



# Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism  
Educational Equity For All



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World Autism Awareness Day 2019 Tuesday April 2

Annual World Autism Awareness Day  
FORT MYERS, Fla. – Tuesday is the twelfth Annual World Autism Awareness Day and while the developmental disorder still poses many mysteries to science, new studies show we're moving forward with research, treatment and awareness.



If you are a teacher or work in a school we have a wealth of autism resources for you. [Sign up to MyWorld](https://www.autism.org.uk/professionals/teachers.aspx), and have practical tips on helping autistic children emailed to you every fortnight.  
<https://www.autism.org.uk/professionals/teachers.aspx>

**Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation To Break Ground on Universally Accessible Dreamfield on World Autism Awareness Day** <https://goo.gl/eRJ45u>



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!



SHAZAM!  
4/9

DUMBO  
4/13

HELLBOY  
4/23

MISSING LINK  
4/27

## Movie Showings for Guests & Families Living with Autism or Other Special Needs

AMC is proud to partner with the Autism Society to bring you unique movie showings where you can feel free to be you! We turn the lights up, and turn the sound down, so you can get up, dance, walk, shout or sing!

We are now expanding our Sensory Friendly Film program to four showings per month.

- The second and fourth Tuesday and Saturday.
- Family-friendly movies will continue to show Saturdays, starting at 10am local time
- We've added Tuesday showings at 7pm local time that may appeal to others on the autism spectrum.

Tickets are \$4-6 depending on location and can be purchased on the day of the event. To find a participating theater:

<https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>

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## FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH

### the imagination tree



EASIEST WAY TO DYE RICE FOR SENSORY PLAY

This method creates the most vibrant and amazingly coloured rice that will last for years when stored correctly.

<https://goo.gl/NxZWK7>



## healthy children.org

Powered by pediatricians. Trusted by parents.  
from the American Academy of Pediatrics

Keep Kids with Autism Safe from Wandering: Tips from the AAP

Here are tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

- **Know wandering triggers.** Children with ASD can be impulsive and typically wander or bolt from a safe setting to get to something of interest, such as water, the park, or train tracks—or to get away from a situation they find stressful or frightening, such as one with loud noises, commotion, or bright lights.
- **Secure your home—regardless of your child's age.** Shut and lock doors that lead outside. Consider putting alarms on doors to alert you if a door has been opened.

Drowning is the cause of death for almost 3 in 4 children with autism who wander off alone.

<https://goo.gl/junxFG>

**UF** Center for Autism and Related Disabilities  
University of Florida

- [Spotlight on Basic Visuals Starter Kit](#)
- [Spotlight on Creating an All About Me Book](#)
- [Spotlight on Picky Eating](#)
- [Spotlight on Eating Out](#)
- [Spotlight on Potty Training](#)
- [Spotlight on Relationships](#)
- [Spotlight on Safety](#)

<http://card.ufl.edu/resources/trainings/spotlights/>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<https://goo.gl/wvN2KD>

<https://goo.gl/nfxCG2>

<https://goo.gl/PAoJ2s>



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



ABA Inside Track is...

- A podcast about applied behavior analysis and the research that fuels the field
- A spirited discussion between two BCBA-Ds and their BCBA host
- A source of continuing education credit for BCBA, BCBA-Ds, and BCaBAs (learn more [here](#))
- More fun than pressing a lever

<https://www.abainsidetrack.com>



## RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO



Autism Live is a free resource for the Autism community and the world at large. With live broadcasts on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays and free podcasts on YouTube, iTunes and Roku, Autism Live provides information, resources, hope and inspiration to help individuals with Autism achieve progress in areas that are important to them. For more information and to interact with the live show visit: [www.Autism-Live.com](http://www.Autism-Live.com)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AutismLive>



## ASD toddler initiative



- Prompting
- Naturalistic Intervention
- Pivotal Response Treatment
- Functional Behavior Assessment
- Reinforcement
- Video Modeling

<https://asdtoddler.fpg.unc.edu/learning-modules>