



## Spotlight Story



This month, we want to celebrate the “graduation” of one of our recent attendees from the Day Therapy Program at Autism ETC Nashville who will be attending public school full-time this fall.

Elijah Stove was diagnosed with autism at 4 years old, and started receiving services when he was 5. When he first started, Autism ETC was located in a small home in Brentwood. “When we first came to Autism ETC, I wondered how anyone could work with my son in this little house. I was amazed that a stranger could have such a big heart for my son. They let Elijah be himself but helped him to become a new Elijah,” said mom, Cassandra.

Since coming to AETC, Elijah has made tremendous progress. “We have crossed a lot of finish lines with Elijah. He still struggles with talking, but the staff have taught him to use an AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) device so that he can communicate with others. He is now potty trained and no longer has tantrums,” said Cassandra. “He understands words and structure; he is able to follow commands and directions. These improvements have allowed him to take the next big step of fully integrating into public school.”



Read the full story here:

## Calendar

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July 29 Pets Social Skills & Leisure Time: Alone vs with Others	July 30 Pets Social Skills & Leisure Time: Alone vs with Others	July 31 Pets Social Skills & Leisure Time: Alone vs with Others	1 Pets Social Skills & Leisure Time: Alone vs with Others	2 Pets Social Skills & Leisure Time: Alone vs with Others
5 Back to School Outings/Field Trips: Going to a restaurant	6 Back to School Outings/Field Trips: Going to a restaurant	7 Back to School Outings/Field Trips: Going to a restaurant	8 Back to School Outings/Field Trips: Going to a restaurant	9 Back to School Outings/Field Trips: Going to a restaurant
12 All About Me Outings/Field Trips: Going to the doctor	13 All About Me Outings/Field Trips: Going to the doctor	14 All About Me Outings/Field Trips: Going to the doctor	15 All About Me Outings/Field Trips: Going to the doctor	16 All About Me Outings/Field Trips: Going to the doctor
19 Ice Cream Week 1 Outings/Field Trips: Going to the dentist	20 Ice Cream Week 1 Outings/Field Trips: Going to the dentist	21 Ice Cream Week 1 Outings/Field Trips: Going to the dentist	22 Ice Cream Week 1 Outings/Field Trips: Going to the dentist	23 Ice Cream Week 1 Outings/Field Trips: Going to the dentist
26 Ice Cream Week 2 Outings/Field Trips: Going to the store	27 Ice Cream Week 2 Outings/Field Trips: Going to the store	28 Ice Cream Week 2 Outings/Field Trips: Going to the store	29 Ice Cream Week 2 Outings/Field Trips: Going to the store	30 Ice Cream Week 2 Outings/Field Trips: Going to the store

## Life Skills

This month, our life skills group will be learning leisure time and outings.

**Week 1**  
7/29-8/2: Alone time vs. with others

**Week 2**  
8/5-8/9: Going to a restaurant

**Week 3**  
8/12-8/16: Going to the doctor

**Week 4**  
8/19-8/23: Going to the dentist

**Week 5**  
8/26-8/30: Going to the store



## Classroom Skills

### Week 1: Pets

Letter: Zz Shape: Star Color: Gold

Preschool: Listening to simple stories

School age: Identifying a main topic, understanding number lines, returning materials to correct location, fish

### Week 2: Back to School

Letter: Aa Shape: Circle Color: Red

Preschool: Body part awareness

School age: Answering questions about a text with key details, understanding 10 frames, lining up, and being a scientist

### Week 3: All About Me

Letter: Bb Shape: Rectangle Color: Orange

Preschool: Responding to familiar requests

School age: Identifying characters in a text, naming numbers 1-20, putting away personal items, and being a scientist

### Week 4: Ice Cream

Letter: Cc Shape: Oval Color: Yellow

Preschool: Follow one-step directions

School age: Identifying settings in text, relationships between numbers and quantity, sitting appropriately for large group instructions, my 5 senses

### Week 5: Pets

Letter: Dd Shape: Square Color: Green

Preschool: Listening to simple stories

School age: Identifying events in text, one-to-one correspondence, transitioning between activities, my 5 senses

## Meet our new staff members!



**Shelby Tucker**  
Broadmor



**Emily Tubbs**  
Music Valley



**Tianna Lamar**  
Thunderbird



**Lucero Guerra**  
Music Valley



**Donna Anderson**  
Music Valley



**Emya Phelps**  
Music Valley



**Kaylin Hoelzen**  
Professional Park



**Casey Winders**  
Professional Park



**Reagan Adkins**  
Harnett Court



**Simone Peterson**  
Music Valley



**Kielee Ruiz**  
Music Valley



**Missy Joiner**  
Broadmor

## Promotions!



**Theresa McCain**  
Lead RBT  
Professional Park



**Taniah Espinoza**  
Lead RBT  
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**Heidi Bainbridge**  
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**Neve Daily**  
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**Brittany Kuhaupt**  
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**Shantavia Carter**  
Senior RBT  
Music Valley