



As we step into the blossoming month of May, it brings us great joy to extend a heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you to our latest edition of our PPRS Newsletter. In May, we are thrilled to celebrate a colorful array of holidays and observances that hold special significance for many of us. From honoring the unconditional love of mothers to paying tribute to the sacrifices of our fallen heroes, it is a month filled with reflection, gratitude, and celebration.

We look forward, not only to the beauty of the season, but also the strength and resilience of our caregivers everywhere. Your dedication, compassion, and unwavering support inspire us each day. It is a season of renewal, and it reminds us of the resilience and strength that reside within each of us. It's a time when nature bursts forth with new life, and in much the same way, caregivers demonstrate unwavering dedication and love in their roles each day.

Thank you for being a vital part of Pikes Peak Respite Services.

Your PPRS Admin Staff

May

Heritage Month & Mental Health Awareness Month

May 1st: Labor Day

May 2nd: National Fitness Day 🏃 #FitnessDay

May 4th: Star Wars Day #MayThe4thBeWithYou

May 5th: Cinco de Mayo #CincoDeMayo

May 6th: MET Gala

May 9th: Europe Day 🇪🇺 #EuropeDay

May 10th: National Small Business Day #SmallBusinessDay

May 11th: Eurovision Song Contest Finale 🎵

May 12th: International Nurse's Day 🩺 #NursesDay

May 12th: [Mother's Day \(US\)](#) 👩 #MothersDay

May 15th: International Day of Families 👨👩👧

May 16th: National Love a Tree Day 🌳💚

May 17th: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
🏳️🌈 #IDAHOBIT

May 18th: International Museums Day 🏛️

May 20th: World Bee Day 🐝

May 20th: Victoria Day 👑 #VictoriaDay

May 21st: Cultural Diversity Day

May 23rd: Vesak Day 🙏 #VesakDay

May 24th: Scavenger Hunt Day

May 25th: National Wine Day 🍷

May 27th: [Memorial Day](#) us #MemorialDay

May 28th: International Burger Day 🍔

May 29th: National Flip Flop Day 🩴

May 30th: National Creativity Day ✨



MAY THE 4TH
BE WITH YOU!



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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

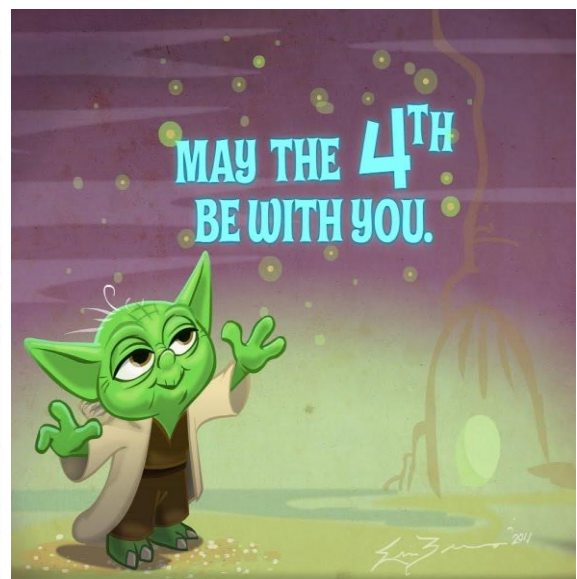
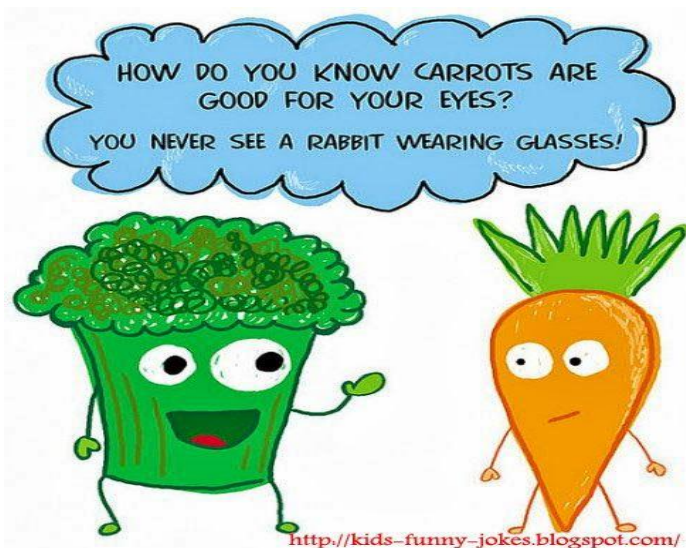


