



Autism Awareness Benefits Everyone

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Autism Awareness Month, every April, people around the world celebrate Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month.

WHAT IS AUTISM?

Autism is a neurological difference. This means an autistic person's brain is "wired" differently than a "neurotypical" brain. It isn't a disease to be cured, but a different way of processing the world.

HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SPREAD AWARENESS.

You can . . . share accurate symbols and info, like for example you can wear the infinity logo, make a bulletin board, and much more.

You can also wear rainbow colors to support the idea that all brains are different, and that's ok.

And if you have social media, like TikTok Instagram, YouTube, and much more. You can post some information, or awareness about Autism.

HOW TO HELP?

Whenever you're just minding your own business, do you ever notice adults, or kids who look alone? Well, if you do, I suggest inviting him or her to play or participate with you.

Lastly, if you ever see is adult, or a kid who seems overwhelmed by loud noises, maybe a bright room. I suggest helping them out, like bringing them into a quieter room, or a room they feel safe and calmer in.



These Dumplings Would Not Do Well in Soup

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You might've seen many influencers on YouTube and TikTok unboxing these viral squishies, and wondered what all the hype is about. Well, I'll tell you! These squishy dumplings are basically a mystery series sold at 5 Below that have gone viral very quickly.

One type of dumpling that people have been obsessing over is the Glitter Dumpling. Now remember when I said they were a mystery series? The Glitter Dumpling is the rarest dumpling out of all of them. So many people will buy as many dumplings as they can to maximize their chances of scoring a glitter dumpling.

Many 5 Below locations have even made a limit of how many dumplings a person can buy! Some people even go far enough to bring a scale to 5 Below and weigh the dumplings boxes. Many people have tried this, and it has worked because the glitter dumplings weigh more because of their glitter and different texture.

I went to 5 Below over the weekend, and there were no dumplings! They were all sold out. There were many people looking for them though. I'm not that surprised they were sold out because for these dumplings, the hype is real.



Note to Readers and Writers: No Tusker Tribune Next Week As Mr. Pappas will be on the Washington, DC trip. Next issue will be May 1.

Earth Day Reminds Us of Our Home's Fragility

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Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 in over 192 countries around the world. It is a day to spread awareness about what we can all do to make the Earth a safer and more sustainable place. It is also a day to protect the planet from pollution, deforestation, and climate change.

The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970 in the United States. U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson from Wisconsin organized the first national Earth Day to spread awareness about environmental issues. He was motivated to organize this event due to the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill which was the largest oil spill in United States waters at that time that covered over 30 miles of coastlines and caused thousands of seabirds and marine mammal deaths.

As Earth Day approaches, there are many small but meaningful actions you can do to help like limiting your water usage which can conserve up to 8 gallons per day, spread awareness issues like pollution, climate change, and deforestation have on the environment, and help clean up your neighborhood or town. Earth Day is a very important day of the year where even a small action can make a huge difference in protecting our planet!



Summer-like Warmth in April Can Mean Our Planet is Warming



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This week has been filled with scorching sun shining down and rising temperatures. It would usually be these temperatures in June, July, August, and September, so why is it in April?

The heat is caused by the rise of greenhouse gas emissions, also known as carbon emissions or carbon pollution. Greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) are gases released into the air like carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide. These gases trap heat in the atmosphere like how glass traps heat in greenhouses. GHG emissions are major factors to global warming and climate change. They are primarily caused by human activities, for example burning fossil fuels like coal and oil for heat, electricity, and transportation.

But being in the shining sun is not always healthy for humans. Very high temperatures can lead to dehydration, heat exhaustion, sun poisoning, heat strokes, and death. You can prevent these by staying hydrated by drinking water regularly, wearing light-weight clothes with light colors, and most importantly, wearing sunscreen that has at least a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30.

Make sure to take these precautions as the weather gets warmer!



10th Annual Charity Car Show at SIS

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Over the weekend on Sunday, there was a car show at SIS and in the bus loop. There were many old cars, firetrucks, and tables with people selling their products. This festival was a fundraiser for Somers, too, so there were many fun stations like face painting, or getting your hair tinsel or dyed.

There were so many cool old-fashioned cars and their owners! My favorite car might have been a shiny red convertible. Since the firemen were there, you could go inside the firetruck, meet them, and have a little taste of what it's like to be a firefighter.

Many tables there were very cool! Some of my favorites were the nail table, the bakery table, or the squishy table. There was also a band playing. There was also a gaga pit, where many kids were playing gaga ball, a fun dodge ball-type game in a pit. At the bakery table, there was a cool game where you had to guess how many chocolate chips were in a glass jar. If you are the closest guess, you win 12 cookies for free.



Jellycats Have Staying Power As People Keep Getting Them

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Jellycats blew up in 2020 and have stayed popular and keep innovating. What are Jellycats? Jellycats are luxurious stuffed animals with many designs and categories. There are foods, animals, sports balls, mythical creatures, and much more.

Jellycats have many different costs, from \$13 to \$2,100. Jellycats have many different “rarities” that means that some are hard to find and are popular while others are common and very easy to find.

