



The month of April is Autism Awareness/Acceptance month. In most of our worlds, every day is Autism Acceptance, however April gives us an excuse to educate and inform others how amazing each and every one is. We should talk about our differences and celebrate them! It's a good time to set everyone up on an acceptance and kindness journey!

Spring is in the air, or so we are all hoping for the nice sunny days. The weather is starting to become a little more outdoor friendly so we can all start to get outside and grab a nice breath of fresh air. Many of us are already thinking of gardening or even that summer vacation may be in the works. However you like to spend your days this time of year, hopefully your all excited about Spring time!

April holidays — 2023

- **April 1st** – April Fools Day! “No foolin’!”
- **April 2nd** – World Autism Awareness Day
- **April 5th** — [First Contact Day](#). If you’re a Trekkie, you know what I’m talking about.
- **April 7th** — [Walk to Work Day](#). reduce carbon emissions and breath some fresh air on their daily commute
- **April 9th** — [Easter](#).
- **April 9th** — [National Unicorn Day](#). Nothing is quite so elusive — except maybe a sale on the one item that *never* goes on sale.
- **April 11th** — [National Pet Day](#). Share the love.
- **April 14th** — [National Gardening Day](#) and [National Garden Month](#). Got dirt?
- **April 16th** — [Wear Pajamas to Work Day](#). Get comfy!
- **April 20th** — [National High Five Day](#). Do good things in your community.
- **April 22nd** — [Earth Day](#). It’s our home. Let’s take care of it.
- **April 26th** — [Administrative Professionals Day](#). Thank them.
- **April 28th** — [National Arbor Day](#). Plant a tree!
- **April 29th** — [National Rebuilding Day](#) is the culmination of [National Rebuilding Month](#). Help rebuild your community.

 AUTISM SPEAKS™

Did You Know?

April is World Autism Month



A time for friends and neighbors to come together in honor of understanding and acceptance of people with autism

What Handwriting Does to the Brain



BUILDS CONNECTIONS FOR HIGHER LEARNING

reading, writing, math, comprehension



CREATES EMOTIONAL GROUNDING

emotional maturity



INCREASES IMPULSE CONTROL

controlled behavior



ESTABLISHES LATERALIZATION

hand dominance



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A Real April Day
by Lenore Hetrick

April for rainbows,
And April for showers!
April for a bright hint
Of lovely May flowers.
April for nonsense,
And April for play –
Best of all times
Is a real April day!



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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Anita O.	1 st	Linda S.	13 th
Kamryn L.	3 rd	Aaron M.	14 th
Alexandra D.	6 th	Loree M.	15 th
Rene C.	6 th	Starr S.	15 th
Jadecinie H.	7 th	Elizabeth M.	17 th
Tiffany H.	8 th	Taylor N.	17 th
Rebekah J.	8 th	Robyn S.	20 th
Amanda M.	9 th	Aaron C.	21 st
Taliah M.	10 th	Janell L.	21 st
Olive S.	10 th	William H.	29 th
Sita F.	13 th	Kaleah S.	30 th



1 YEAR!!

Amber A.
Sonja B.
Cleide B.
Paula D.
Madison M.

Kimberly P.
Melissa T.
Christine V.

3 YEARS!!

Alyssa B.
Stacianne H.

Aaron M.

4 YEARS!!

Cherlyn H.

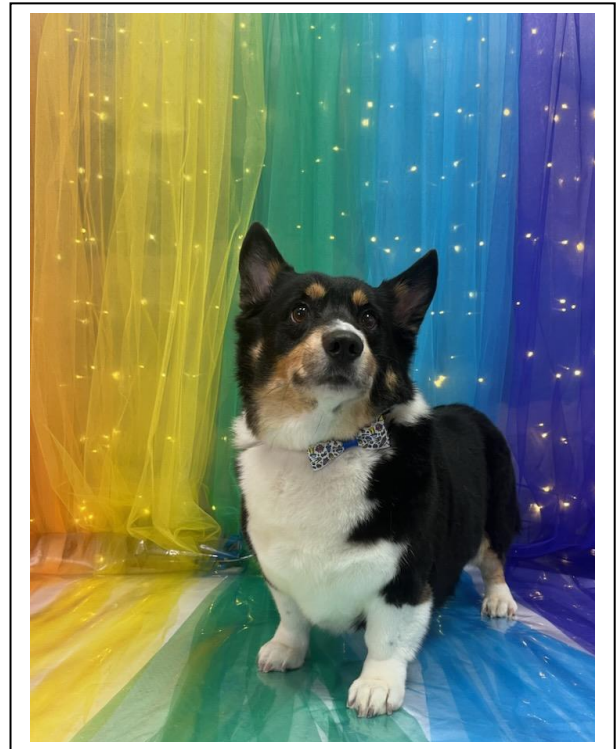
5 YEARS!!

