome recommendations about the content of the newsletter.

Please email: [nscalera@ltspeech.com](mailto:nscalera@ltspeech.com) with suggestions/comments/concerns.



## October Crafts

Please come check out our October Halloween crafts! Create a spooky flying ghost or add to our pumpkin patch by "carving" a scary/friendly Jack-O-Lantern. We can't wait to see what everyone creates!

### **\*\*Reminders\*\***

We are **OPEN** with normal hours on the following holidays:

- 10/31/17 Halloween
- 11/7/17 Election Day
- 11/11/17 Veterans Day



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