



## See what's happening at our hives.

### Let's celebrate autism awareness and acceptance!

Thanks to the hard work of local, national and world organizations, people are more aware of autism than ever before in history. Now is the perfect time to shift focus from making people aware to helping people accept children and adults with autism.

The goal in shifting terminology is to foster acceptance that works to ignite change through improved support and opportunities in education, employment, accessible housing, affordable health care, and comprehensive long-term services.

Acceptance is so important the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN) has been referring to April as Autism Acceptance Month since 2011, expressing that accepting autism as a natural condition is "necessary for real dialogue to occur." The Autism Society of America is also advocating for the U.S. federal government to officially designate April as "Autism Acceptance Month."

If you'd like to write your congressional representatives and encourage them to designate April as Autism Acceptance Month, you can find contact information [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).



### Summer Camp at The Behavior Exchange

Summer Schedule Request forms are due  
**TOMORROW FRIDAY, APRIL 1.**

Just a friendly reminder to send us your request.

### Bee Heard at the Dustin Paschal Event—Tuesday April 5.

Join us for a candid conversation with FISD Board of Trustees hopeful Dustin Paschal. The Behavior Exchange is excited to bring a future FISD leader together with our families to discuss the state of special education in Frisco schools and your ideas for making it better. This is a unique opportunity to introduce yourself and use your voice to help shape the future for our children. [RSVP](#) before Sunday April 3.

Adults only please. The Behavior Exchange is non-political, non-partisan. This event is not an endorsement.

### IN THIS ISSUE:

- APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
- SUMMER SCHEDULES FORMS DUE
- BEE HEARD EVENT
- WALKS-A-PLENTY!

### TBE Calendar

### Notable Dates

For all the important dates in one place, be sure to pick up our printed calendar! You can also log on to our site and view selected events: [CLICK HERE](#)

**4/1: Summer Schedule Request Forms DUE**

**4/2: Autism Speaks Walk**

**4/5: Bee Heard—Dustin Paschal Event**

**4/7: GPT**

**4/14: GPT**

**4/21: GPT and PNO**

**4/23: Hatching Hope Walk**

**4/28: GPT**

### Fun fact

The first annual National Autistic Children's week commenced in 1972, which evolved into April Awareness Month.

### TBE recommends

**Be part of The Behavior Exchange Autism Speaks Run Team! Click [HERE](#) to join.**

The benefits of outside exercise and activities for children with autism are numerous. Read more about this topic [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).





## Autism Speaks DFW Walk — Oak Point Park

**Saturday April 2, 8:00 AM.** Join us for a fun and light run this Saturday at Oak Point Park in Plano. Click here to [DONATE](#) or to [JOIN OUR TEAM!](#)

## Hatching Hope Steps for Autism Walk — 6th Annual

Speaking of fun walks, come down and join us on **Saturday April 23, at 10 AM** for another great cause. Founded in 2013, Hatching Hope Foundation is a non-profit organization formed by stakeholders to help underserved and low-income minority families living with autism in North Texas. [LEARN MORE ABOUT HATCHING HOPE.](#)



## Group Parent Training (GPT)

April topics for our Group Parent Training include:

*Preparing for Summer | Play Hard to Learn Hard | ABA Visualized pt. 2 | Autism Advocacy*

**If you have Colorado Medicaid, or are private pay, our online Group Parent Training is 100% FREE!** For all other payors, Group Parent Training is billed to your insurance. Send topic suggestions to: [jfarrar@behaviorexchange.com](mailto:jfarrar@behaviorexchange.com)

## Parent's Night Out (PNO)

We have our Parent's Night Out scheduled for April 14. Drop off the kids, and go do you!

## The buzz around town

DFW:

**April 1-24 – The Sound of Music at the Dallas Theater Center.**

Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, The Sound of Music was the final collaboration between Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. Seats start at \$17.50.

