



SCHOOL WIDE CELEBRATION IDEAS

By engaging in a school-wide celebration, students have the opportunity to experience the power of working together as a community. Activities that Promote Awareness Activities in this section can help create awareness of the benefits of inclusive education. Awareness is the first step in promoting positive change. Once people are able to recognize the promise of inclusive education, they can begin to seek the knowledge and skills necessary to realize their goals.

- **Inclusive Schools Spirit Week.**

Develop ideas and strategies for celebrating Inclusive Spirit Week highlighting your school's celebration of diversity. Promote the week with daily PA announcement on a particular topic or theme that relates to the Week. Promote the Week via a school newsletter and social media.

- **"100 Things that Make our School Inclusive."**

Create a drive by setting up a table during lunch time or a common area of the school and ask students to contribute to a list of *"100 Things that Make our School Inclusive Place"*. Have students write their ideas on paper and drop into the bin. When the count reaches 100 choose some of the contributions to share with the students during an assembly or morning announcement or post around the school. Give prizes (give prizes such as lanyards to the students whose ideas were chosen.)

- **"Great things happen in inclusive schools."**

Ask school personnel and students to contribute ideas to the slogan "Great things happen in inclusive schools." Have a book or a box at the entrance of the school prompting people to answer the question "What are some great things that happen in our inclusive school?" Share the contributions with members of the school community during the Week through a newsletter.

- **Inclusion quilt**

Make an inclusion quilt out of paper for the Cafeteria or display in school lobby that honors the diversity of your students. Have each classroom design a square of material with words or a design that celebrates the Week. The themes could be small photos of students for display in a large collage, or celebrations or foods from many countries. Ask one volunteer from each class to help put the quilt together. Display in the school lobby during the Week and throughout the year.

