



# Floyd County Schools FAST News Winter 2011



*CDC Reports Autism Prevalence Rate of 1 In 110 American Children, 1 In 70 Boys*  
*In the wake of today's new report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) stating that autism now affects **1 in every 110 American children**, Autism Speaks, the nation's largest autism science and advocacy organization, called on the federal government to immediately step up its efforts – and dramatically increase funding.*

## NEWS FROM HOLLYWOOD

*Claire Danes Wins Globe for*

*“Temple Grandin”*

*Made for TV Film!*

“In her autobiography, “Thinking in Pictures: My Life With Autism,” Temple Grandin explains that she values “positive, measurable results more than emotion.” The HBO movie “Temple Grandin” honors its heroine’s priorities, stressing deeds over tearful setbacks and joyous breakthroughs.” -NY Times



*Peering Into A Mind That is More Not Less*

This movie is funny, entertaining, and educating all at the same time. How often does that truly happen? Ms. Grandin is a success in part because a few amazing educators saw something in her that others dismissed as a disability. As part of a district full of amazing educators, don't miss this film! You will gain insight into the mind of autism and have some great chuckles and tears along the way! This film is great for

ANYONE!

[Watch a clip here!](#)



### WHO IS TEMPLE?

“Ms. Grandin was born in 1947 in Boston, and her autism was diagnosed when she was a child. At that time most psychiatrists considered it a mental disorder caused by cold, withholding “refrigerator mothers.” Helped by a mother who was anything but, Ms. Grandin was nurtured at home and by a few farsighted teachers who helped her unlock her talents. Most comfortable around animals, she grew up to become a sought after animal behaviorist and livestock consultant, world famous for designing humane slaughterhouses.” -NY Times

*She is listed in the “2010 Time 100” as one of the most influential people in the world! In addition she recently visited Virginia Tech and makes appearances on occasion in our area-stay alert to her nearest engagement near you!*

## Watch for the EARLY Red Flags of Autism

*(The following red flags may indicate a child is at risk for atypical development, and is in need of an immediate evaluation.)*

In clinical terms, there are a few “absolute indicators,” often referred to as “red flags,” that indicate that a child should be considered for an evaluation. For a parent, these are the “red flags” that your child should be screened to ensure that he/she is on the right developmental path. *If your baby shows any of these signs, please consider speaking with your pediatrician for a screening.*

- No big smiles or other warm, joyful expressions by six months or thereafter
- No back-and-forth sharing of sounds, smiles, or other facial expressions by nine months or thereafter
- No babbling by 12 months
- No back-and-forth gestures, such as pointing, showing, reaching, or waving by 12 months
- No words by 16 months
- No two-word meaningful phrases (without imitating or repeating) by 24 months
- Any loss of speech or babbling or social skills at any age

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### NEWS FROM THE VDOE

New Guidelines for Educating Students with Autism Published!

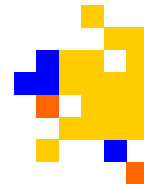
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Assessment, What is Autism and Autism Spectrum Disorders and their characteristics, Early intervention, IEP development and implementation, Inclusion opportunities, Organization and structure of physical environment, Curriculum and instructional strategies, Behavior issues, Sensory processing, Assistive technology and communication, Professional collaboration, Family involvement

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