



April is Autism Awareness Month

In order to raise awareness about autism, the [Autism Society of America](http://www.autismspeaks.org) has been celebrating **National Autism Awareness Month** since the 1970s. The United States recognizes April as a special opportunity for everyone to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.



The *Center for Autism* at New Horizons offers highly individualized programming for students age four through twenty-one. The program addresses each student's needs in a structured, small group learning environment. At the *Center for Autism*, we believe that all children with Autism can learn. We utilize educational strategies, evaluation, and multidisciplinary team input to develop and implement individualized educational programs that are unique to each student's learning styles and needs. Our programs build skills and independence so our students can enjoy a high quality of life and become productive members of their community.



Clifford Visits Woodside Lane



To help promote New Horizons' special education book fair, Clifford, the Big Red Dog, visited Woodside Lane's elementary and middle school classes. One of *Newport Academy's* high school students from York County volunteered to be Clifford. He was great with the kids! To boot, "Clifford" was really patient with the older *Center for Autism* students who wanted to hug and pet him. Another *Newport Academy* high school student read stories to the elementary classes. It was great seeing the high school students reaching out to others!

\$32,500 for Students

Louis Morris, President of *New Horizons Educational Foundation* and Sybil Wheatley, Vice Present, presented Page Minter, Chairman of New Horizons' Board of Trustees, with a check in the amount of \$32,500 for scholarships and honorariums. The *New Horizons Educational Foundation* raised the proceeds through its 17th annual Corporate Golf Classic held Oct. 23, 2008 at the Ford's Colony Country Club. Sponsorship and support for the event came from businesses and individuals on the Peninsula. Scholarship and honorarium monies will go to New Horizon's Career and Tech students, Governor's School students and students at Newport Academy and the Center for Autism.



Results From Robotics Weekend in Richmond

New Horizons' students competed in the **FIRST Robotics Regional Competition** in Richmond, March 20 - 23, 2009. The team started and finished strong. At the close of the first day's matches New Horizons' team was in 2nd Place and ended up in 5th place overall of the 60 teams at the end of the elimination round. As such, New Horizons' team headed the 5th seeded alliance in the final rounds. The team won in the quarter finals and lost to the number one alliance in a very close set of matches in the semi finals. Congratulations go to New Horizons' students for an outstanding showing! They were one of the more enthusiastic teams in the competition and left many favorable impressions about New Horizons.

The Annual Trike-A-Thon, coordinated by News Horizons' Early Childhood program, took place on Friday, March 27, 2009.



New Horizons' preschool program students participated in the race and raised hundreds of dollars for St. Jude's Research Hospital. Thanks to all who attended the event and cheered our youngest students to victory! A special thanks goes to Mr. Ed Hernandez, Auto Body/Paint Instructor at New Horizons, and his students for hosting the event in the Auto Body shop.