May Craft Ideas





**I just realized why this month is called May....
It may rain, it may snow, it may be 70 degrees, it may be 20 degrees...**





Sweet and Salty Chex Mix

Ingredients

- 5 cups **Rice Chex Mix** (or corn chex mix)
- 1 (9.75 oz) box **Cheez-It Double Cheese Snack Mix**
- 2 cups **Honey Roasted Planters Peanuts**
- 1 (12 oz) bag **Spring M&Ms**

Instructions

1. In a large bowl combine Rice Chex cereal, Cheez-it Snack Mix, Planters Peanuts, and M&M's
2. Toss well until all ingredients are evenly distributed
3. Store in **an air-tight container** and enjoy your delicious sweet and salty chex mix

UPCOMING PPRS SPONSORED EVENTS



Challenger Baseball: "To provide an opportunity for individuals with intellectual and physical challenges to enjoy the benefits of Little League participation in an environment structured to their abilities."



Alpine Autism Center 17th Annual "Run for the One" 5k

Walk/Run

Saturday May 4th, 2024

Colorado Springs, CO

[Official Website](#)

SUPPORTING LGBTQ+ IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION!



PIKES PEAK PRIDE FESTIVAL & PARADE

JUNE 8TH & 9TH, 2024

ALAMO SQUARE PARK

FESTIVAL: 10AM-7PM - SAT & SUN

PARADE: 11AM ON SUNDAY



2024 COLORADO FREE DAYS

Denver Zoo
2300 Steele St. Denver
denverzoo.org

1/5 & 1/21
2/11
4/7
11/1, 11/9, 11/17

Must reserve free tickets 7 days prior to free day. First come, first serve lottery system.

Clyfford Still Museum
1250 Bannock St. Denver
clyffordstillmuseum.org

2/29
4/28
7/28
11/2 (10am-10pm)

Must reserve free tickets 7 days prior to free day. There are also pay as you wish days offered.

Denver Botanic Gardens
1007 York St. Denver
8500 W Deer Creek Canyon Rd. Littleton
denverbotanicgardens.org

1/15 6/5
2/15 7/3
3/9 8/28
4/22 11/29

Must reserve free tickets the 1st of the month. No onsite tickets available.

Plains Conservation Center
21901 E Hampden Ave. Aurora
303-693-3621

1/18 10am-3pm **7/13 9am-2pm**
2/22 10am-3pm **8/15 9am-2pm**
3/16 10am-3pm **11/16 10am-3pm**
6/13 9am-2pm **12/12 10am-3pm**

Denver Museum of Nature & Science
2001 Colorado Blvd. Denver
dmns.org

1/8 & 1/28 **9/10 (5pm-9pm)**
2/25 9/30
4/28 10/20
6/4 (5pm-9pm) **11/2 (5pm-9pm)**
6/19 11/18
8/21 (5pm-9pm) **12/8**

Onsite free tickets available. A separate ticket is required for the planetarium or infinity theatre.

Four Mile Historic Park
715 S Forest St. Denver
fourmilepark.org

1/26 **5/24** **9/27**
2/23 **6/28** **10/25**
2/22 **7/26** **11/22**
4/26 **8/23** **DEC TBD**

Only free 10am-4pm and does not include admission to signature events or programs

Museum of Contemporary Art
1485 Delgany St. Denver
mcadenver.org

1/6 **5/4** **9/7**
2/3 **6/1** **10/5**
3/2 **7/6** **11/2**
4/6 **8/3** **12/7**

Admission is \$0.01 for Colorado residents on the first Saturday of each month. Under 18 is always free.

Children's Museum
2121 Childon's Museum Dr. Denver
mychildrensmuseum.org

5/17 **8/16**
6/21 **9/20**
7/19

Joy Park Free Nights 4:30pm-8pm Outdoors Only.

National Parks
nps.gov

1/15 **8/4**
4/20 **9/28**
6/19 **11/11**

Free admission for everyone to all national parks.



