

World Autism Awareness Day

Autism Speaks is the world's largest autism science and advocacy organization. It has recently announced a series of national and international events to mark the 2nd annual celebration of World Autism Awareness Day, an effort to increase awareness about a disorder affecting millions of individuals around the world. The April 2nd events will take place on multiple continents and in venues ranging from the floor of the New York Stock Exchange to the United Nations.

In New York City's Central Park, Autism Speaks and the Ad Council will sponsor a unique awareness event to highlight the 1 in 150 prevalence rate. This year, Autism Speaks has teamed up with Wubbzy – star of Nick Jr.'s animated television series “Wow! Wow! Wubbzy!” – to promote WAAD.

The WAAD web site, www.worldautismawarenessday.org features links to autism organizations, autism information that can be printed in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Korean, Russian and Spanish, and a list of worldwide WAAD events.



To date, there are events planned in more than a dozen countries, including Aruba, Bahrain, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Panama, Romania, the U.K. and the U.S.

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April Showers Bring May Flowers



CDSLP News

- ★ Keep your eyes open for policy updates
- ★ CDSLP will be lining up speakers for various events. Please feel free to let Miss Kristin know any of speakers you would be interested in hearing. A few examples would be professionals related to behaviors, physical therapy, pediatrics, or insurance.

How has Speech Therapy affected your life?



Write, draw, color or make something to show how speech therapy has affected your life.

Do not hesitate to include how we can make speech therapy better for you!

2 \$5 coupons for Friendly's will be given as prizes

Friendly's

Parents feel free to enter this contest for your child if he or she needs help.

Did you Know?

- ? Autism occurs in 1 of every 150 births. It is also 4 times more prevalent in boys than girls.
- ? Autism is a developmental disability that typically appears during the first 3 years of life.
- ? Many children with autism are over-stimulated in noisy and active environments. They will cover their ears or cry when they hear certain noises.
- ? Combining pictures, gestures, and/or objects helps a child with autism to communicate.



Look What's Happening in April...

April 2nd: World Autism Awareness Day

28th: Great Poetry Reading Day

Enjoy a poem before bed with your child!

