

Dear Agawam Junior High Staff, Students and Families,

We are excited to announce our first annual ***Inclusive Schools Week*** that will take place Monday December 3rd through Friday December 7th! Since its beginning in 2001, ***Inclusive Schools Week*** has celebrated the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students who may feel isolated due to disability, gender, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, language preference and other circumstances. The first week in December will be filled with ways for our school community to learn what makes us all unique and practice inclusion and connectedness. We will have themed spirit days throughout the week. *Participation each day is optional.*



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| <p>Monday</p> | <p><u>We are Unique Day:</u> All students in a designated class will fill out an orange slip of paper with something that makes them unique. Every paper will be linked together to make a chain that will be displayed in our lobby! Challenge: sit by a new person at lunch at least twice this week or invite someone new to sit at your table.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday</p> | <p><u>Winter White Out Day:</u> Students and staff will be asked to wear white to represent a winter snowflake which is unique just like every person! Everyone can also wear a favorite winter hat or scarf! Challenge: see someone alone during lunch or class that you ask them to join you and your friends.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday</p> | <p><u>Career and College Day:</u> In the morning students and staff will be asked to dress up or wear college gear. In homeroom everyone will write a career or college that interests them on a sticker to wear. Our goal is to encourage discussions about the diverse future options for our AJHS community. Challenge: Be a leader! Stand up and set a good example to everyone even if it is difficult.</p> |
| <p>Thursday</p> | <p><u>1960s/70s Decade Dress Up Day:</u> Students and Staff will be encouraged to dress in the fashion of the decades that included the passing of The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act. Challenge: Learn at least three new things about someone in a different grade level.</p> |
| <p>Friday</p> | <p><u>Orange Day:</u> Students and Staff are encouraged to wear orange since the orange ribbon is the symbol for Cultural Diversity! Announcements will be made all day about things that make students at the Agawam Junior High diverse based on Mondays activity! <i>Berkshire Music Academy</i> will perform for staff and students. (www.berkshirehills.org) Challenge: notice and embrace your peers abilities and to give someone a heartfelt compliment.</p> |

For more info visit Inclusiveschools.org

