

KIF1A DAY ★ APRIL 28TH, 2021

"Instead of teaching 'Don't stare', let's start teaching 'Say hello!'"

Wear your best jean outfit to “walk in someone else's genes” on Wednesday, April 28th!

★ Sadie Scott is a 5 year old Lakeview Elementary student who lives with KIF1A.

- Sadie loves laughing, listening to music, playing with toys, jumping around, climbing, swinging, going to the park, and being silly like any other 5 year old!
- You can typically find Sadie frog-jumping around a room or practicing taking steps in her walker. You may also see her riding an adapted bike in the hallway or out for a walk in her stroller. Sadie is blind and enjoys exploring her environment with her hands and listening to the world around her.
- **Ways you can be a friend to Sadie:** Say hello and tell her your name so she can learn your voice, make a silly noise or sing her a song, read her a book, or play with her using toys that make sound or that she can touch!

★ What is KIF1A?

- KIF1A Associated Neurological Disorder (KAND) is an extremely rare neurological disorder that is degenerative in nature and is caused by mutations in the KIF1A gene. KIF1A (pronounced “kif-one-ay”) and KAND are often used interchangeably to talk about the disorder. There are less than 300 people in the world with this diagnosis.
- KIF1A can affect both the brain and the body and is associated with cognitive impairment, cerebellar atrophy, ataxia, optic nerve atrophy, cortical vision impairment, and epilepsy.



To purchase a KIF1A shirt or mask that supports research towards finding a cure, check our online store out:

If purchasing for a child or adult within the district, select “**Curbside Pick-Up**” and add a note that says “**School Delivery**” to avoid a shipping charge! Orders will be distributed at school. **Our online store will close May 7th.**

<https://www.loyaltees.clothing/kif1a>

If you are interested in donating in other ways to support research towards finding a cure, check this out:

<https://www.kif1a.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/>

If you are interested in learning more about Sadie and KIF1A, check this website out: <https://www.kif1a.org/>