[LEARN MORE](#)

**April 2 – Autism Speaks DFW 5k.**

Join us to celebrate World Autism Awareness Day by running a 5K on April 2nd, in Oak Point Park — Plano TX. [JOIN OUR TEAM](#)

**April 17 – Dallas Easter Eggstravaganza.**

[LEARN MORE](#)

**April 20 – Parent & Caregiver Support Group.**

Join us for our virtual Parent & Caregiver Support Group where you can meet other parents and form supportive relationships! [LINK TO REGISTER](#)

## TBE blog

Our expert BCBA's and therapists have been collecting and writing articles related to autism and ABA therapy all the way back to 2013! That's almost a decade of expert info all easily accessible through our [BLOG](#). Check it out!

## Quote of the day

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”

– Helen Keller

## TED talk

**How I use Minecraft to help kids with autism.**

*Stuart Duncan*

The internet can be an ugly place, but you won't find bullies or trolls on Stuart Duncan's Minecraft server, AutCraft. Designed for children with autism and their families, AutCraft creates a safe online environment for play and self-expression for kids who sometimes behave a bit differently than their peers (and who might be singled out elsewhere). Learn more about one of the best places on the internet with this heartwarming talk. [CLICK HERE](#)





**COLORADO:**

**April 1-16 – Hop to it! It's Bunny Photo Time at Colorado Mills!**

Colorado Mills is pleased to announce Bunny visits for families as part of the Bunny Photo Experience at Colorado Mills. [LEARN MORE](#)

**April 5 – Autism Acceptance Night with the Denver Nuggets.**

Join Autism Society of Colorado & Autism Society of Boulder County as they partner up with the Denver Nuggets for Autism Acceptance Night on April 5th. [GET YOUR TICKETS](#)

**April 16 – Easter Eggstavanza.**

Hop on over the Marjorie Park on Saturday, April 16th from 10am-12pm for our Easter Eggstavanza! [LEARN MORE](#)

**April 24 –Tulip Fairy & Elf Festival.**

Downtown Boulder's annual awakening of the tulips, where little ones dress up like fairies and elves. Approximately 15,000 tulips adorn Pearl Street's flower beds in the springtime. Participate in scavenger hunts to win prizes all month.

[LEARN MORE](#)

**Next Newsletter: April 14.**

**Did you know?**



Group Parent Training is FREE to all Colorado Medicaid families and all private pay families.

**Coming soon!**

# Prosper Hive!



Our Prosper Hive will offer plenty of room for children to learn, explore, and grow in our trademark environment full of bright colors, fun artwork, and inspirational design.

Our newest hive will feature:

- Over 8000 square feet designed by a renowned architecture firm
- Plenty of private rooms for One-on-One Therapy
- Large areas for fun sensory experiences to build motor and social skills
- A fun, welcoming environment for children, families, and staff

See more at: [behaviorexchange.com/locations](https://behaviorexchange.com/locations)



## Prosper Hive

2250 E. Prosper Tr.  
Building B.  
Prosper, Texas  
75078



TBE Speaker Series Presents:

# Bee heard!



Join us for a candid conversation with FISD Board of Trustees hopeful Dustin Paschal.

The Behavior Exchange is excited to bring a future FISD leader together with our clients to discuss the state of special education in Frisco schools and your ideas for making it better.

Dustin will make a great advocate for you and your family, and this is a unique opportunity to introduce yourself and use your voice to help shape the future for our children.



**When:**  
Tuesday, April 5th. 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Where:**  
The Behavior Exchange—Frisco Hive  
8501 Wade Blvd, Building 12. Frisco, TX 75034

**Bring a friend!**  
If you know other Frisco parents or residents who care about the FISD as much as you, bring them along.

**Please RSVP:**  
Please **RSVP on or before Sunday April 3rd** using the QR code and be sure to let us know how many guests you are bringing. FISD parents only.  
Limit to 50 persons.

