

# Autism Awareness Month

How can you facilitate Autism Awareness in your  
community and classroom?

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# Walk Now for Autism Speaks

- When? : May 18, 2014
- Where? : MetLife Stadium
- Team name: Team Bloomfield
- [Walknowforautismspeaks.org](http://Walknowforautismspeaks.org)

# Autism New Jersey

## Autism Ambassador School Resource Pack

- Free online – [www.autismnj.org](http://www.autismnj.org)

### **Kit contains:**

- 24 Kids Booklets on Autism
  - 24 bookmarks
  - 24 pencils
- 24 temporary tattoos
  - Lesson plans
- Bulletin board borders
- Autism awareness poster



# Activities to Teach Students About Autism

- Reading a simple book through glasses covered in Vaseline. This will show students what it is like to have a visual-perception problem.



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- Putting on and zippering a coat with oven mitts on their hands. This allows children to know what it feels like to have fine-motor skill difficulty.





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- Doing a simple peg-puzzle while the student is blindfolded. This teaches children to use their other senses (touch) to put together a puzzle when their vision is compromised.



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- The students are given a coloring sheet in a different language. This is to show students that sometimes directions aren't as simple as they seem. The children may know their colors but sometimes cannot understand the directions.





# How to Get Your Staff Involved

- Autism Fact of the Day
- Autism Question of the Day
  - ABA Person of the Day
  - Treats of the week!
- Autism Freebies (pencils, pins, air fresheners, etc.)
  - Blue paper light bulbs to hang throughout the building
- Videos on YouTube that show you “What it’s like to walk in the shoes of Autism...”



# Light it Up Blue!

- Every year Home Depot sells blue light bulbs from Autism Speaks. We send out emails in late March to all staff members and purchase light bulbs for those who want to participate.
- \$2.99 per light bulb and the proceeds go directly to Autism Speaks

<http://m.homedepot.com/p/Philips-Autism-Speaks-25-Watt-Incandescent-A19-Transparent-Blue-Light-Bulb-427567/100549783>

# Watsessing Lit it Up Blue!





# Autism Speaks ....

It's time to Listen.

