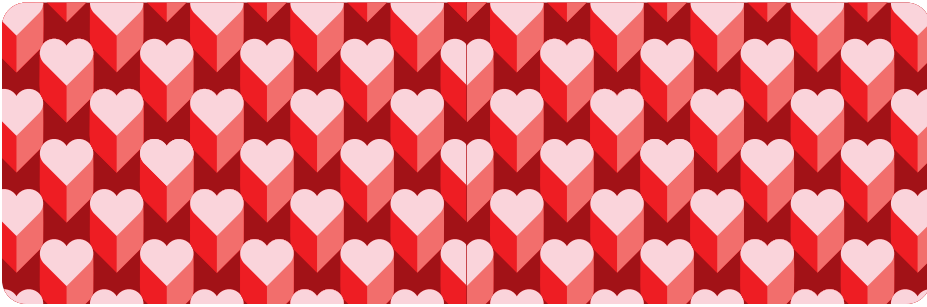




## SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR HIVES:



### Love is the strongest force in the world.

Are you familiar with the tale of Psyche? Psyche, the daughter of an unnamed king, was renowned for her beauty, said to rival that of Aphrodite (Venus in Roman myth). Fueled by envy and in a fit of rage, Aphrodite commands her son Eros. (Cupid in Roman) to strike Psyche with his arrow, compelling her to fall in love with a monstrous creature. However, Eros accidentally pricks himself, finding love for Psyche instead. Defying his mother's orders, he whisks Psyche away to a secret palace.

Night after night, Eros visits Psyche in darkness, deepening their connection through intimate conversations. Despite the luxury surrounding her in the new palace, Psyche yearns to see her mysterious husband's face. Her curiosity, fueled by her sisters' jealousy of her lavish lifestyle, intensifies. One night, driven by her longing, she lights a candle. In the flickering light, Psyche catches a glimpse of Eros' beautiful face. Startled, he vanishes, leaving Psyche alone and heartbroken.

Determined to reclaim Eros's love, Psyche seeks Aphrodite's assistance. Seizing the opportunity to test Psyche, Aphrodite imposes a series of impossible tasks. Undeterred, Psyche faces each challenge with courage and determination. Assisted by creatures moved by her pure heart, she conquers every obstacle, each more challenging than the last. Through trials testing her strength, loyalty, and perseverance, Psyche's love for Eros deepens, proving to be an unwavering force. Touched by the power of Psyche's love, Zeus and the gods grant her immortality, uniting her with Eros for eternity. They marry, have a daughter named Voluptas, and live happily ever after.

The allegory of Psyche and Eros remains a timeless tale, illustrating the enduring power of true love. It teaches us that love, when pure and steadfast, possesses the strength to overcome insurmountable challenges, even in the darkest of times. It is this same enduring love for our families that propels us to face and conquer whatever challenges the world presents.

Have you come across stories illustrating the triumph of love over all obstacles? Share your favorite tales with us by emailing [BUDDY@BEHAVIOREXCHANGE.COM](mailto:BUDDY@BEHAVIOREXCHANGE.COM) — we'd love to know!

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### TBE Calendar

2/10: Chinese New Year

2/14: Valentine's Day

Log on to our site and view selected events: [CLICK HERE](#)

### Quote of the day

**"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."**

— Harriet Tubman, American abolitionist

### Get to know us!

This year, we will be highlighting an amazing staff members each month in our newsletter.

Please meet, **Mariana—RBT, Frisco Hive.**  
From The Woodlands, Texas. Originally

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## Summer Schedule Request Forms.

Just a few days back, temps were in the single digits here Texas and our friends in Colorado were braving negative temps (how do they do it?!) but we've got to keep-on keeping-on and thus summer planning is starting soon! Please be on the look out for Summer Schedule Forms from our Intake team. Coming soon!

## 2024 insurance cards.

If you have not done so already, please submit a copy of the front & back of your 2024 insurance card. Even if you have kept the SAME insurance, it is best practice to update our office with the latest copy of your insurance information. Thank you to those who have already submitted their insurance details!