Amari M.

Jessica’s Corgi Corner

Danny got a grooming, and he is happy. He needed it!
Introductions are going great new providers seem excited to come on board and some have behavioral experience. Keep up the great work with responding to me and getting signatures for visit notes.

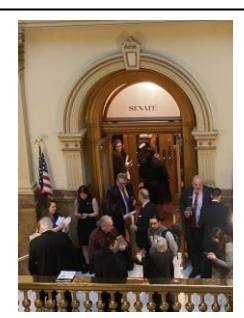
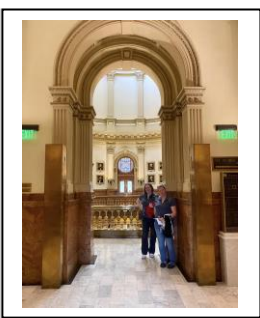
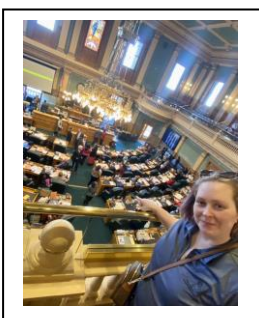
~Jessica



From Tiffany’s Desk

What a month March was! A few reminders that happened and items coming up:

- 1) Calista has put together a few great videos on DORY and Sandata. Please do not forget to go watch them under the videos section of the Staff Portal
- 2) **IMPORTANT INFO FOR SHIFT SUBMISSIONS:** I sent an email out last week about a change in the time of shift submissions. The DORY update was deployed by our developers last night. (3/30/2023) As of 4-1-2023 Providers will only be able to go back 7 days when submitting shifts. You may still obtain signatures or edit your shifts however you will no longer be able to go back further than 7 days.
- 3) Jaime, Kylee and myself went to the Capitol this past week for IDD Awareness Day. We had a great time meeting our legislators and hearing the issues on the floor for our individuals with IDD. Below are a few photos of our adventures.



IDD Awareness



Jalapeno Bacon Cheddar Deviled Eggs

Ingredients

- 12 eggs
- 4 slices bacon
- 3 jalapeno peppers(optional)
- 1 cup finely shredded sharp Cheddar cheese.
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ red onion, minced
- 2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard
- 1 pinch paprika, or as desired

- Place eggs in a saucepan; cover with water. Bring to a boil, remove from heat, and let eggs stand in hot water for 15 minutes. Remove eggs from hot water, cool under cold running water, and peel.
- Place bacon in a large skillet; cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain bacon on paper towels; crumble when cool enough to handle.
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- Remove seeds and stems from jalapenos; mince 1 pepper and slice remaining peppers into very thin strips; set aside.
- Cut eggs in half lengthwise, place yolks in a bowl. Mash egg yolks with a fork; stir in minced jalapeno, Cheddar cheese, mayonnaise, red onion, and mustard.
- Place egg whites cut side up on a serving platter. Spoon yolk mixture into egg white halves; sprinkle with crumbled bacon and paprika.
- If your yolk mix is too stiff, add more mayo or mustard depending on your own tastes. You can also use whole grain mustard, Dijon mustard or whatever mustard you prefer.

CYM of the Month

Yay, we have 2 this month!!

Rachael Roddy

Thank you for always having a “can do” attitude and a genuine connection with your families!

Thomas Barry

Thank you for all you do for your families! You go above and beyond. Keep up the good work!

Notes From the Admin Team

Reminder to check emails from the admin team on a regular basis. Please check them weekly

PPRS Facebook Page

For the most up to date news and Events
like our Facebook Page

**[https://www.facebook.com/PikesPeak
RespiteServices](https://www.facebook.com/PikesPeakRespiteServices)**

PPRS NEWSFLASH GROUP

Join our Facebook News flash Group to fill
your schedule!

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1568239
36506856](https://www.facebook.com/groups/156823936506856)

We love to see you!
Stop by our office and say hi!

