

# E-CONNECTOR



## BULLETIN BOARD

Notes and Notices from the Colorado Parents of Blind Children (CO-POBC)

Dear Reader: The *E-Connector* is adopting a new look.

Beginning with this issue, the newsletter will resemble a community bulletin board. Notices of upcoming events, activities and opportunities will be "pinned" to the board with links to follow when there is more detailed information available on the web.

Please contact us if you have an announcement you would like to tack up on our bulletin board, or if you would like to add a friend or family member to the e-mail list. Direct all communications to: [copobc.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:copobc.newsletter@gmail.com), attention Julie Hunter, editor.



### JOIN THE PARADE!

Canes will be tapping when the Colorado Center for the Blind and the NFB of Denver march in the downtown Littleton's Western Welcome Week parade on Saturday, August 16. Brent Batron, Youth Services Coordinator, will be marching and he would love to see some of the kids who participated in Confidence Camp and the *FAST* Saturday program join him. After the parade enjoy midway fun and games, arts and crafts, a sneak peek at Reinke Brothers Haunted Mansion, live music, food and more. Free parking is available at Arapahoe Community College, 5900 South Santa Fe.

The parade will begin on Littleton Boulevard at Gallup Street and proceed west through downtown Littleton to

Rapp Street, turn south on Rapp and end at Arapahoe Community College .

Here are your options for joining the CCB/NFB marchers in the parade:

1. Go to the Colorado Center for the Blind at 8:00 a.m. (2233 W. Shepperd) and find out what parade position number has been assigned to our group, then proceed to the parade line-up area.
2. Go to the north end of Gallup Park on South Gallup Street where the line-up numbers are being assigned and ask what parade position number has been assigned to our group.
3. Hang out along the parade route and join in when our group is passing by. The parade is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at noon.



COMING SOON!

**MOSAIC: A SHOWCASE OF THE ARTS**

Friday, September 5, 2014  
5:30-9:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening out at the Colorado Center for the Blind and help support the CCB Youth Services Programs.

Headliner, *Café Americana*, will be performing a musical blend of jazz, bluegrass, folk and Americana music. The evening will include exhibits of students' tactile and industrial arts, an exciting live auction, a cash bar and a great selection of food from some of Littleton's best restaurants.

The event will take place at the Center: 2233 West Shepperd Ave., Littleton, CO. Tickets are \$30. To purchase, contact Dan Burke: 303-778-1130, ext. 213; [dburke@cocenter.org](mailto:dburke@cocenter.org).



**FREE CURRENCY IDENTIFIERS**

During a four month pilot project (beginning September 2nd) the U.S. Bureau of Engraving, will be offering patrons of the National Library Service a free money identifier. To receive a currency reader

call 1-888-657-7323. After confirming the library account information, a currency reader will be delivered to the address on file. Shipment of the currency readers will begin in January, 2015.



**FINGER READER**



From *U.S. News and World Report*: Scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are developing an affordable finger reader for people whose vision is impaired. The prototype FingerReader fits like a ring on a user's index finger. A small camera scans text as the finger moves across the print. Special software processes scanned words and a synthesized voice reads the text aloud. The device also has vibration motors and other cues to help users read in a straight line. Read more by clicking [here](#).



**IFIDGET: IPHONE APP TO HELP BLIND PEOPLE CORRECT ROCKING**

An app for the iPhone developed by Tyler K. Thompson, an assistive

technology teacher in New Mexico, uses the iPhone's gyroscope to alert students when they rock back and forth. The app works by vibrating when it senses rocking movements. Future versions of the app may be able to use a wristwatch running iOS (rumored to be in production by Apple). By recording certain hand movements, this app could help with things like eye poking, wrist flapping, bouncing, hand position while reading braille, or even cane technique. For more information go to [pdrib.com/blog](http://pdrib.com/blog).



**KEEPING FIT**

Don't miss out on recreational opportunities for blind and visually impaired youth. Colorado Association of Education and Rehabilitation (CAER) and USABA (United States Association of Blind Athletes) issue a monthly newsletter highlighting activities and opportunities for staying fit. To sample the newsletter, [click here](#). To get on the e-mail list, contact David Gooldy. Email: [dgooldy@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:dgooldy@cherrycreekschools.org). Phone: 970-480-7549