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SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR HIVES:



Second responders.

This summer, the beautiful beaches of Maine have two very special lifeguards on duty: Beacon and Buoy. These incredible dogs are called second responders—working alongside human lifeguards to ensure the safety of beachgoers. Trained to assist in rescue operations, Beacon and Buoy are always ready to leap into action, using their strength and instincts to help those in need. Their presence brings not only safety but also joy and a sense of security to everyone at the beach.

At The Behavior Exchange, we understand the importance of having a reliable support system. In our families, we often think of first responders as our immediate family members—those who are always there for us in moments of need. But who are your second responders? Just like Beacon and Buoy, second responders in our lives play a crucial role in providing additional support, guidance, and comfort when we need it most.

For families with children with autism, second responders can be therapists, teachers, friends, or even neighbors who step in to offer a helping hand. These individuals bring unique skills and perspectives, enriching the support network that is vital for the well-being and growth of our children. They may not always be in the spotlight, but their contributions are invaluable and deeply appreciated. Let's take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the second responders in our lives. Who are the people or resources that provide that extra layer of support for your family? Whether it's a trusted therapist, a dedicated teacher, or a kind neighbor, recognizing their efforts helps strengthen the bonds within our community. Share your stories with us, and let's honor the Beacon and Buoy in all of our lives. Email us: BUDDY@BEHAVIOREXCHANGE.COM

Want to learn more about Beacon and Buoy, the amazing pair of New Founlanders patrolling the beaches? [LEARN MORE](#) here.

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- 8/12: Plano and Prosper Hive's last day of Summer Camp
- 8/13: Boulder Hive's last day of Summer Camp
- 8/17: **National Honey Bee Day!**

Quote of the day

"Yesterday is ashes, tomorrow wood. Only today does the fire burn brightly."
—Old Eskimo Proverb



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AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Back to school

Whoa... in just a few more days, the kids will be going to school. Frisco ISD starts on August 12th, Plano and Prosper start on August 13th, and Boulder Valley SD gets going on August 14th. As the saying goes “No time like the present”, it’s a good idea to speak to your BCBA about school plans for the fall. Both Texas and Colorado have laws that make ABA therapy and other behavioral services excused absences. Read more about excused absences from our blog. [CLICK HERE](#).

Another end to Summer Camps at The Behavior Exchange

Summer flew by in the blink of an eye! We absolutely love the joyful buzz of activity from your little ones at our hives. Summer Camps at The Behavior Exchange are always a magical time for us, and this year was no exception. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the trust you’ve placed in us to care for your most precious treasures—your children. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are truly honored to have had the opportunity to spend this special time with them.

Social Saturdays

Social skills are so important for kids with autism, helping them connect, communicate, and build friendships. That’s why we offer Social Saturdays at The Behavior Exchange! Our fun, structured sessions give kids the chance to practice and improve their social skills in a supportive environment. Led by our expert and caring team of RBTs and BCBA’s, your child will learn to navigate social situations and make friends, all while having a great time. Come join us and see your child’s social skills shine. [SIGN UP TODAY!](#)

Tax-Free weekend

Speaking of going back to school, there are tons of items you will need to get in preparation to the start of a new school year. For those of us in Texas, tax-free weekend will take place on August 9-11. Learn more about what qualifies under tax-free items [HERE](#). Unfortunately, Colorado, like Arizona and California, do not offer a tax-free weekend.

Research study done by TCU’s medicine department

We’d like to extend an invitation we received to all willing participants. Per the email: *My name is Claire Thompson, and I am a medical student working with Dr. Philip Esposito at Texas Christian University (TCU). We are conducting a research study on the effectiveness of screening tools in detecting autism spectrum disorders in children. We are seeking parents or caregivers of children who have received a formal ADOS score. Participation will take no more than 5 minutes and will involve filling out a short survey. Participation is completely voluntary, and data will be deidentified and stored on locked computers at TCU. If you are interested, please click this [LINK TO ACCESS THE SURVEY](#). There are no known risks involved in this research and you may opt out of the survey at any time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Phil Esposito at p.esposito@tcu.edu or (817) 257-6866.*

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Get to know us!

Here’s this month’s spotlight on an amazing member of the TBE team!