If you know of any events that would be of interest to our Providers and Families
Let us know!!!

PPRS is always on the lookout for things for our Providers and Families to do.
We keep a close eye on upcoming events in the areas we serve.
Many times we find out about events a few days or a week before they happen,
and always post them to our Facebook Page!
Please like and share our Facebook Page to receive up to the minute news!

Here is a list of a few great places to look for events!

<https://www.coloradosprings.com/events/#/>

<https://www.pueblo.us/2801/Events>

<https://www.denver.org/events/>

<https://www.fcgov.com/events/>

<https://www.peakradar.com/categories/free-events/>

<https://www.visitcos.com/events/>

<https://ppld.librarymarket.com/>

<http://pueblolibrary.libnet.info/events?et=Kits2Go>

<https://www.denver.org/events/free-events/>

<https://www.larimer.gov/events>

<https://poudrelibraries.evanced.info/signup/> El Paso

<p>Paws to Read</p>	<p>Where: 832 Village Center Drive When: Every Wednesday 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM (April 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th) What: Children may practice reading skills by reading to a Canine Good Citizen dog. Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Pikes Peak Children’s Museum Dino Eggstravaganza</p>	<p>Where: El Pomar Youth Sports Park When: April 1st From 10 AM to 1 PM What: Booths, Face Painting, Games, Activities & Food Trucks Egg Hunt from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Spring Break: Funny Ferocious Dragons</p>	<p>Where: Pikes Peak Library District: Ute Pass Library Cascade, CO 8010 Severy Road, Cascade CO 80809 When: April 1st 10:30 AM What: Magic Dave attempts to train a group of fire-beathing, vicious dragons, but he is in for a shock because these dragons are more about having fun than being fierce in this hilarious adventure featuring magic, puppets and lots of silliness! For ages 0-10 Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>PPLD Rockrimmon Tween: Pixel Art Portraits</p>	<p>Where: 832 Village Center Drive – Rockrimmon Meeting Room When: April 27, 2023 at 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM What: Come create your own pixel art portrait! For ages 9-12 Please register. Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>PPLD Rockrimmon Storytime</p>	<p>Where: 832 Village Center Drive - Rockrimmon Meeting Room When: April 4th, April 11th, April 18th, April 25th 9:00 AM – 9:30AM What: Experience Stories through books, flannel boards, puppets, songs and activities. This program encourages emerging reading skills by engaging children with shapes, sounds, rhythm and rhyme in a playful environment. Customer Service can also provide a Sensory Accommodations Kit. For ages 3 and up. Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>PPLD Rockrimmon Steam Take & Make: Military Parachutists</p>	<p>Where: : 832 Village Center Drive When: April 14th 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM What: Celebrate the Month of the Military Child by creating a military parachutist. For ages 5-12. Cost: Free Admission</p>

Pueblo

Teen/Tween Hangout	Where: Pueblo West Library When: April 3 rd 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM What: Fun activities and snacks Cost: Free Admission
Lucero Library Kits2Go	Where: Patrick A. Lucero Library When: April 4 th All day What: Kits2Go available while supplies last. Cost: Free
Pueblo West Build your own Rock Collection	Where: Pueblo West Library When: April 4 th 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM What: Create your own Rock Collection. Learn about different rocks and minerals. Fun for the whole family. Cost: Free Admission
Barkman Weekend Family Movie	Where: Barkman Large Meeting Room When: April 8 th 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM What: Bring the family to Barkman for a family movie. Cost: Free Admission
Rawlings Tie Dye Eggs	Where: Rawlings – Makerspace Lab When: April 8 th 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM What: Tie dye eggs with papers towels and food dye. Cost: Free Admission

Denver Metro

Denver Zoo Free Day	Where: Denver Zoo: 2300 Steele St, Denver, Co 80205 When: 4/9/2023, 10/7/2023, 11/7/2023, 11/12/2023 What: limited number of tickets for each Free Day, using an online lottery system. Follow steps at the website to enter the lottery for 5 free tickets. <u>Denver Zoo Free Days</u> Cost: Free Admission
Free Day at the Denver Art Museum	Where: Denver Art Museum: 100 W. 14 th Ave. Pkwy. Denver, CO 80204 When: 4/11/2023, 4/30/2023, 5/9/2023, 5/14/2023, 6/13/2023, 7/11/2023, 7/30/2023, 8/8/2023, 9/9/2023, 9/12/2023, 10/10/2023, 11/4/2023, 11/14/2023, 12/12/2023 What: Engage with art, explore onsite activities, and experience exhibitions on view all while enjoying free admission! Advance ticket reservations are encouraged. Cost: Free
Easter Bunny Photos and Egg Hunt at Orchard Town Center	Where: Orchard Town Center When: April 8 th 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM What: Hop on over to take free photos with the Easter bunny in Macy's courtyard on 146th Ave. The first 150 kids to join us can take part in our special Easter egg scavenger hunt around The Orchard. If you complete all the stops you will be entered for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to shop at Toys "R" Us at Macy's. Cost: Free Admission