Jamie B.	1st	Lonnie P.	16th
Alicia W.	2nd	Georgiale H.	17th
Sarah N.	2nd	Shaquille K.	17th
Derek A.	4th	Andrea A.	18th
Jennifer M.	4th	Lei-Lani B.	18th
Marie K.	5th	Amy K.	18th
Sabrina K.	5th	Susan K.	21st
Morgan M.	7th	Lucy R.	21st
Roach G.	8th	Joshua S.	21st
Lisa R.	8th	Amari M.	25th
Sheree A.	10th	Angelica Z.	26th
Tricia J.	11th	Natalie W.	27th
Alice D.	12th	Stacey B	29th
Mylo G.	12th	Nicole B.	29th
Joel H.	12th	Hunter C.	29th
Kara M.	12th	Samuel O.	29th
Ashley M.	13th	Amanda P.	30th
Michael Y.	14th	Fernando O.	31st



1 Years

Priscilla A.
Linda D.
Vilma M.
Sarah S.

2 Years

Jadecinie H.
Samantha T.

3 Years

Dmitriy S.

4 Years

Angelique R.

From The Admin Team



Exciting News: Introducing Kantime Software!

Dear Pikes Peak Respite Services Parents and Providers,

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you! Pikes Peak Respite Services is taking a leap forward in enhancing our services and streamlining communication with the implementation of Kantime software.

With Kantime, both our valued providers and dedicated parents/guardians will experience a new level of convenience and efficiency. No more juggling between multiple platforms - Kantime brings everything together in one user-friendly app.

What does this mean for you?

Providers:

- Say goodbye to the hassle of logging into dual programs. With Kantime, submitting shifts is easier than ever before.
- Enjoy streamlined communication with PPRS admins, ensuring smoother coordination and support.
- Access training resources to familiarize yourself with the app and optimize your experience.

Parents/Guardians:

- Gain visibility of notes and shifts directly through the Kantime app, keeping you informed every step of the way.
- Enjoy improved communication with PPRS admins, making it easier to address any questions or concerns promptly.

We understand the importance of seamless communication and efficiency in delivering the best possible care for your loved ones. With Kantime, we're committed to enhancing your experience with Pikes Peak Respite Services.

What's Next?

Be on the lookout for further announcements regarding the Kantime app and download implementation. We will provide training resources to ensure a smooth transition for both providers and parents/guardians.

At Pikes Peak Respite Services, we're dedicated to continually improving our services to better serve you. We're excited about the possibilities that Kantime brings, and we can't wait to embark on this journey together with you.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in Pikes Peak Respite Services.

Warm regards,

Tiffany Hutson, COO
Pikes Peak Respite Services

PPRS Facebook Page

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

<https://www.facebook.com/PikesPeakRespiteServices>

PPRS NEWSFLASH GROUP

Join our Facebook News flash Group to fill
your schedule!

<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 What: Children may practice reading skills by reading to a Canine Good Citizen dog. Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Family Adventure Day</p>	<p>Where: <u>Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College</u> When: May 11, 2024 at 10:30 am - 01:00 pm (Sat) What: Pop in to check out what the Fine Arts Center has to offer and explore your creativity in drawing, painting, and sculpture! Bemis instructors will help guide you to awaken your creativity or show you new possibilities in art making. And while you are here, make sure to check out Museum Free Day. Museum Free Days are just that, an opportunity for the public to enjoy our galleries free of charge. https://fac.coloradocollege.edu/event/family-adventure-day-3/ Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Homeschool Open Play</p>	<p>Where: <u>Westside Community Center at Westside Community Center, Colorado Springs CO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When: Apr 29, 2024 at 11:45 am - 12:45 pm (Mon) • May 3, 2024 at 10:15 am - 11:00 am (Fri) • May 6, 2024 at 11:45 am - 12:45 pm (Mon) • May 10, 2024 at 10:15 am - 11:00 am (Fri) • May 13, 2024 at 11:45 am - 12:45 pm (Mon) • May 17, 2024 at 10:15 am - 11:00 am (Fri) • May 20, 2024 at 11:45 am - 12:45 pm (Mon) • May 24, 2024 at 10:15 am - 11:00 am (Fri) • May 27, 2024 at 11:45 am - 12:45 pm (Mon) • May 31, 2024 at 10:15 am - 11:00 am (Fri) <p>What: Multipurpose room for homeschoolers. Westside Community Center is excited to open our multipurpose room for homeschoolers to join together for fun and socialization! Please bring play equipment to share. WCC will not be providing equipment. Cost: Free Admission all ages</p>

