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# NDVS/SB OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

*NDVS/SB provides individualized services and resources to infants, children, and adults with visual impairment to empower them in achieving their goals.*

## Buzz On Over to the Hive

In the Hive, the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) offers a variety of free online courses for professionals and family members to increase their ability to respond to the needs of students with visual impairments.



Courses range in length from one to ten hours of content. While you can receive professional development credits for completion of the courses, anyone can take the courses for their own knowledge and enjoyment. There is also no commitment to complete the entire course or the follow-up activities, which means anyone can enroll in a course at their leisure and take what they can from the information presented. Visit the Hive here: [aphhive.org](http://aphhive.org)

### HERE ARE A FEW RECOMMENDED HIVE COURSES FOR PARENTS



#### IF YOU WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:

- CAREER READINESS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
- CAREER READINESS FOR STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE IMPAIRMENTS
- DEVELOPING SELF-AWARENESS
- SARCASM DETECTIVES

#### IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S TECH:

- GETTING STARTED: CODE JUMPER UNPLUGGED
- MAGNIFICATION FOR STUDENTS ON THE GO
- THE ABACUS: A MILLION MANIPULATIVES IN YOUR POCKET
- TEACHING SCREEN READERS THE FUN WAY

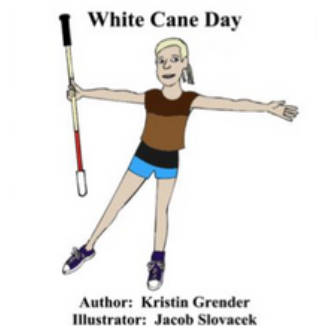
#### IF YOU WANT TO CREATE A MORE ACCESSIBLE WORLD FOR YOUR CHILD:

- BUILDING ACCESSIBLE POWERPOINTS
- BUILDING ACCESSIBLE WORD DOCUMENTS
- USING YOUR SENSES TO PRESENT



# Celebrate White Cane Safety Day!

White Cane Safety Day is October 15. Our friends from the North Dakota Association of the Blind (NDAB) are hosting a Walk for Vision to celebrate White Cane Safety Day at 4 p.m. on October 15 at Crossroads Lutheran Campus Center on the NDSU campus in Fargo. If you can't make it there, we encourage you to take some time that day to celebrate with your students or child in your own way! Here are a few ideas ...



Above: White Cane Safety Day chocolate pretzels  
Below: Pencil Canes



- Watch [this video](#) from NDAB (which features NDVS/SB's very own Mr. Dockter!) on the importance of the cane.
- Listen to [the episode "complicated feelings about our canes"](#) from the Blind Girl Chat podcast on Spotify.
- Listen to NDVS/SB's Mrs. Brown read the book [White Cane Day](#) on YouTube!
- Watch [this virtual lesson](#) that Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Brown made about the cane during COVID.
- [Make pencil canes or White Cane Day Pretzels](#), courtesy of Perkins School for the Blind.

*"It's all about getting around safely and being independent!" - Mr. Olson*