<p>Arvada Kite Festival</p>	<p>Where: 11200 W 58th Ave Arvada CO 80002 When: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM What: Bring your own kite or buy a kite at the event. See Kite Demos by Rocky Mountain Kite Association, over 70 vendors, music, food trucks, face painting, inflatables and more. Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Denver Botanic Gardens</p>	<p>Where: 1007 York St. Denver, Colorado 80206 When: 4/22/2023, 6/6/2023, 7/5/2023, 8/15/2023, 11/24/2023 What: Free Days occur throughout the year, thanks to funding from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD). Advanced online registration is required to ensure that we can accommodate people safely given ongoing COVID-19 concerns. Free Days are for regular Gardens hours only and do not include ticketed events Cost: Free Admission</p>

Larimer County

<p>Bald Eagle Viewing</p>	<p>Where: River Bluffs Open Space 6101 East County Rd. 32E Fort Collins, CO 80528 When: April - Every Saturday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM What: Enjoy watching the Bald Eagles that nest north of River Bluffs Open Space. Larimer County volunteer naturalist Carl Sorrentino, who has been viewing the bald eagles at River Bluffs Open Space for 20 years, will share eagle facts, history and sounds as well as information about the nest, the eagles “favorite hunting tree,” and more. Spotting scopes will be available for viewing but please bring binoculars or a spotting scope if you have them. There will be good and safe viewing right from the trail head area. All ages and abilities are welcome. Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Skygazing with Northern Colorado Astronomical Society</p>	<p>Where: Horsetooth Mountain Open Space 6550 W. County Rd 38 E Fort Collins, CO 80526 When: April 14th 9:00PM to 11:00 PM What: Weather dependent Enjoy an evening with members of the Northern Colorado Astronomical Society (NCAS) for an up-close look at the night sky over the Rockies. Telescopes will be available for viewing stars, galaxies, planets and more! Bring the whole group to connect with the wonders of the night sky. This is an open house-style program. Telescopes will be set up in the paved parking lot. Program is free but a parking pass is required. Registration is encouraged. Dress warmly for winter evening temperatures (winter hats, gloves, winter jacket, boots, warm socks, etc.) and bring binoculars if you have them. Registered participants will be notified if the program is canceled and posted at https://www.larimer.gov/events. For up-to-date weather information, visit the NCAS website at www.nocoastro.org. Free Admission</p>

<p>Tiny Trekkers</p>	<p>Where: Lions Open Space 2425 N. Overland Trail Laporte, CO 80535 When: April 13th - 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM What: Bring your 2-5 year old for a morning filled with nature exploration, stories, and connection with our amazing natural world. A parent or guardian must accompany the child for this program. Registration is required but program is free. Please call Natural Resources main desk at (970) 619-4564 or 4570 the night before or day of program to cancel or inquire about availability. Cost: Free Admission</p>
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Teller

<p>Parks & Recreation Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p>Where: Cripple Creek Parks & Recreation City Park When: April 8th 12:30 PM What: Visit the Easter Bunny when he makes his annual stop at Cripple Creek Parks and Recreation. Bring the kids to hunt for eggs which they exchange for candy and prizes. Each child also has the chance to find a Golden Egg, which they can exchange in the prize area for \$5. The hunt is FREE and open to all kids ages 0 - 12. The hunt will go on rain, snow or shine. Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Family Movie Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>Where: Cripple Creek Parks & Recreation City Park When: April 22nd 1:30 PM What: Cripple Creek Parks and Recreation has teamed up with Teller Rifles to bring the community a FREE movie. Bring the family out and enjoy the afternoon. Snacks, drinks, and entries for movie themed door prizes available for purchase at the concession stand. Call for the movie of the month 719-689-3514</p>