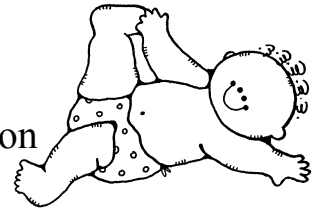


# Parent Pages

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What is Early Intervention? A program for newborns, infants and toddlers that provides developmental services designed with your family's concerns and goals in mind. If you have concerns about your child's development, please call Early Intervention at 740-371-3322.

## October Awareness

- October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- October is Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month
- October is AIDS Awareness Month
- October is Rett Syndrome Awareness Month
- October is Liver Cancer Awareness Month
- October is National Physical Therapy Month
- October is Disability Employment Awareness Month
- October is SIDS Awareness Month
- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- October is National Campaign for Healthier Babies Month
- October is National Psoriasis Month
- October is Energy Awareness Month



## Buddies, Bubbles & Books

Please join us for this story time with themed books, a picture schedule, songs with sign language, crafts, and a fun bubble activity in a welcoming and supportive environment for children, ages birth to 5, of all abilities and their parents and caregivers. This will be an inclusive event in which children with special needs are learning and playing alongside children without special needs.

When: **Wed, October 25th, 11:00 - 11:30 am**  
(the 4th Wednesday of each month)

Where: **Delaware Main Library**  
84 E. Winter St. Delaware, 43015

Who: Children ages 0-5 of all abilities and their caregivers

Cost: Free with no registration required  
For more information, please contact  
Connie Pottle at 740-362-3861  
or Bethany Mirka at 740-666-2222 or  
tbmirka@hotmail.com.

## Quote of the Month

*"Life is amazing. Then it's awful.*

*Then it's amazing again.*

*And in between the amazing and the awful, it's ordinary and mundane and routine. Breathe in the amazing, hold on through the awful, and relax and exhale through the ordinary. That's just living the heartbreaking, soul healing, amazing, awful, ordinary life. And it's breathtakingly beautiful."*

*~ LR Knost*



## Sensory Sensitive Sunday at Chuck E. Cheese's

**Sunday, November 5th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am**  
**2711 Martin Rd, Dublin, 43017**

Now offered locally at the Dublin location!

Chuck E. Cheese's is proud to support families who have children with special needs. On the first Sunday of each month,

Chuck E. Cheese's will be open for a sensory-friendly experience. Trained and caring staff is there to make sure each guest has a fun filled visit. The Sensory Sensitive

Sundays experience includes:

1. Less crowding and noise
2. Dimmed lighting
3. Show and music turned off or down
4. Limited appearances by Chuck E.
5. Food and games are offered. However, parents are permitted to bring snacks for their children if needed due to dietary restrictions during Sensory Sensitive Sundays.

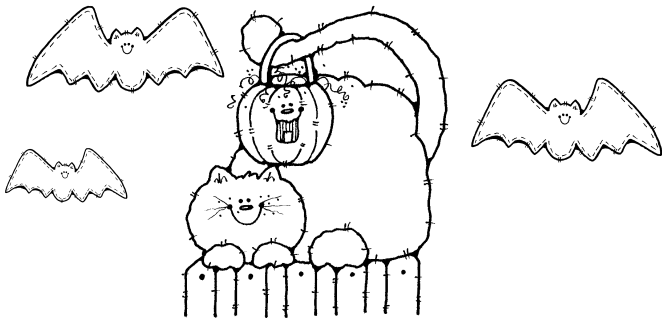
For more information, please call Chuck E. Cheese's at 614-791-9480.

[www.dcbdd.org](http://www.dcbdd.org)

The website for the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

## **Autism Support Group**

This group is for families that have a toddler, preschooler or school aged child with Autism or behaviors similar to those with an Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis. Please join us on **Wednesday, October 18th, at 6:30pm at the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities** at 7991 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, 43035. Park in front of the building and enter through the front doors. Contact the Family Liaison, Bethany Mirka, at 740-666-2222 or [tbmirka@hotmail.com](mailto:tbmirka@hotmail.com) for more information.



## **Putt Fore Spina Bifida Awareness**

Lindsey's Spina Bifida Warriors\* invites you to Putt Fore Spina Bifida Awareness on Sunday, **October 8th, from 1-4 pm** at Olentangy Mini Golf located at 63 Olentangy Crossings W, Delaware 43015. There will be a Hole in One contest, raffle, Silent Auction, and a 50/50 drawing. Cost for 18 holes of mini golf, slice of pizza and a drink will be **\$15 per person**.

Additional Corn Hole Tournament with a \$10 entry fee. Tickets available at Eventbrite "Putt for Spina Bifida Awareness" or by contacting Jen Richardson at 614-800-3770 or [lindseyssbwarrriors@yahoo.com](mailto:lindseyssbwarrriors@yahoo.com).

All proceeds will help advocate and support families and individuals with Spina Bifida.

\*Lindsey's Spina Bifida Warriors is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to raise awareness of Spina Bifida throughout Ohio and to provide new and expectant parents the support they may need.

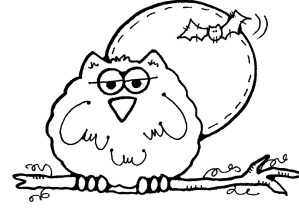


*Have suggestions or comments about this newsletter? Do you have an upcoming event that you would like to have included in the next issue? Please contact Bethany Mirka, the Family Liaison to the Early Intervention Program of the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities, at 740-666-2222 or [tbmirka@hotmail.com](mailto:tbmirka@hotmail.com).*



[www.ohioearlyintervention.org](http://www.ohioearlyintervention.org)

The new website for the State of Ohio Early Intervention Program.



## **Columbus Children's Theatre**

### **Sensory Friendly Performance (SFP) of**

#### **"Junie B Jones: The Musical"**

Join the Columbus Children's Theatre on **Friday, October 6th at 1:00 pm and Saturday, October 14th, at 10:00 am** for their Sensory Friendly Performance of "Junie B Jones: The Musical".

#### **WHAT IS A SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE?**

- Elimination of loud or sudden sounds
- Elimination of abrupt changes in lighting
- Professionally trained staff and volunteers
- House lights are kept on slightly to allow for safety and freedom of movement
- Limited seat sales for guests with spatial issues
- Quiet lobby area for breaks
- Communication cards for non-verbal guests
- Sensory Friendly Resource packages for families
- Safe, friendly, and judgment-free environment

Additionally, a Social Story is available for free download from their website at [www.columbuschildrenstheatre.org](http://www.columbuschildrenstheatre.org). A Social Story is a picture book detailing the entire experience from walking up to the front door of the theatre, purchasing or picking up your tickets, choosing your seat, finding the bathrooms...everything! Audience members can review this at home with their family before leaving for the theatre so they know exactly what to expect. The Social Story is available for download now.

Most performances are held at the **PARK STREET THEATRE** located at 512 Park Street, Columbus, 43215. All tickets for SFP are \$8. Please call 614-224-6672 for tickets or more info.