## Spring Break, school holidays, and more!

Since we're already talking Summer Camp, it seems like we leapfrogged over Spring Break! We'd like to remind you that all of our hives remain open during Spring Break. Plano, Frisco, and Prosper all have school breaks the week of March 11-15, while our Colorado friends will have their Spring Break the week of March 25-29.

**Would you like to increase your child's hours on these school holidays?** The sooner we know, the better we will be able to accommodate your requests. This also applies to the many school closures we have until the summer break. Additional school closures by ISDs:

**Plano ISD:** 2/19, 2/20, 3/29, 4/22

**Frisco ISD:** 2/16, 2/19, 3/29. Weather make up days: 4/1, 4/26.

**Prosper ISD:** 2/16 (Weather make up day), 3/29, 4/1 (Weather make up day), 4/26.

**Boulder Valley SD:** 2/19, 2/20, 4/19, 4/22.

## Soar higher.

**2024 is the Year of the Dragon.** Yes, it's going to be a fiery and bold one. Dragons are considered the luckiest zodiac sign in Chinese culture. It will be a contrast to last year's Year of the Rabbit. No more hesitation, introspection and precariousness. The upcoming year promises to be even better because of its Chinese zodiac element: wood. A Wood Dragon year has the potential to usher in good fortune, action and expansion. Let's brace ourselves, things will be happening quickly!



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from Colombia.

**Favorite Song:** 22 by Taylor Swift

**Favorite Movie:** All Avengers movies!

**Fun fact about you:** I love makeup! I love to do makeup looks and all things glamming!

**Hobbies:** Makeup. Yoga and meditation practices.

**Why did you choose to work in ABA therapy, with children with autism?**

**What's your superhero origin story:** For as long as I can remember, since I first moved to the United States from Colombia, my dream job was always to be a teacher. We had a family friend when I was very little whose baby daughter was born with Down's Syndrome; my mom babysat her and took care of her for many years which was a core memory for me watching her do something new and challenging for her, yet highly internally rewarding. I could see the beauty and love that came from the baby to my mother and how much that experience changed my mom for the better regarding patience. Here also I realized that I had a special place in my heart for atypical friends. Next, normally little kids go on to change their dream job several times, which was also the case for me. I realized I wanted to go into psychology, which deepened my passion for people and the human brain. Once I realized that being a typical psychologist was not the only thing I was capable of and that I wanted more challenge and more options in my opportunities, I switched majors to

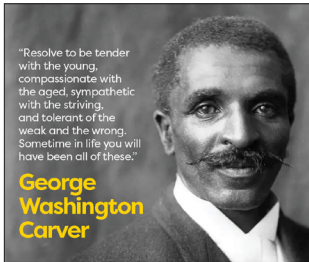
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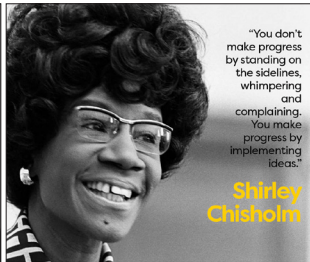


## February is Black History Month.

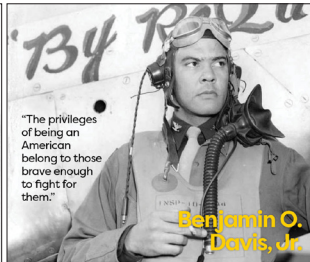
Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.



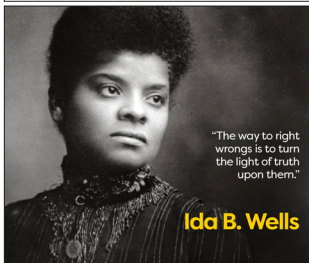
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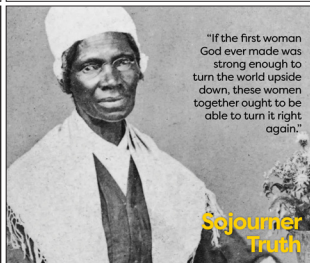
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## THE BUZZ AROUND DFW:



### Mo Willems' Elephant & Piggie's We Are in a Play

Dallas Children's Theater. We Are in a Play is based on the Elephant & Piggie picture books by Mo Willems, #1 New York Times bestselling, Caldecott Honor award-winning author. Get ready for the play to end all plays – led by two best friends – with very different perspectives.