The rarest Jellycat is the Bashful Bunny Imogen which sells for \$1,000 to \$2,100, while the most common Jellycat is the Bashful Beige Bunny which sells for \$23.

Where to find Jellycats? You can find Jellycats on the websites at Nordstrom, FAO Schwartz, Amazon, The Paper Store, and many other places.

People often wonder what “retired” means when they try to buy a specific Jellycat on the Jellycat website, and it says that. It means the Jellycat is no longer being made. Jellycats can also be very fun to collect and use as collectables or used to be given gifts to family and friends. If you are lucky enough to take a trip to NYC, I recommend stopping at the Jellycat Diner where they pretend the Jellycats are food and pretend to cook them as your meal. Jellycats are guaranteed to put a smile on your face and make your day.



The Met Has Exhibits for All Art Tastes

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The Metropolitan Museum of Art, also known as the MET, holds over 5,000 pieces of art from around the world. It is located at 1000 Fifth Avenue and 82nd Street in Manhattan, New York City. It is near Central Park and also the Guggenheim Museum.

The MET dates back to 1866 in Paris, France where a group of Americans agreed to create a “national institution and gallery of art” for Americans to experience. On April 13, 1870, the MET was open to the public in the Dodworth Building. On November 20, 1870, the first item appeared at the MET--a Roman sarcophagus from the 3rd century A.D. In 1871, A collection of 174 pieces including works created by Anthony van Dyck, Nicholas Poussin, Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, Jacob Jordaens, and Gaspar de Crayer was added to the museum.

On March 30, 1880, the MET moved locations and opened to the public at its current site on Fifth Avenue and 82nd Street. The most popular art pieces that you must see when visiting the MET include the Temple of Dendur in the Egyptian Art wing, Washington Crossing the Delaware in the American wing, and Vincent Van Gough’s “Self Portrait with a Straw Hat”. You should also take a look at the Impressionist paintings including Claude Monet’s “Bridge over a Pond of Water Lillies” and Van Gough’s “Wheat Field with Cypresses”.

Other very popular exhibits include Arms and Armor, European Sculptures, the American Wing, and European Paintings (1250-1800). The MET is a must-see art museum when visiting the city!

Source:

- <https://www.metmuseum.org/about-the-met/history>

From Train Station and Warehouse to Premeir Art Museum

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The Musee d’Orsay located in Paris, France is the home to the world’s largest collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Art from 1848-1914. The Musee d’Orsay is located in the 7th Arrondissement of Paris. It was once a train station and a cargo warehouse during World War II and then finally became a museum.

The museum was opened to the public on December 9, 1986. The museum faces The Louvre and the Tuileries Garden. From the Musee d’Orsay, the Louvre is easily reachable on foot and it’s convenient to visit both fascinating museums in one day.

The museum has many different pieces of art from paintings and sculptures to photographs and decorative arts from the mid 19th century to the early 20th century. The Musee d’Orsay is mainly known for holding many different Impressionist painting including the “Luncheon on the Grass” by Edouard Monet, “The Origin of the World” by Gustave Courbet, “Self-Portrait” by Vincent Van Gough, and the “Bal de Moulin de la Galette” by Renoir.

The museum’s most popular collections include Monet’s La Gare Saint-Lazare, Manet’s Olympia and Luncheon, and Van Gough’s Starry Night Over the Ronet. I really recommend going to the Musee d’Orsay when visiting France!

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Frogs Have Some Cool Characteristics

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Frogs are actually really cool if you think about it, even though some people think they're gross. They're amphibians, which basically means they can live in water and on land, so they get the best of both worlds.

Most frogs start off as tadpoles, which look more like little fish with tails, and then they go through this whole change called metamorphosis, where they grow legs and lose their tails. Frogs are also known for their jumping skills. Some can jump way farther than their body length, which is impressive considering how small they are. They also use their tongues to catch bugs, and it happens super fast, like you almost can't even see it.

Another thing is that frogs are important for the environment because they help control insect populations. Without them, there would probably be way more bugs everywhere, which would be annoying. Also, some frogs can croak really loudly, especially at night, which can either be relaxing or super irritating depending on your mood. So, frogs might seem random, but they do a lot and are interesting once you learn about them.

Birds Play a Role in Ecosystem Balance

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Birds are interesting animals that you can see almost anywhere, which makes them easy to learn about. They are known for having feathers, wings, and beaks, and most of them can fly.

Some birds, like penguins and ostriches, cannot fly, but they are still birds because they share the same main features. Birds hatch from eggs, and many of them build nests to keep their eggs safe. Different birds build different kinds of nests, from simple ones made of twigs to more complex ones. Parent birds usually take care of their babies by feeding them until they are old enough to survive on their own.

Another cool thing about birds is their ability to migrate. Some birds travel thousands of miles to find warmer places during winter and then return when the weather changes. This shows how strong and determined they are. Birds also make different sounds, like chirping or singing, which they use to communicate. Overall, birds are an important part of nature and help keep ecosystems balanced.



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