Please meet, **Paolaenid, RBT, Plano Hive.**

Favorite Song: Holy War by Rainbow Kitten Surprise

Favorite Movie: Planet of the Apes (although we’re not sure if it’s the original 1960s version, the 2000 version or the latest installment)

Fun fact about you: I am a Certified Rescue Scuba Diver, and I took my first flight when I was 7 days old from the US Virgin Islands to Puerto Rico

Hobbies: Crocheting, Reading, Scuba Diving, Dancing, Cooking, and Working out

Why did you choose to work in ABA therapy with children with autism—what’s your superhero origin story? I wanted to get more experience and learn more about what ABA therapy is.

What’s your favorite part about working at The Behavior Exchange? The community

Did you know?



Saturday, August 17 is National Honey Bee Day!

Not only is it a national day, it’s also World Honey Bee Day! Since 2009, Honey Bee Day is observed on the 3rd Saturday of August. Here are some amazing facts about our favorite insect and mascot!

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THE BUZZ AROUND DFW:



Hugapalooza!

Hugapalooza! is a free, kid-centered sing-along concert organized by KidLinks, a local non-profit on a mission to bring healing, hope, and happiness to kids through music and media. The concert is a way to say thank you to the community for their support. This year's event will feature a special performance by Kamica King, entertainment by Musical Storytime Puppet Show, and a Children's Resource Fair for families to learn more about the many offerings in DFW. The concert will be held on August 24 at the Klyde Warren Park Muse Family Performance Pavilion and is ideal for children ages 2-10. [LEARN MORE](#)

North Texas Fair and Rodeo

Denton is your destination for the 96th Annual North Texas Fair and Rodeo, where preserving and promoting western heritage and values takes center stage. The 10-day family event features lots of live country music, first-class rodeos, livestock shows, fun zones for kids, carnival rides, food, games, vendors, and more. August 16-25. [LEARN MORE](#)

Dallas' Original Watermelon Day

Get ready to savor the sweetness of summer at the 6th Annual Watermelon Day at the Dallas Farmers Market. Enjoy a juicy day of watermelon-themed activities, including delicious free samplings of different types of watermelon, a watermelon printmaking workshop, kids face painting, chef demonstrations, live music, local vendors, and more. It's perfect for all ages and a great way to support local farmers. Saturday, August 3, from 9am - 5pm. [LEARN MORE](#)

Sensory Sundays @ Crayola Experience

Join a special morning designed for kids and families with sensory needs. Kids can experience the arts and craft activities inside the Crayola Experience Plano attraction located at The Shops at Willow Bend. Families get exclusive access to the entire 60,000-square-foot attraction with lights will be dimmed, music will be turned off, and quiet rooms if needed. August 18 from 10am-12pm. [LEARN MORE](#)

1. Honey bees are super-important pollinators for flowers, fruits and vegetables. This means that they help other plants grow! Bees transfer pollen between the male and female parts, allowing plants to grow seeds and fruit.
2. Honey bees live in hives (or colonies). The members of the hive are divided into three types:
 - Queen: One queen runs the whole hive. Her job is to lay the eggs that will spawn the hive's next generation of bees. The queen also produces chemicals that guide the behavior of the other bees.
 - Workers: These are all female and their roles are to forage for food (pollen and nectar from flowers), build and protect the hive, clean and circulate air by beating their wings. Workers are the only bees most people ever see flying around outside the hive.
 - Drones: These are the male bees, and their purpose is to mate with the new queen. Several hundred live in each hive during the spring and summer. But come winter, when the hive goes into survival mode, the drones are kicked out!
3. What are these buzzing bugs most famous for? Delicious honey! But did you know they produce honey as food stores for the hive during winter? Luckily for us, these efficient little workers produce 2-3 time more honey than they need, so we get to enjoy the tasty treat, too!
4. If the queen bee dies, workers will create a new queen by selecting a young larva (the newly hatched baby insects) and

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THE BUZZ AROUND BOULDER:



Chautauqua Park

Chautauqua Park is a portion of an iconic historic landmark dating back to when the City of Boulder began preserving wild lands over 100 years ago. In 1898, Boulder residents approved a bond issue to purchase 80 acres to be used as a “Chautauqua,” a movement that brought entertainment and culture to the community. Today, the park carries on that tradition, offering families play and exploration with endless opportunities to explore nature and take in iconic views of the Flatirons. Free shuttles available. [LEARN MORE](#)

