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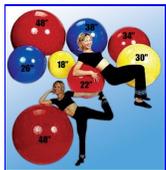
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● Getting Schools on the Ball!

The [therapy ball](#) has been used in the classroom for many different purposes. [Some studies](#) have shown that using the ball for classroom seating can improve student performance.



Two occupational therapists from a local school system visited our showroom on Saturday to discuss a foundation grant they received for the upcoming school year. They will be using therapy balls for seating in a first grade and a fifth grade classroom at two schools.



In collaboration with the classroom teachers and a physical therapist they will look for changes in student's time in-seat-on-ball, attention, legible word productivity and posture. The students participating will be individually fitted for correct size of a therapy ball by being sure that the student can sit comfortably with his or her feet flat on the floor with knees and hips flexed at 90 degrees. Introductory sessions will be held to establish classroom rules so as to avoid disruptions and ensure safety.



We supplied three different size therapy balls and a stabilizing ball stand for their initial measuring sessions to determine how many of each size they will need to be purchase. They also intend to provide a ball and ball chair for each participating teacher!

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● Drive Thru Menus Training

Specials

1. [Fine Motor Olympics Set \(10% off\)](#)
2. [Essential Resources for Your School Practice](#)
3. [Fidget Kit \(10% off\)](#)

Featured Products

Ball Chair

Incorporates arm rests and promotes active sitting by the slight bouncing movements of the ball. This assists in increasing attention and promoting good posture. Includes the ball chair base, 16" exercise ball and a hand pump.



Economy Therapy Balls

Quality Inflatable Therapy Balls! If using a therapy ball for sitting, fit person for a diameter that assures he or she can sit comfortably with feet flat on the floor with knees and hips flexed at 90 degrees.



Economy Peanut Balls

Provides all the fun and bounce of a ball with greater stability. A versatile piece of equipment - sit or straddle, lay on stomach or back. Great soft tactile feel.



Seminars

All seminars are free, and are held Saturdays from 9-11 AM in our Showroom.

Upcoming confirmed events:

September 21, 2013

[Collaborative Consultation Experiences of Teacher/Occupational Therapist Dyads](#)

Speaker: Margaret Morris, OTD, OTR/L, BCP



Tere Bowen-Irish, OTR created the [Drive Thru Menus](#) to solve a problem: how can we provide children with meaningful therapeutic exercise in classrooms where time and space are limited? The Drive Thru Menus programs are designed to provide engaging and meaningful exercises in situations where time is limited, in much the same way that drive thru restaurants provide food for those without much time.



On the heels of last year's successful presentation, Tere is back again, hosting another workshop on November 8, 2013! This is a wonderful workshop for therapists and teachers who want to integrate exercises and movement into the core curriculum to improve alertness and strength in all students and prepare them for academic learning. [Come join us at beautiful Bay Path College in Longmeadow, MA for a day of practical ideas!](#) Take away skills and strategies to use in your classroom or in your practice tomorrow!

November 2, 2013

[Sound/Listening Therapies](#)

Speaker: Kathy Carley, MS, OTR/L, Executive Director of Project CHILLD

December 7, 2013

[Movement and Its Impact on Learning: An Introduction to Brain Gym](#)

Speaker: Pamela Formosa, MA, OTR/L, Licensed Brain Gym Consultant-Pathways to Learning

January 25, 2014

[OT Activities in the Classroom](#)

Speaker: Linda Marshall, OT

Always check [our website](#) for the newest updated information.

● September Sale Bin



Please view our [Sale Bin](#) for all of our September specials. These are 1st quality products that are either overstocked or have been discontinued. Please look frequently, as we update this often.

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