

Sightless Children Club

Newsletter

Brain Link Between

November 2008

Researchers have verified that the part of the brain involved in processing the sense of sight is also necessary for the sense of touch.

The findings are relevant to understanding not only how the brain normally processes sensory information but also how such processing is altered in conditions such as blindness, deafness or numbness, and ultimately

to improving methods of communication for individuals afflicted with these disorders.

When a sense is used a great deal, the brain is able to process information from that sense more efficiently. People who use their fingers extensively, such as Braille readers and string players, give evidence of increased cortical representation of the fingers.

Areas of the brain previously

devoted to visual or auditory processing can be reallocated to processing tactile information, providing the hands with even more brain power. In this way, the hands of a person who is blind can become, in addition to their usual role as tools, useful and intelligent sense organs, allowing people without sight and hearing to have access to objects, people, and



President's Corner

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SCC will be having a Christmas Party!

The Party will be held this year on Sunday December 7th, 2008.

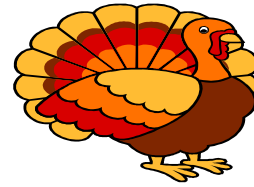
Location for the party will be at :The American Legion

5700 Kentshire Dr. Kettering, Ohio 45440

Time : 1:00 pm to 4:00pm



Thanksgiving Facts



Let's talk turkey!

91% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

Americans feast on 635 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving.

The North American holiday season (generally the Christmas season in the U.S.) traditionally begins when Thanksgiving ends, on “Black Friday” (the day after Thanksgiving); this tradition had held forth since at least the 1930's.

Benjamin Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey.

The first Thanksgiving was not a feast, but rather a time when Native Americans helped Pilgrims by bringing them food and helping them build off the land.

Domesticated turkeys cannot fly, however wild turkeys can fly up to 55 miles per hour over short distances.

Only male (tom) turkeys gobble. Females make a clicking noise. The famous gobble is actually a seasonal mating call.

The heaviest turkey ever raised weighed in at 86 pounds—about the size of a German Shepherd

The turkey trot, a ballroom dance in the 1900's was named for the short, jerky steps of the turkey. It became popular mainly because it was denounced by the Vatican as “suggestive”

Turkeys are known to spend the night in trees! (Maybe to escape the Thanksgiving table?)



Turn into CBC national evening news on Friday, Nov. 7th (Katie Couric) probably at the end of the news, there is going to be a report on the Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band And about them going to the Rose Bowl Parade, January 1, 2010. Watch for Sarah, the Alto Saxophone player.

Next Meeting:

Monday Nov 17, 2008

10 Wilmington PL

Dayton, Ohio 45420

7:00PM

