

Let's Talk!

A new feature that gives you, our readers, a chance to share your ideas and experience!

How it works:

Four times throughout the 2008-2009 school year, *The Mainstream News* will pose questions to specific groups of people involved in the mainstreaming effort. We began with a question for parents in our October issue. The remaining questions and deadlines for responding are listed here.

Don't worry about length or writing a formal article – we will take care of editing as needed to fit responses in the newsletter. If you are a teacher or other school professional, please tell us your name, position and grade(s) you work with. If you are a student, please tell us what grade you are in. We will print first names only and the state you live in, but be sure to include your full name and address so that we may enter you into a drawing to receive a gift card to a national bookstore chain. One winner will be drawn for each issue.

October 2008 **Completed** Parents

As the parent of a child with hearing loss, what is the best piece of advice you ever got and what made it so helpful?

January / February 2009 Teachers and Other School Professionals **Deadline: November 15th**

As a teacher or other school professional, how do you encourage your student(s) with hearing loss to practice self-advocacy at school?

March 2009 Students

Deadline: January 16th

What are the most important things you want other kids to know about you as a person with hearing loss?

April 2009 Teachers

Deadline: February 13th

Are there things that you have done to help your class understand the experience of hearing loss? Has your student with hearing loss participated? Can you relate a story about how your efforts have paid off?

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