<p>Teen Game Night</p>	<p>Where: 685 N Murray Boulevard, Colorado Springs 80915 – Ruth Holley Library When: Join us every 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the Ruth Holley Library Teen Space for Teen Game Night! What: Hang out with your friends for an evening of Nintendo Switch and Xbox games! Teens are welcome to bring their own games from home as well. Come ready to have some fun! Snacks will be provided. Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Home Depot Kids Workshop</p>	<p>Where: All Home Depot Locations – see local store for most accurate information When: 1st Saturday of every month 9am-12 noon What: Join us on the first Saturday of each month between 9 am – 12 pm for free in-person Kids Workshops. While supplies last. Cost: Free Admission</p>

Pueblo

<p>Movie Mania</p>	<p>Where: Patrick A. Lucero Library When: Wednesday, May 15th 3pm – 5pm What: Come see or call ahead to see what movie will be playing Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Home Depot Kids Workshop</p>	<p>Where: All Home Depot Locations – see local store for most accurate information When: 1st Saturday of every month 9am-12 noon What: Join us the first Saturday of each month between 9 am – 12 pm for free in-person Kids Workshops. While supplies last. Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Scavenger Hunt</p>	<p>Where: Greenhorn Valley When: Wednesday’s What: Find all the pictures and receive a prize Cost: Free Admission</p>

Denver Metro

<p>Botanic Gardens</p>	<p>Where: Botanic Gardens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ York Street 1007 York Street Denver, CO 80206 720-865-3500 ○ Chatfield Farms 8500 West Deer Creek Canyon Road Littleton, CO 80128 720-865-3500
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	<p>When: 2024 Free Days for York Street and Chatfield Farms</p> <p>Monday, Jan. 15 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) Thursday, Feb. 15 Saturday, March 9 Monday, April 22 (Earth Day) Wednesday, June 5 Wednesday, July 3 Wednesday, Aug. 28 Friday, Nov. 29 (Thanksgiving Friday)</p> <p>2024 Free Days at Plains Conservation Center</p> <p>Thursday, Jan. 18, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thursday, June 13, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, July 13, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.</p> <p>What: Free Days occur throughout the year, thanks to funding from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD).</p> <p>Cost: Free Days – Please visit website for details and free tickets. www.botanicgardens.org/events/free-days</p>
<p>Free Day at the Denver Art Museum</p>	<p>Where: Denver Art Museum: 100 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy. Denver, CO 80204</p> <p>When:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, January 9 • Saturday, January 27 • Tuesday, February 13 • Tuesday, March 12 • Sunday, March 24 • Tuesday, April 9 • Sunday, April 28 • Tuesday, May 14 • Tuesday, June 11 • Tuesday, July 9 • Sunday, July 21 • Tuesday, August 13 • Saturday, September 7 • Tuesday, September 10 • Tuesday, October 8 • Saturday, November 2

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, November 12 • Tuesday, December 10 <p>What: Engage with art, explore onsite activities, and experience exhibitions on view all while enjoying free admission! Advance ticket reservations are encouraged.</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>
<p>Hammonds Factory Candy Tour</p>	<p>Where: Hammond’s Candies 5735 Washington St, Denver CO 80216</p> <p>When: Recurring weekly on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday</p> <p>What: Bring your curiosity and your sweet tooth for a complimentary tour of our factory. Thousands of kids and kids at heart visit us every year to watch as their favorite treats are pulled, twisted, shaped and packaged by hand</p>
<p>Mining Museum of Earth Science</p>	<p>Where: Mines Museum of Earth Science 1310 Maple St., Golden, 303-273-3815</p> <p>When: Open Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>What: It has two floors displaying fossils, gemstones, meteorites, minerals and mining artifacts.</p> <p>Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>U.S. Mint of Denver</p>	<p>Where: 320 W. Colfax Ave., Denver</p> <p>When: Guided tours are offered at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday</p> <p>What : FREE tours show every step in the process of turning dull, blank metal slugs into shiny pocket change.</p> <p>Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Home Depot Kids Workshop</p>	<p>Where: All Home Depot Locations – see local store for most accurate information</p> <p>When: 1st Saturday of every month 9am-12 noon</p> <p>What: Join us the first Saturday of each month between 9 am – 12 pm for free in-person Kids Workshops. While supplies last.</p> <p>Cost: Free Admission</p>

Larimer County

<p>Fort Collins Winter Farmers Market</p>	<p>Where: 215 East Foothills Parkway When: Saturday, Apr 6, 2024 from 10:00am to 2:00pm What: Farmers Market Cost: Free Admission</p>
<p>Tiny Trekkers</p>	<p>Where: Lions Open Space 2425 N. Overland Trail Laporte, CO 80535</p>
	<p>When: 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 the 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>