

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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A message from
Ms. Dorlus,

Hello CPE Family! Spring is here and excitement is in the air as we continue to have a wonderful year of learning here at Croissant Park. During the month of April, our teachers will continue to introduce and review rigorous academic skills and content across all grade levels as students prepare for state and district end of year assessments. It is imperative that our students are present each day and on time each morning. We thank you in advance for your continued support.



April Observances

Monthly Observances:

- Autism Awareness Month
- National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- Genocide Awareness Month

Weekly Observances:

- National Public Health Week, April 1st -7th
- National Youth Violence Prevention Week, April 8th-12th

Day Observances:

- April 7 – World Health Day
- April 12 – National Day of Silence
- April 21- Easter
- April 22 – Earth Day
- April 19-27- Passover



Autism Awareness



We celebrate Autism Awareness Month to shine light on Autism and what it means to know a person with Autism. Autism, also known as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), is a developmental disorder characterized by difficulty with social interactions, verbal/nonverbal communication, and repetitive behaviors. Some important things to keep in mind are, people with Autism are unique and different, no two are alike. Another important thing to know is that children and adults with Autism may process sensory stimulation differently. This means sounds, or smells, even brightness may appear higher/louder to someone with Autism compared to someone without. One last thing to consider is communication, when communicating with someone with Autism it is important to be patient. People with autism have a more difficult time reading social cues and may take longer to process verbal language. This does not mean we shouldn't attempt to communicate but instead we should take our time and find out the best way to communicate with that person. Remember, "Some people with autism may not be able to speak or answer to their name, but they can still hear your words and feel your kindness." – Author Unknown



Tolerance is the character trait for April. Tolerance is recognizing and respecting differences, values, and beliefs of other people.