The ever-upbeat Piggie is thrilled to be on stage, while Elephant is a bit busy hoping nothing goes “terribly, horribly, best-friendship endingly wrong” during the duration of the performance. He’s getting there... Anything can happen in this goofy, heartfelt show that

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Cognitive Neuroscience. Once here I simply typed this field into job search engines and ABA was the most abundant job under cognitive sciences. Immediately I knew that I was capable and deeply interested in becoming an RBT and potentially a BCBA after watching RBT videos and listening to BCBA/ABA podcasts. It was during my 40-hour training course and in-person training that I realized I had found the most perfect role for me. A job that combined my passions for teaching, neuroscience, psychology, people/kids, and neurodivergence. I love my job and feel grateful for it every day.

**Book recommendation:** “*The Untethered Soul*” by Michael A. Singer is my all-time favorite book recommendation to the entire world. This book is a guide to personal enlightenment and becoming the best version of yourself.

*“I feel proud and grateful to be an RBT, to go to work and leave feeling like I made even the tiniest difference to a child that I care about and hopefully for their parents too. It means to me that I am a teacher and a guide above all. I believe most people should be taught life skills, self regulation, communication, social skills and how to thrive in their personalities. Being able to do this for kids who are vulnerable to society means the world to me.”*

### Fun facts

St. Valentine's Day is not only about candy and cards; it's a day rich in history and

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is sure to have audiences laughing hard. American Sign Language: January 28, 4:30pm.  
Sensory-friendly performance: February 3 at 1:30pm [LEARN MORE](#)

## World of Barbie

November 17, 2023 to May 31, 2024. Stonebriar Centre. After a huge success in Toronto & Los Angeles, World of Barbie makes its way to Stonebriar Centre in Frisco this November. World of Barbie. Discover, explore, and revel in the iconic lifestyle and many careers of Barbie through a wide selection of interactive activities. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Lunar New Year Celebration

January 26, 2024 to February 11, 2024. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Asia Times Square. Asia Times Square in Grand Prairie, one of the largest Asian markets in North Texas, presents the 17th annual Lunar New Year festival. The festival is open to the community, with three full weekends of entertainment including local food vendors and daily lion dances. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Showtime Saturdays

January 06, 2024 to April 06, 2024. 11:30 AM until 12:00 PM. Galleria Dallas. DFW families' favorite free performance series, Showtime Saturdays, is saying farewell to 2023 and kicking off the new year with a fun new lineup. Showtime Saturdays at Galleria Dallas provides a variety of captivating shows by professional circus clowns, magicians, and kid-friendly comedians.

Every Saturday, children and families are welcome to enjoy in-person entertainment near the Play Place on level three. Showtime Saturdays lineup is posted online. [LEARN MORE](#)

## THE BUZZ AROUND BOULDER:



## Read to a Dog

Every Thursday in February from 3:45PM-5:00PM. Bloomfield Library and Auditorium. This free program gives students in kindergarten through 5th grade the opportunity to build confidence and fluency in their abilities by reading aloud to trained therapy dogs. Bring your own book or choose a library book, and the dogs will listen without correcting or judging. Sign up in the Children's Library starting at 3:45 p.m. on the day of the program. Space may be limited. [LEARN MORE](#)

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fascinating facts. Here are some intriguing tidbits that kids will love to learn and share:

- **First Celebration:** The very first Valentine's Day celebration was held in the year 496, making it a tradition that's been around for more than 1,500 years!

- **Patron Saint of Beekeepers:** St. Valentine is known as the patron saint of beekeepers, promoting a sweet life and offering protection against bee stings.

- **Relics in Dublin:** The relics of St. Valentine can be found in the Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church in Dublin, Ireland, a place where people from all over the world gather to honor the saint.

- **Multiple Valentines:** There might have been more than one St. Valentine! The Roman Catholic Church recognized different individuals with the name Valentine, all celebrated on February 14th.

