



THE AUTISM CONNECTION

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The Autism Connection is a monthly Newsletter that delivers information about workshops, conferences and events for families affected by autism

Happy Holidays Variety Families!

If there is one piece of advice that has been most helpful in dealing with the holiday season it's "prepare, prepare, prepare!" Social stories have probably been one of the most effective tools in my home. And here are a few resources to help you help your children during a time of year when you are bombarded by the most unpredictable people around – family & friends.

Holiday Tips
Santa Guide
Social Stories

Nicole Simon
Autism Resource Coordinator

Cool Kids Meet up: a social skills/social thinking group for individuals on the spectrum is now accepting applications for our February – March sessions.

Cool Kids will:

- Develop skills to communicate effectively in verbal and nonverbal ways
- Develop problem solving and conflict resolution skills
- Understand, express and inference emotions
- Share space effectively
- Learn to work as part of a group

Click brochure for more information.
[Click here](#) to apply!



A Very Furry Christmas at Sesame Place December 9-11, 2011

Variety is pleased to be teaming up with Sesame Place to provide children with disabilities and their immediate families the opportunity to attend Sesame Place's new "A Very Furry Christmas" on Friday, December 9th, Saturday, December 10th OR Sunday, December 11th.

There are no admission or registration fees; however, parking will be \$10 per vehicle.

[Click here to register](#)

Introducing...

VARIETY'S AUTISM AMBASSADORS!



Lowering the barriers that prevent children with Autism from participating in the school system as fully-functioning students

Contact us today to learn how Variety's Autism Resource Initiative's Staff can partner with your school to develop and implement Variety's Autism Ambassador Program.

For more information [click here](#)



THE AUTISM CONNECTION CAN INSTANTLY CONNECT YOU TO THE RESOURCES YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT! CLICK ON THE ICONS TO BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO THE WEBSITE!



PHILADELPHIA AUTISM NETWORK

A supportive workshop for families and professionals helping children with Autism

Seedlings 3300 Henry Ave, Philadelphia PA 19129
Wednesday, November 30th 6-8pm
Childcare Available • No Registration Needed

IPADS; HOW CAN IT HELP MY CHILD WITH AUTISM?

Free and open to the public.

ACT 48 Credits Available, to receive credits please register at www.solutionwhere.com/elwyn



The Asperger & Autism Alliance for Greater Philadelphia

Sensory Processing in Children

Debra Silveri-Hiller, OTR, MA

Monday, December 12, 7-9pm
Greater Plymouth Community Center
2910 Jolly Rd, Plymouth Meeting
Fee: Free for members; \$5 for nonmembers

RSVP: [Dawn Finley](mailto:Dawn.Finley@ascendalliance.org), 610-449-6776
[Or Click here](#)



ASK THE DOCTOR

December 2nd
7:00 pm
St Alban's Church
3625 Chapel Road Newtown Square, PA 19073-3698

TACA PA's December meeting will feature local expert **Dr Pat Elliott of the Autism Treatment Center**

Parents of ASD kids have many questions about medical conditions that have been found to commonly co-exist with an autism diagnosis

Please submit questions to chapter coordinators honey.rinicella@tacanow.org & pattie.moor@tacanow.org



Parent & Teen Winter Workshop Featuring John Elder Robison

A unique, one-day workshop designed for parents and their teenagers with autism.

Date Saturday, December 3, 2011

Time 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Location Saint Joseph's University, Merion Hall, Rooms 161 and 384

\$225.00 for 1 parent and 1 teen

Cost \$125.00 for each additional/individual parent, teen, or professional

-Breakfast

-Break out sessions

-Lunch

Program -Full panel Q&A session

[More information](#)

**The Committee for Special Education of
Lower Merion School District**

**Positive Behavioral Interventions and
Safe Schools for All of Our Children**

Presenter: *Pat Amos, an influential advocate for people with disabilities and their families for over 25 years. Founder of numerous disability rights organizations.*

When: Monday, December 8, 2011, 7:30 pm

Where: Bala Cynwyd Middle School, Room 100
810 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bala Cynwyd

More information contact Sheila Kineke at
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The Autism Connection wants to hear from you! If you know of events or workshops in your area and would like them to be included please send all pertinent information to
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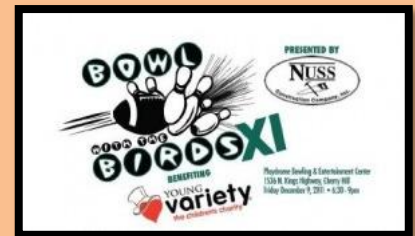
**Wishing you a very Happy
Holidays and a wonderful New Year!
~ Variety Staff**

11th Annual Bowl with the Birds

**Friday, December 9, 2011 at 6:30pm
Playdrome
1536 North Kings Highway, Cherry Hill NJ**

\$60 per person for General Admission WITHOUT bowling; \$85 per person for General Admission WITH bowling

Fans are invited for fun bowling entertainment with Jamaal Jackson and other members of the Eagles, including food drinks, great prizes, exclusive sports memorabilia, auction items and, of course, a unique opportunity to meet and greet players from the Philadelphia Eagles. To Purchase Tickets, please [click here](#).



SAVE THE DATES!

**Autism Awareness Night at Please Touch
Museum**

**Saturday, April 7th, 2012
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Start gathering your team early for
**Variety's Autism Walk for Awareness,
Resources, and Education (AWARE)!**

**Plymouth Meeting Mall
Sunday, April 15th, 2012
8:00am -12:00pm**

Autism Awareness Day at Sesame Place

**Saturday, April 21st, 2012
10:00 AM – 4:00PM**

For more information call 215-735-0803 or email
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