Fiske Planetarium

Enjoy the planetarium’s summertime matinee series every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, featuring fun, family-friendly, fulldome planetarium films that enchant and entertain kids of all ages. Some of the enriching films offered in August during the summertime series include Cosmic Mashups: Gravity, Galaxies, and Supermassive Black Holes, CAPCOM Go! The Apollo Story, Kaluokaihina - The Enchanted Reef, We Are Stars with Andy Serkis, Secrets of Gravity, and Forward! To the Moon with Kari Byron from Mythbusters. [LEARN MORE](#)

Boulder County Fair

The Boulder County Fair is the oldest fair in Colorado celebrating its 154th year and the county’s rich agricultural culture, traditions, and community. With carnival rides, livestock, live music, 4-H competitions, open creative living exhibits, fair food, petting zoo, and a kid’s corral, there’s something for everyone. Free parking and admission. August 7-11. [LEARN MORE](#)

Boulder Taco Fest

Enjoy the best tacos from top restaurants and food trucks, a curated list of craft breweries, tequila tasting, high-flying Luchadores, awesome live bands, and lots of free fun for the kiddos. It’s no wonder the Boulder Taco Fest is quickly becoming Boulder’s must-do event of the summer. You’ll enjoy amazing food, drinks, and entertainment at a beautiful venue right on Boulder Creek. It’s a can’t-miss event for all ages. August 10. [LEARN MORE](#)

feeding it a special food called “royal jelly”. This enables the larva to develop into a fertile queen.

5. Honey bees are fab flyers. They fly at a speed of around 25km per hour and beat their wings 200 times per second!

6. Each bee has 170 odorant receptors, which means they have one serious sense of smell! They use this to communicate.

7. The average worker bee lives for just five to six weeks. During this time, she’ll produce around a twelfth of a teaspoon of honey.

8. The queen can live up to five years. She is busiest in the summer months, when she can lay up to 2,500 eggs a day!

9. Honey bees are also brilliant boogiers! To share information about the best food sources, they perform their ‘waggle dance’. When the worker returns to the hive, it moves in a figure-of-eight and waggles its body to indicate the direction of the food source. Cool, huh?

10. Sadly, over the past 15 years, colonies of bees have been disappearing, and the reason remains unknown. Referred to as ‘colony collapse disorder’, billions of honey bees across the world are leaving their hives, never to return. In some regions, up to 90% of bees have disappeared!



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Corny kids jokes!

As they say, laughter is the best medicine!

*You know what they say about jokes?
There's a kernel of truth in them.*



- What has four wheels and flies? A garbage truck!
- What did the tomato say to the other tomato during a race? Ketchup.
- Why shouldn't you write with a broken pen? Because it's pointless.
- Why can't you trust the king of the jungle? Because he's always lion.

				1	2 Dress-Up Friday Bee Cool Day- Wear any cool color like blue, green, and violet!	3 Saturday Services Frisco Hive 9:00am-3:00pm <i>National Watermelon Day</i>
4 <i>Coast Guard Day</i>	5	6 <i>National Night Out</i>	7	8	9 Dress-Up Friday Recycle Day- Wear something that's been recycled or passed down to you. Or from sustainable fabrics like bamboo Frisco Hive last day of TBE Summer Camp	10 Saturday Services Frisco Hive 9:00am-3:00pm
11	12 Plano Hive last day of TBE Summer Camp Prosper Hive last day of TBE Summer Camp (TBD) • Frisco ISD first day of school <i>World Elephant Day</i>	13 Boulder Hive last day of TBE Summer Camp • Plano ISD first day of school • Prosper ISD first day of school	14 • Boulder Valley SD first day of school (K-5, 6, 9)	15 • Boulder Valley SD first day of school (7, 8, 10-12)	16 Dress-Up Friday Bright Colors Day — Be bold and bright!	17 Saturday Services Frisco Hive 9:00am-3:00pm <i>National Bee Day!</i>
18	19 <i>National Potato Day</i>	20	21	22 <i>Eat a Peach Day</i>	23 Dress-Up Friday Favorite Movie or TV Day—Wear your favorite movie or TV character.	24 Saturday Services Frisco Hive 9:00am-3:00pm <i>National Waffle Day</i>
25	26 <i>Krishna Janmashami</i> <i>Women's Equality Day</i>	27	28	29	30 Dress-Up Friday Tis Too Hot Today Day—Wear white and light! <i>National Beach Day</i>	31 Saturday Services Frisco Hive 9:00am-3:00pm



- What did one wall say to the other? "I'll meet you at the corner."
- What do sea monsters eat? Fish and ships.
- What do you call a sad strawberry? A blue berry!
- Why are pirates called pirates? They just ARRRR!
- How do you organize a space party? You planet.
- Why do seagulls fly over the sea? If they flew over the bay, they would be bagels.

