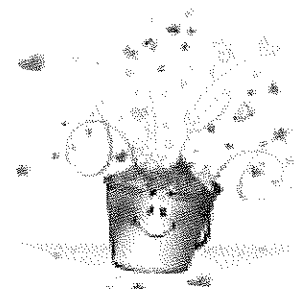


# SANTAPOGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental disorder that affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. More than 3.5 million Americans currently live with ASD, and 1 in 68 children are born with a variation of it, so it's likely you know, whether or not you're aware of it, someone on the autism spectrum. With a growing incidence in the country, the first National Autism Awareness Month occurred in April of 1970. Nearly 50 years later, April is still celebrated as a time to raise awareness around the differences of those on the spectrum, supporting people and educating the public on autism. Within the month of April, we will designate every Tuesday, a day to wear the color blue.

The most recognizable symbol of autism awareness is the Puzzle Ribbon. Sharing the ribbon (whether on your backpack, car, refrigerator or social media) is an easy way to stand with people on the autism spectrum, and provide education and advocacy for those who may not know quite as much about people with autism. We will be coloring ribbon pictures as well as other activities all month to raise our awareness and support.

We look forward to your support wearing blue every Tuesday!

Very truly yours,  
Santapogue Character Education Committee

