



EPIC NEWS

The Official Newsletter
of Epic Strides

A Fun Joke from Epic Strides...

When does a leprechaun
cross the road?

- When the light is GREEN

CHILDREN'S THEATER

THE LION, THE WITCH, & THE WARDROBE
April 2nd - 1:30PM

One of the most celebrated books in children's literature and the #1 most requested DCT play returns to the stage to create a remarkable world of magic. Join young adventurers Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy as they step through the not so ordinary wardrobe and into the mythical land of C.S. Lewis' Narnia. Facing fantastic creatures and fierce battles in the heart and on the land, the four siblings must find the courage to battle the treacherous White Witch in order to end the deadly eternal winter in the beautiful forest. Guided by the all-knowing Lion, Aslan, these discoverers learn to cast aside their own fears to find the heroes within themselves.

The show begins at 1:30pm and it is only \$5 per person at the Dallas Children's Theater. Recommended for ages 7 and up.

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

EPIC REMINDERS

- February 17th: Wear GREEN for St. Patrick's Day
- Our Epic Strides Office will be closing at 4:00PM on Thursday, March 17th for our monthly staff training.
- In the event of inclement weather, Epic Strides will be closed if Frisco or Plano ISD closes. Information about school closings can also be found on: <https://www.wfaa.com/closings>

MARCH PARENT TIP

PARENT INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

1. Research consistently shows that "parental involvement is the one invariable factor and an integral part of the success of early intervention programs for children with autism" (Ozonoff & Cathcart, 1998).
2. Since children spend the majority of their time with their parents, it is advantageous for parents to be trained in ABA techniques and involved in the process in order to "maximize their child's learning rate and skill development" (Hailstone, 2014).
3. Furthermore, parental involvement is important because it helps ensure that the behaviors learned generalize into the home environment and elsewhere (Dillenburger, Keenan, Doherty, Byrne, & Gallagher, 2010).
4. Without parents continuing to use the ABA techniques taught in their children's structured intervention programs, it's easy to undo the new skills their children pick up if they're not constantly being reinforced within the home, community, and wherever parents are present with their children.
5. Based on the research, it's clear that if you want your ABA therapy to be as effective as possible the parents must be on board. Credit to: BHCOE



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