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### **UPDATES**

- The month's newsletter will be highlighting Halloween safety
- Physical Therapy Appreciation Month.
- ADHD and Learning Disability
   Awareness Month.

 Exciting things are happening at Tots to Teens! Check us out on Facebook and Instagram to stay connected.









Tuesday 10/28/25 "Superhero Tuesday"
Wear your favorite superhero costume, shirt, or colors

Wednesday 10/29/25 "Wild hat Wednesday"

Wear your wild hat for the day

Thursday 10/30/25 "Staff Costume - Disney"

Dress like your favorite character by wearing a shirt,

costume, or accessories

Friday 10/31/25 "Pumpkin Day"
Wear a pumpkin shirt, black, or orange



## PHYSICAL THERAPY MONTH! MEET OUR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS



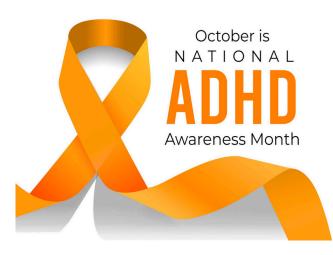
Davina received her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Shenandoah University. She finds joy in the small wins—whether it's a child mastering a new skill or gaining confidence through movement. Outside of the clinic, she loves reading, spending time with her playful pitbull, Titan, and taking well-earned power naps.

Ms, Davina



Ms, Courtney

Courtney graduated with a doctorate in physical therapy in 2010 from Nazareth College. Her love for pediatrics began while in PT school. She has over 10 years of experience working with patients in an outpatient pediatric setting ranging from newborns to young adults. She has worked with children with a variety of diagnoses including developmental and gross motor delays, hypotonia, cerebral palsy, Autism, torticollis, and various enetic and neuromuscular disorders. Courtney lives in Gainesville and enjoys spending time with her husband and two boys, going camping, crafting and baking.



## October is **Learning Disabilities Awareness Month**











# CAREGIVER SUPPORT

October 15

6:00-7:00PM

We will meet over Zoom

**Topic: Sharing Success Stories and** 

**Small Victories** 



We are a safe, understanding space to share experiences, encourage and connect with others. All parents and caregivers are welcome.

- Meet other parents
- Get your questions answered
- Discuss important information

To Register <u>click here</u> Or contact authorizations@totstoteenstherapy.com





#### Preparing for a Fun Evening of Trick-or-Treating: A Guide for Parents with Autistic Children

#### Planning & Priming

#### Plan for:

- Sensory-friendly and comfortable costumes.
- Early hours when streets are less crowded, quiet street, or trunk-or-treat events

#### Prime by:

- · Visiting familiar locations
- · Practicing trick-or-treating
- · Use visuals to create social stories





#### Be Mindful of Sensory Overload

- Consider using noise-cancelling headphones
- Take sensory breaks
- Know the triggers. i.e. If a child is sensitive to flashing lights or loud noises, avoid approaching homes with those elements.

### Safety First!

- Always ensure your child has adult supervision
- Wear reflective elements or add reflective tape for visibility in the dark
- Have children wear ID bracelets or temporary tattoos with your contact information
- If your child has allergies, make sure to carefully check all candy ingredients

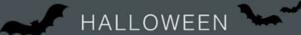


#### Post-Trick-or-Treating Routine

- Review the Experience: Talk to your child about their Halloween experience.
   Discuss what they enjoyed and what might have been hard for them.
- Wind Down: Help your child transition back to their regular routine with calming activities like a warm bath or reading their favorite book.



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# SAFETY TIPS

Have children wear REFLECTIVE MARKINGS or carry a FLASHLIGHT so they can be seen.

Always **CHECK CANDY**before letting your child eat it.
Avoid homemade treats
made by strangers.





Always ACCOMPANY
YOUR YOUNG
CHILDREN when
they are trick or treating.

Make sure your children's costumes are properly sized to AVOID FALLS AND TRIPPING.





Use NON-TOXIC
MAKE-UP on your
child instead of a mask
so vision is not limited.

Keep kids on a sidewalk or path and don't let them dash across the street or to the next house. Always WALK TOGETHER and cross at a street corner or walk signal.





# Trick-or-Treat Visual Schedule



1) Walk to door.



2) Knock or ring doorbell.



3) Greet the person in my own way

wave say "Hi, trick-or-treat!" **smile** 



4) Choose 1 candy.



5)Put candy in bag.



6) Thank the person in my own way

smile

wave say "Thanks!



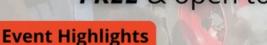
# FIRE & RESCUE SYSTEM

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Public Safety

Fall Expo

Join us for a day of fun, learning and safety!

FREE & open to the public.



**Exhibitors** – Meet our career and volunteer firefighters, local agencies/organizations, and learn about life-saving services provided by PWC Fire & Rescue System, Air Care1 and more!

**Egg Drop Challenge** – Design a contraption to protect your egg... winners get a <u>RIDE ON A FIRE ENGINE!</u>

Child Safety Seat Check – Is your child's car seat properly installed?

Live Music - Local bands performing throughout the day.

**Meet Celebrities** - Appearances by Sparky the Fire Dog, McGruff the Crime Dog and Smokey Bear!

Activities & Games - Fun for kids of all ages!

Food Trucks - Grab a bite from some of the area's best eats!



Learn. Explore. Connect.

**Come visit** 

**Tots To Teens** 

at The Expo

Come meet your local heroes, learn about safety, discover volunteer opportunities, and have a blast doing it! Follow us on social media for updates and weather info!

Saturday
October 4<sup>th</sup>



Pfitzner Stadium
7 County Complex Ct
Woodbridge, VA 22192



12pm - 5pm

## Top Features Parents About the Ocean Friends App

- Book therapy slots easily with their therapist that fit their schedule
- A Receive instant updates on appointments and message their therapist instantly
- **Pay bills, view statements, and access therapy documents all in one place**
- \* Cherish special moments shared by therapists and track their child's progress



This will streamline your paperwork and payments and give you more control over your child's schedule, progress, and communication. You will get real time updates when your child meets a goal, be able to see session notes, cancel and reschedule your appointments, and make payments with ease all through this user friendly platform! Ocean Friends offers an app and an online experience. You will be receiving your yearly paperwork through this platform to update our files.

#### Reminder.

### Kayla's Korner

- Tots to Teens is growing and we now have immediate openings for Speech, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy services. Please complete our <u>intake</u> form to start the process.
- Need to change your child's schedule for the new school year? Now is the prefect time to contact email <u>frontdesk@totstoteenstherapy.com</u>
- Please use the Oceans Friends app if your child has a day off from school and you need to cancel, switch to a virtual visit, or would like to see if an earlier time is available for that day.
- All session payments and copayments are now due at the time of service.
   Prepayment can be made using the link on our website or you can pay at the front desk.
- Please remember to let Katie W, <u>authorizations@totstoteenstherapy.com</u> know if your insurance has changed. Failure to notify us of these changes can result in unexpected charges.

Free
Screening
Coupons!!

15 minute screenings for speech, physical, or occupational therapy.

If you know anyone that would like to come in for a free screening please contact the

front desk.



# We are Accepting New Patients

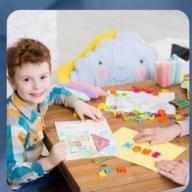
We have openings for Speech,
Occupational , Feeding, and Physical
Therapy.

Complete your intake form at www.totstoteenstherapy.com









Occupational Therapy

Speech Therapy

Feeding Therapy Physical Therapy

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