



# April is Autism Awareness Month



The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community. Autism is a general term that describes a complex brain based condition that can affect a person's ability to communicate, form social relationships and is often accompanied by behavioral challenges. Statistics from the CDC (*Center for Disease Control and Prevention*) identify 1 in 41 children in New Jersey as being affected by autism spectrum disorder (1 in 26 boys and 1 in 117 girls). NJ has the highest rate in the country. The Cedar Grove school district will be providing students with opportunities to learn and understand more about autism.

## WEAR BLUE

Wear a **BLUE SHIRT** on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> as a sign of understanding and acceptance.

## PUZZLE PIECE STRESS BALLS

**Autism Awareness Puzzle Piece STRESS BALLS \$3.00 each**  
**FOR SALE on TUESDAY, APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>**  
at North End and South End schools during lunch time

Send in **EXACT CASH** with students who wish to purchase a puzzle piece stress ball on April 10<sup>th</sup>

*IF supplies last, STRESS BALLS will be sold during lunch on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.*

## COMMUNITY AUTISM AWARENESS EVENT

\*Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm\*

\* Cedar Grove Public Library\*

***Performance by the Cedar Grove High School Chorus***

***Award Winning Documentary: Swim Team***

**By Lara Stolman (90 minutes)**

This event is a collaboration with POV, PBS' award-winning nonfiction film series." [www.pbs.org/pov/](http://www.pbs.org/pov/)

**Adults and adolescents who are interested in learning about autism are welcome.**

Professional Development Certificate Available For Educators

Hosted by the R.E.A.L.I.S.E. group & the Cedar Grove Public Library