*"Frisco ISD has driven the success of this community for decades, but we cannot afford to be complacent in the face of change."*

*I want to serve the families, teachers, and residents of FISD with clear sight, steady hands—and the same kind of integrity that brought us this far."*

Born in Dallas and raised in Garland, Dustin is a father, husband and lawyer, specializing in matters of employment and human resources. Learn more at [dustinfisd.com](http://dustinfisd.com)



**Secure your spot today!**



The Behavior Exchange® | *What could be, can be.*®



Plano 972.312.8733 | Frisco 469.850.5701 | Boulder 720.647.8541



[behaviorexchange.com](http://behaviorexchange.com)

Proud to be a Behavior Health Center Of Excellence® 

Go ahead, find us and LIKE us on:



A kind word works wonders.



# APRIL

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> <b>Dress-Up Friday</b> <b>Wacky Tacky Day</b> Be foolish for April Fools!  <b>SUMMER SCHEDULE</b> <b>REQUEST FORMS ARE DUE</b>  <i>April Fool's Day</i>	<b>2</b> <b>Social Saturday</b> Frisco Hive 8:30am-5:30pm, CST  <b>Autism Speaks DFW 5K</b> Oak Point Park in Plano, TX 8am, CST  <i>Autism Awareness</i>
<b>3</b>       <i>National Siblings Day</i>	<b>4</b>       <i>National Pet Day</i>	<b>5</b> <b>Bee Heard! Dustin Paschal for Frisco ISD</b> Frisco Hive 6:30-8:00pm, CST     <i>Deep Dish Pizza Day</i>	<b>6</b>       	<b>7</b> <b>Group Parent Training</b> <b>Preparing for Summer</b> 12pm, CST via Zoom     <i>World Health Day</i>	<b>8</b> <b>Dress-Up Friday</b> <b>Light It Up Blue</b> Wear blue for Autism Awareness month!	<b>9</b> <b>Social Saturday</b> Frisco Hive 8:30am-5:30pm, CST
<b>10</b>       <i>National Siblings Day</i>	<b>11</b>       <i>National Pet Day</i>	<b>12</b>       	<b>13</b>       	<b>14</b> <b>Group Parent Training</b> <b>Play Hard to Learn Hard</b> 12pm, CST via Zoom    <b>Dress-Up Day</b> <b>Easter Egg Day</b> Wear pastels, stripes, or polka dots!	<b>15</b>       <b>CLOSED.</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Social Saturday</b> Frisco Hive 8:30am-5:30pm, CST
<b>17</b>       <i>Easter</i>	<b>18</b>       	<b>19</b>       	<b>20</b>       	<b>21</b> <b>Group Parent Training</b> <b>ABA Visualized pt. 2</b> 12pm, CST via Zoom 7pm, CST in-person   <b>Parent's Night Out</b> Frisco & Plano hives: 5:30pm-8:30pm, CST   <i>World Creativity &amp; Innovation Day</i>	<b>22</b> <b>Dress-Up Friday</b> <b>Earth Day</b> Wear green or blue!     <i>Earth Day</i>	<b>23</b> <b>Social Saturday</b> Frisco Hive 8:30am-5:30pm, CST   <b>HHF Steps for Autism Walk</b> SMU in Dallas, TX 10am, CST
<b>24</b>       	<b>25</b>       <i>World Penguin Day</i>	<b>26</b>       	<b>27</b>       	<b>28</b> <b>Group Parent Training</b> <b>Autism Advocacy</b> 12pm, CST via Zoom     <i>International Girls in ICT Day</i>	<b>29</b> <b>Dress-Up Friday</b> <b>National Superhero Day</b> Dress like your favorite superhero!     <i>Arbor Day</i>	<b>30</b> <b>Social Saturday</b> Frisco Hive 8:30am-5:30pm, CST    <i>International Jazz Day</i>

All times are in Central Standard Time Zone (CST).



The **Behavior**Exchange® | *What could be, can be.*



Plano 972.312.8733 | Frisco 469.850.5701 | Boulder 720.647.8541



behaviorexchange.com

Proud to be a Behavior Health Center Of Excellence. 

Go ahead, find us and LIKE us on:    

A kind word works wonders.  **REVIEWS**