All times are in Central Standard Time Zone (CST).
Some dates and events are subject to change.
Prosper ISD 2024-2025 calendar not available as of printing of this calendar.



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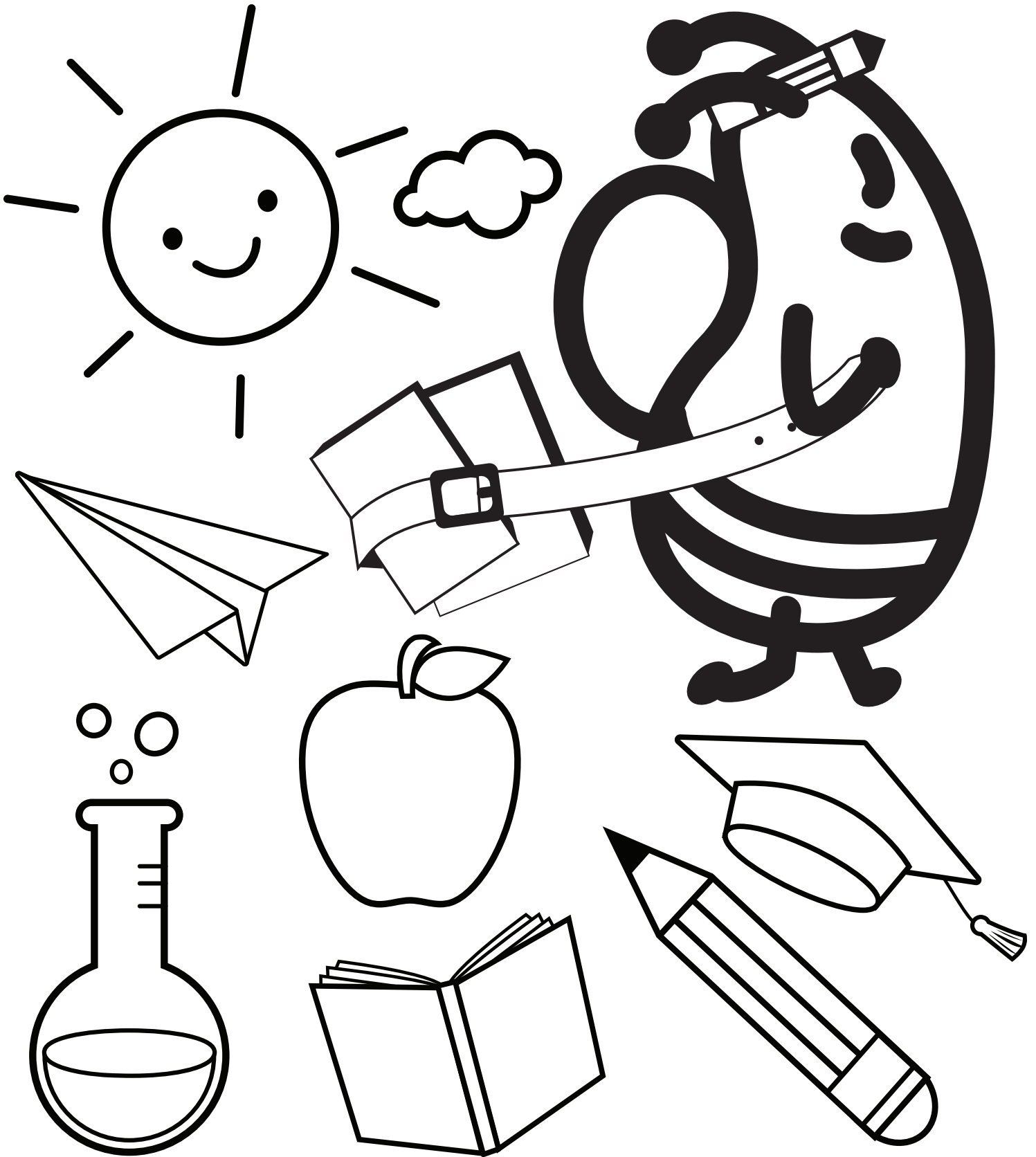
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