- **Colorful Roses:** Red roses are a popular Valentine's Day gift because they symbolize love and romance, but different colored roses have different meanings. For example, yellow roses symbolize friendship!

- **Candy Hearts:** The famous conversation hearts candies were first made in 1866 and have been a staple of the holiday ever since.

- **Oldest Valentine:** The oldest known Valentine was written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was

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## Fun at the Firehouse

Saturday, February 3 & 17, from 10:00AM-11:00AM. Denver Firefighters Museum. Join the monthly fun for fire-related story and craft time that teaches as well as inspires. Stick around after the craft for a guided children’s tour of the museum that’s great for the whole family! Reservations are required to ensure appropriate supplies for the crafts. Please click below to sign up online or email the Education and Outreach Coordinator [educator@denverfirefightersmuseum.org](mailto:educator@denverfirefightersmuseum.org) for more information. [LEARN MORE](#)

## An Underwater Adventure

Open 7 days a week, starting at 11:00AM. Downtown Aquarium. More than just an aquarium, this entertainment and dining complex features more than a million gallons of underwater exhibits that highlight fascinating ecosystems around the world, over 500 species of animals, an interactive stingray reef touch tank, a restaurant, lounge, and more for the entire family. It even has real mermaids! Click below to get directions and plan your visit. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Loveland Sweetheart Festival

February 10. Downtown, Loveland, CO, 80538. Bring the whole family for Valentine’s fun in the Sweetheart City, including a full day of live ice sculpting, fire and art demonstrations, kids zone, Little Miss Valentine and Mr. Cupid contest, musical and dance performances on our community stage, and our romantic headliners, Spinphony, at the historic Rialto Theater. The Sweetheart Festival is an extension of Loveland’s 77+ year history as the nation’s Sweetheart City. There is something for everyone – families, couples, chocolate, running, art, and much more! [LEARN MORE](#)

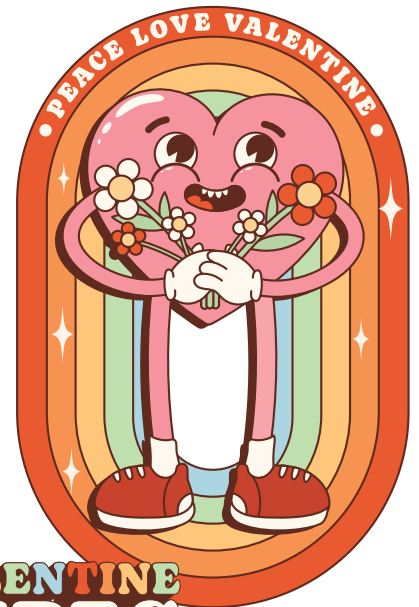
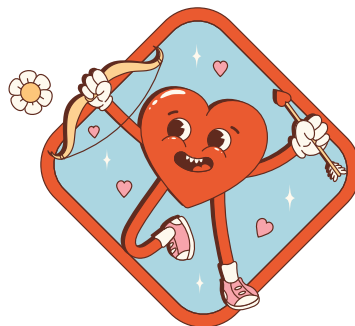
imprisoned in the Tower of London.

• **Valentine’s Day Cards:** Valentine’s Day is the second-largest card-giving holiday, with an estimated 1 billion Valentine’s Day cards exchanged annually.

• **Global Celebrations:** Different countries celebrate Valentine’s Day in unique ways. For instance, in some Latin American countries, the day is known as ‘Day of Love and Friendship.’

• **Chaucer’s Connection:** The association of Valentine’s Day with love and romance is largely attributed to the poet Geoffrey Chaucer, who linked the day with romantic love in his works during the Middle Ages.

# Happy Valentine’s Day



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## Corny kids jokes!

As they say, laughter is the best medicine!

*Ahem...  
you misspelled Courtney.*



**What did the horse say after it tripped?** Help! I've fallen and I can't giddyup!

**Why can't you hear a pterodactyl going to the bathroom?** Because the "P" is silent.

**What do you call a well-balanced horse?** Stable.

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