

January 2020

EPIC STRIDES

The Official Newsletter of Epic Strides



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"THE SOUL IS HEALED BY BEING WITH CHILDREN." -
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We are excited for this new year and are just grateful for being able to work with your children each day!

EPIC REMINDERS

Our offices will be closed January 1st for the New Year's Holiday.

We will also be closed Monday, January 20th.

STUDIO MOVIE GRILL

SENSORY FRIENDLY

Special needs children and their siblings are free.

All other tickets are just \$6.

Tickets are at the box office only.

JAN 4: STAR WARS: RISE OF SKYWALKER

Available at all Studio Movie Grill locations, except the Epicenter.

DALLAS ZOO - CHILDREN'S AQUARIUM

SENSORY MORNINGS

Join us for a special Sensory Friendly Day at the Children's Aquarium at Fair Park on Sunday, January 12th!

Time: 8:00am-3:30pm



CHUCK E. CHEESE 1ST SUNDAYS MONTHLY

SENSORY FRIENDLY

They're proud to support families who have children with autism and other special needs. We offer a sensory-friendly experience, opening our stores two hours before their normal opening time. Our Sensory Sensory events include a trained and caring staff that work to ensure each guest has a fun-filled visit.

AUTISM ON A BUDGET

Thursday, January 2nd - 7:00pm-9:00pm -

Let's kick off 2020 with money saving tips! Join us for "Autism on a Budget" meeting to learn money saving tips on therapy options, special diets, and medical treatments. We will also have tips on insurance reimbursement, state services, waiver programs, grants, who should pay for what, and more! Look for our TACA group in the back private room. Free TACA Journey Guides for all new attendees and the lending library will be available.

<https://tacanow.org/local-chapters/midwest/texas/>

CHILDREN'S THEATER

SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! - February 15th

There's no time like the present to start teaching the rest of the family such megahits as Conjunction Junction, Just A Bill, Three Is A Magic Number, and others so everyone can be a part of the show! Join nervous school teacher Tom, and all of those crazy cartoon characters, for a blast you won't soon forget! Recommended for ages 5 and up. The show begins at 1:30pm and it is only \$5 per person at the Dallas Children's Theater. Tickets are on sales now.

Visit <https://www.dct.org/sensory/> to get your tickets!

AMC SENSORY FRIENDLY FILMS

AMC is proud to partner with the Autism Society to offer unique movie showings where we turn the lights up, and turn the sound down, so you can get up, dance, walk, shout or sing! Our Sensory Friendly Film program is available on the second and fourth Saturday (family-friendly) and Tuesday evenings (mature audiences) of every month. Please check your local theatre listings for specific showtimes, and don't forget to share your family fun with #AMCSensoryFriendly. Visit the link below to find out times at a theater near you.

<https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Name: Janee Reed

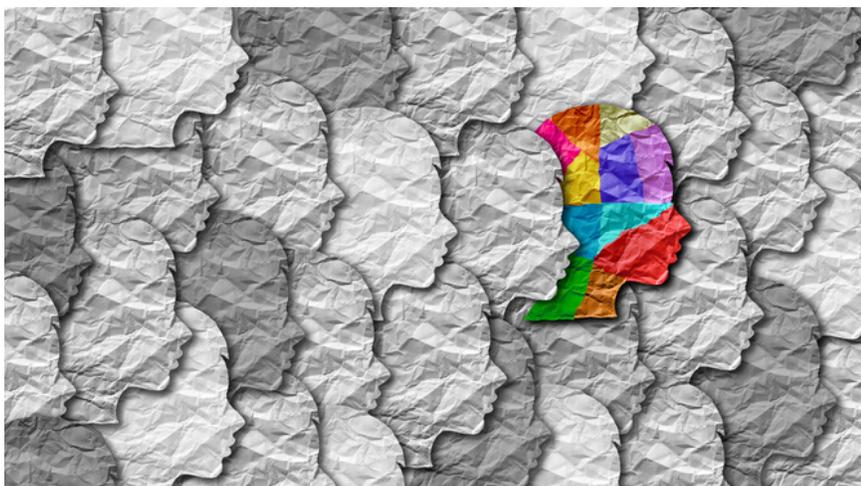
Education: MBA and M.Ed in Applied Behavior Analysis

How long you have worked at Epic Strides: More than 1 year

Career Aspirations: To open my own business to help families feel comfortable.

I've explored many aspects of social service from in home ABA therapy to a psychiatric hospital. I've also worked with young kids and elderly individuals with mental health diagnoses. Through my exploration I realized that I experience pure joy when working with kids on the autism spectrum and feel like I'm truly making a difference in families' lives. I love working in the ABA field because it feels natural to me and I enjoy consistently learning new aspects of kids, the field, and myself.

In my free time I love to watch movies, listen to music, and hang out with family and friends. I also enjoy exploring and learning about new things.



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